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FOOTBALL

# Hilltopper schedule

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Date		Opponent	Site	(Central)	w	L	Τ
Sept.	6	Evansville	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00 pm	12	3	2
	3	Kentucky State	Frankfort, Ky.	1:00 pm	0	0	0
	0	*Akron	Akron, Ohio	6:30 pm	0	4	2
2	7	*Austin Peay	Bowling Green, Ky.	. 1:00 pm	21	3	1
Oct.	4	Open Date					
1	1	Youngstown State	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00 pm	2	2	0
1	8	*Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tenn.	1:30 pm	22	20	1
2	25	*Eastern Kentucky	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00 pm	33	18	2
Nov.	1	*Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	12:30 pm	30	6	2
	8	*Middle Tennessee	Bowling Green, Ky.	1:00 pm	24	21	1
	-	(Homecoming)			2		
1	15	Open Date					
2	22	*Murray State	Murray Ky	1:30 pm	23	17	6

LEXINGTON HERALD SPORTS Racing Business

\*Friday, August 8, 1980

# Coaches Say Murray, EKU Will Battle for OVC Football Title Again

#### Here's How the Votes Added Up

Voting by coaches for their own team was not allowed. Points awarded on 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 scale. The results:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total	
Murray	5	2	÷	-		-		47	
Eastern	3	-	4	÷		+	-	41	
Western	*	3	2	1	1	÷		35	
Akron	2	2	2	3		-	-	34	
Peay	-	1		3	2	1	-	26	
Morehead	-	4		1	3	2	1	18	
Middle	-	-	+	-	2	2	3	13	
Tech								10	



Sportscene

#### By Mike Johnson Assistant Sports Editor

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - The Ohio Valley Conference football coaches got together yesterday for a little food and fun before getting down to the serious business of tutoring their teams for the season

The menu at the OVC's annual football press luncheon didn't offer the usual fare, however. Oh, there was some of the expected moaning and groaning about tough schedules and inexperienced players. But the coaches also spent a lot of time patting each other on the back and de-

#### All-OVC preseason teams in Sports Digest. Page D-2.

bating the financial future of their sport

Murray State, the defending OVC champion, was picked as the conference favorite in the coaches' preseason poll. The role of preseason favorite didn't bother Murray coach Mike Gottfried much, though. After all, he has 20 starters returning from last year's 9-2-1 team.

"I don't feel any pressure," Gottfried said. "The preseason means nothing. All it means is that we drew the top spot, the rail, but it's where you finish that counts."

The coaches picked Eastern Kentucky, the defending Division I-AA national champion, to finish second. Western Kentucky was No. 3 in the voting, followed by Akron, Austin Peay, Morehead State, Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech.

Eastern coach Roy Kidd was a little surprised that his team was picked to finish second after losing eight defensive starters, but he didn't mind at all

"I like the idea of not being picked first, though," Kidd added. "I'll guarantee you that when you're picked first in our league you're gonna have a lot of pressure on you every Saturday."

Like Gottfried, Tennessee Tech coach Don Wade wasn't worried about his team's selection as the worst in the league.

"If I was picking, I'd pick us last too," Wade said, "but I don't believe we'll finish there. I think we're gonna win 'em all. I just don't know

"Heck, why should I worry about being picked last. Mike Gottfried is the guy that's got to worry because

(Turn to MURRAY, D-5)

# Murray, Eastern 1-2 picks in OVC

It's a tag most coaches don't want, but Murray State's Mike Gottfried doesn't mind having his Racers picked to successfully defend their Ohio Valley Conference football title this year.

"Last season was a great season for us," Gottfried said Thursday. "It was a combined effort by our players. It was an obsession for us (to win).

"But I don't feel any pressure being rated No. 1. Preseason means nothing. It means we drew the top spot, the rail. But it's where you finish that counts."

It's really no surprise that Murray, with 20 starters returning from last year's OVC champions that compiled a 9-2-1 record, was the favorite in a poll of the league's coaches.

Murray received five out of a possible seven first-place votes and two seconds for 47 points. The coaches' second pick was defending Division I-AA national champion Eastern with three first-place votes and 41 points.

Eastern coach Roy Kidd, however, doesn't mind the runner-up position of his team.

"I like the idea of not being picked first," said Kidd. "It puts a lot of pressure on you every weekend."

Western, with All-OVC quarterback John Hall returning, was tabbed by the coaches to finish third with 35 points. Akron, eligible for the first time to win the title since joining the OVC in 1978, was the fourth choice with 34 points.

Finishing fifth in the voting was Austin Peay (26 points), following by Morehead State (18), Middle Tennessee (13) and Tennessee Tech (10).

Western led the league with six players named to the preseason All-OVC team. The 26-player squad was selected by the school's sports information directors.

### Murray, EKU Picked 1-2 in OVC

### From Page D-1

he's got all those players coming back and he won it last year. Roy Kidd has to worry because he won the national championship last year. I got nowhere to go but up."

Moving up in the OVC may not be easy, however.

"It's totally impossible to pick the outcome of this conference," said Austin Peay coach Watson Brown. "The reason is that this is the toughest conference in the country in I-AA football."

Brown didn't get any arguements from his colleagues about that.

"Our league is a powerhouse," Gottfried said. "I sincerely feel that our teams can play with a lot teams anywhere in the country and I'm not just talking about I-AA teams either "

The OVC, of course, had Eastern and Murray in the four-team I-AA playoffs last year. At one point in the season, in fact, four OVC teams were ranked among the top 10 in I-AA.

However, Western coach Jimmy Feix offered a word of caution to his cohorts concerning the recent budget cuts Kentucky's state colleges have had to make.

"We're gonna have to take a long hard look at where we want to go and how we want to get there,' he said. "We have to think long and hard when we go to our presidents and ask for more money.

"Our budgets have been reduced.

It's obvious that the taxpayers and the council on higher education are taking a longer look at the amount of money being spent on college athletics. We need to emphasize the good things that we do in athletics. We need to let them know we're turning out graduates, too. Three members of our board of regents played football. We need to let people know we're doing more than just playing football games."

OVC commissioner Jim Delaney pointed out that the conference schools split more than \$600,000 last year in televison revenue from football. Each school received a proportionate share of that money to spend as it pleased, not necessarily on athletics.

Kidd, for one, was against any talk of cutting back on scholarships. The OVC currently allows 65 scholarships and plans to increase the number by five each year until it reaches the I-AA limit of 75.

"The biggest mistake that we could make would be to de-emphasize right now," Kidd said. "Our league is at a peak. We need to increase scholarships so that we can have a chance to play bigger schools with bigger names and make even more money. We're playing at East Carolina this year and they're guaranteeing us \$45,000.

"When you have a good athletic program, it helps your enrollment. Our enrollment at Eastern is up this year and I'd like to think the fact that our football team was on national television four times in the last two years and won a national championship helped."

### Kentucky's OVC coaches worry about budget cuts

#### By JOHN McGILL

By JOHN MCGILI Center-Jearnal Staff With What began as lighthearted banter forence football season turned into a strateging of the Valley Con-terior of the state of the strateging of the a strateging of the strateging of the a strateging of the stress on winning is a natural result of needing bigger crowds and greater gate receipts. I would hate to see us get to the point where we have to compromise a student's education or health to win a game to make mon-

While Tennessee representatives in while tennessee representatives in the OVC already have been dealt a stiff blow, Feix believes the Kentucky schools — Western, Eastern Ken-tucky, Murray State and Morehead State — may soon feel the same crunch. Regents at Middle Tennessee, Aus-

Regens at Middle Tennessee, Aus-tin Peay and Tennessee Tech voted to limit each school to 60 scholarships from the general fund. At the same time, the OVC decided to allow 65 with a gradual increase to 75 — the maximum permitted in the NCAA's Division I-AA.

Transien in the AA. Kentucky schools currently receive will allow 70 next year and 75 the fol-lowing year. Feix said he believes kentucky schools may suffer the same beli-lightening from school adminis-trators as their Tennessee counti-said. "If I lose a kid in mid-year be-said." If I lose a kid in mid-year be-to replace him. Normally, you'd give the schools same some to some body else who the scholarship to somebody else who tronically, the cuback in scholar-tronically, the scholar tronically tronica

fried both had praise for the Universi-ty of Louisville, which will play Mur-ray this season and is negotiating for a game with Eastern.

They pointed out the advantages of scheduling in-state rivals, with travel expenses cut and the likelihood of bet-ter crowds.

"Everyone should take their hats off to Louisville," said Gottfried. "I think it's great. If teams like Memphis State and Vanderbilt would pick up

some of the Tennessee schools on the schedule, it would help us." Kidd said he's talked about playing U of L in recent years, but that for-mer coach Vince Gibson would agree only to a game in Louisville. "What impresses me about (U of L aithletic director Bud) Olsen is that he's willing to come to Richmond. He will play home-and-home," said Kidd. "But if we start to go down in scholar-ships, I don't want to play them." Added Feix: "Playing the bigger

OVC football poll Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team, and points were awarded on a 7-6-5-4-3-2-1 scale. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Pts Eastern . 4 - 3 2 1 Westerr 3 - - - 34 3 2 1 - 26 1 3 2 1 18 - 2 2 3 13 - - 3 4 10 Akron 223 Austin Peav Morehead ... Middle Tenn. Tenn, Tech

schools will generate more money, but you don't want to play a Miami and lose 60-6. You have to be competitive. That's all we want."

OVC commissioner Jim Delany said he hopes ABC-TV will again cover a league game during the regular sea-son. ABC broadcast the Easter-West-ern game two years ago and the Eastern-Murray game last year. Delany added that ESPN, a cable sports network, will televise the Eastern-Western game on Oct. 25.

Murray was picked to repeat as OVC champion in a poll of league coaches. Eastern was second, followed by Western, Akron, Austin Peoy, Morehead, Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech.

Four games against non-conference opponents will count in the OVC stand-ings this season. Akron, still working the OVC teams into its schedule, will The Over terms into its activity of the over terms in the section of the over the ov

but is not eligible to compete for the championship this season.

# **Over 100 report for** WKU pre-season camp

More than 100 players reported for Western Kentucky's pre-season football practice camp Wednesday on the WKU campus.

Heading the list of returnees for the 1980 season are six Hilltoppers who were recently named to the Ohio Valley Conference pre-season football squad. They include senior quarterback John Hall; senior tight end Ricky Gwinn; junior defensive end Tim Ford; senior linebacker Brad Todd; junior defensive back Barry Bumm; and senior punter Ray Farmer.

Hall, one of four OVC players selected unanimously, has been voted the league's best quarterback in each of the last two seasons. He is now a threat to become the first signal caller in the league's 32-year history to earn All-Conference honors three times.

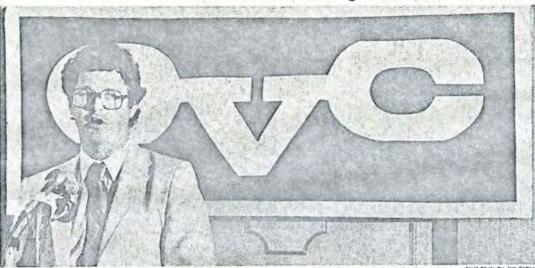
Other two-time All-OVC quarterbacks include Jimmy Feix, the current Hilltopper head coach, who turned the trick in 1951-52; Middle Tennessee's Bobby Hallum (1957-58); Tennessee Tech's Gordon Mason (1959-60); and East Tennessee's Jimmy Baker (1962-73).

The 'Toppers' six pre-season selections were more than any other team in the league. Historically, that follows suit since Western has had more grid athletes selected first team all-conference (78) more times (107) than any other school in league annals.

However, the Hilltoppers were picked to finish third in the OVC this fall in a poll of league coaches. Last year's champion, Murray State, was picked to repeat and Eastern Kentucky, the NCAA Division I-AA National Champion, was the runner-up choice.

### WKU football practice underway

Over 100 players were expected to report Wednesday as Western Kentucky University began its preparations for the 1980 football season. Western's preseason all-conference players are quarterback John Hall, last year's OVC offensive player of the year, tight end Ricky Gwinn, defensive end Tim Ford, linebacker Brad Todd, defensive back Barry Bumm, and punter Ray Farmer. Western opens Sept. 6 against visiting Evansville.



Mike Gottfried, coach of defending football champion Murray State, spoke at the OVC pre-season coaches' meeting in Louisville yesterday.

### Sunday Herald-Leader, Lexington, Ky., August 17, 1980 22-Football Fever Dark Days on the Hill Should Be Over

#### By Mike Johnson Herald Assistant Sports Editor

Standing on the sidelines for 12 seasons, always wearing that resplendent red coat, has taught Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix that a bit of good can be born from even the darkest days.

So rather than dwell on the disaster wrought by a rash of injuries that left Western struggling to a 5-5 record last year, Feix prefers to think of all the experience it brought his young team.

"We thought we were gonna have a real fine team last year," Feix recalls, "then we had all of those injuries. It helped us, though, because it gave a lot of our young people a chance to play. I hope we benefit from that, because it sure caused us a lot of grief last year."

It seems unlikely that Western will experience much grief this

### Western

season. Although Feix begins fall practice with just 12 seniors, he has 19 players who started in last season's final game returning.

"We feel like we've got some good players and I'm excited about getting started with 'em," he says.

The best place to start is at quarterback, where John Hall returns for his final season after three years as a regular. Hall has been the All-Ohio Valley Conference quarterback for the last two years. Last season he was the league's offensive player of the year when he passed for 1,418 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Not even Hall's job is safe these days, however. He was running No. 2 in spring practice behind junior Marty Jaggers until the final week and Feix says he expects Jaggers and sophomore Ralph Antone to push him hard again this fall.

"John's a notoriously slow starter," Feix explains. "He started slow in the spring, but he finished up real fine. I think he took the challenge of the pressure the others put on him.

"They're all three really fine quarterbacks and unless John continues to play well one of the other two could get his job. Heck, it's always good to have depth and experience at a position like quarterback."

Depth and experience is exactly what Western has at running back, too, with six experienced players. Senior Nate Jones is the likely starter at tailback, if he recovers successfully from knee surgery that knocked him out for the

season after three games a year ago.

If Jones can't cut it, then the Toppers can turn to junior Elmer Caldwell, who moved to tailback from fullback last year and rushed for 572 yards and five touchdowns. Craig Freeman (360 yards last year) and junior Barry Skaggs add depth at tailback. Junior Troy Snardon returns at fullback where he gained 358 yards last year and provided some strong blocking.

Split end Eddie Preston (39 catches, 739 yards, six touch-downs), Hall's favorite target last (Turn to DISASTER, Page 25)

#### Western Schedule

Sept. 6 — Evansville; 13 — at Ken-tucky State; 20 — at Akron; 27 — Austin Peay

Oct. 11 — Youngstown State; 18 — at Tennessee Tech; 25 — at Eastern. Nov. 1 — at Morehead; 8 — Middle Tennessee; 22 — at Murray.

John Hall

**Ricky Gwinn** 

# Disaster of '79 Should Have Positive Results for Western

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season, is gone but All-OVC tight end Ricky Gwinn (30 catches, 366 yards, four touchdowns) is back and Jerry Flippin moves from flanker to split end.

The offensive line appears solid with All-OVC tackle Phil Rich (6-foot-4, 260 pounds), guard Pete Walters (6-2, 255) and center Greg Gallas (6-2, 225) the most prominent figures.

"Our offense can be strong and physical and very consistent," Feix says. "Losing a guy like Preston may cost us our explosiveness, though. We just don't have a lot of speed."

Still, you can expect Western to put points on the scoreboard. The Hilltoppers led the OVC in total offense last season (371 yards, 22.3 points a game), but whether or not they can stop the opposition is a bigger question.

Western appears to be solid up front in its 3-4 defense with All-OVC Tim Ford, Donnie Evans and Tony Wells returning. However, the problem is at linebacker where sophomore Tom Tussey, senior Brad Todd, senior Bryan Gray and redshirt freshman Greg Barnes will be the starters. Barry Bumm is back at free safety, where he had 108 tackles and three interceptions last season.

"We just don't have the kind of overall experience you like to

have in your key players at linebacker," Feix says. "You've got to be able to run to play defense, too, and our lack of speed concerns

me. "We're going to have to have some young people play well for us at linebacker. That's all there is to it. That's gonna tell us a lot early about how this season is gonna go for us."

WESTERN KENTUCKY - Some of the suddenness may be gone from the Hilltoppers' usually explosive offense, thanks to a lack of speed and a surplus of power in Jimmy Feix's offense.

He'll still have the OVC Offensive Player of the Year in John Hallat quarterback, but the Hilltoppers will miss some speedy receivers and backs. Even Hall will face a battle for his job with a pair of promising youngsters pressing from behind.

Nate Jones is the Hilltoppers' big-play running hope, but Troy Snardon and Elmer Caldwell will also get plenty of time in the backfield. Seniors Phil Rich and Pete Walters head a veteran offensive line.

Feix hopes to find the magic that many of these same players had back in 1978 when Western Kentucky last grasped the OVC crowm. Many of the same players still play for the team.

Defensively, the Hilltoppers still need to fill some holes. HILLTOPPER FACTS: Presesson prognosis- Third place; OVC finish- Fourth place; 1979 record-5-8; OVC record-3-3

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# Murray's Racers Draw the Rail in Tight O

By Mike Johnson Herald Assistant Sports Editor

Murray State coach Mike Gottfried smiles and shakes his head as he remembers the good times his football team encountered last season

"I really hate to see last season end," Gottfried says. "In my playing career and in my coaching career, I've never had a year like that before. It was great, but last season is over."

What Murray did last year was win its last eight games of the regular season to finish with a 9-1-1 record, claim its first Ohio Valley Conference championship in 28 years and qualify for the Division I-AA national playoffs. But if the coaches around the OVC know their stuff, the good times have only just begun at Murray.

The OVC coaches picked Murray to repeat as conference champion in their preseason poll. The Racers received five of a possible seven first-place votes. Eastern Kentucky, the defending I-AA national champion and OVC runnerup last season, was picked second by the coaches, claiming the first place votes Murray didn't get.

The coaches picked Western Kentucky third followed by Akron,



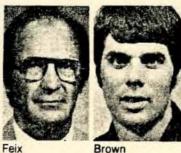
### **OVC** Outlook

Austin Peay, Morehead State, Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech

Playing the role of the OVC favorite doesn't bother Gottfried. It shouldn't with 19 starters returning, 11 of them on a defense that was the best in the conference and fifth in the nation.

"I don't feel any pressure," Gottfried says. "The preseason means nothing. All it means is that we drew the top spot, the rail, but it's where you finish that counts.

"We return everybody on defense and that makes me feel pretty good because defense did it for us last year. Our schedule is tough and we've got some question marks on offense but I think we'll have a good team."



Eastern coach Roy Kidd was somewhat surprised that his team was picked as high as second. Eastern returns seven offensive starters, but the Colonels will have to rebuild their defense.

"I have mixed emotions about this season," Kidd said. "I'm anxious to get started, it's been a long time since we've played a game, but I kind of like the way last season ended.

"I like the idea of not being picked first, though (that's where Eastern was picked last year in the OVC). I'll guarantee you that when you're picked first in our league you're gonna have a lot of pressure on you every Saturday."

Western appears to be the team most likely to knock Murray and Eastern from the top in the OVC. Coach Jimmy Feix's Hilltoppers return 17 starters from last

year's 5-5 team, including quarterback John Hall, the offensive player of the year in the conference

Akron, eligible for the OVC title" for the first time since it came into the conference in 1978, should also be a contender. The Zips return 16 starters from a 6-5 club and enjoy the luxury of playing Eastern and Western on their home turf in the 35,000-seat Rubber Bowl.

One things seems certain in the OVC - nobody wins this league with ease. Last year five OVC teams were ranked among the top 10 in the country in Division I-AA at different times throughout the season.

"Our league is a powerhouse," Gottfried says. "I sincerely feel that our teams can play with a lot of teams anywhere in the country and I'm not just talking about I-AA teams either."

Certainly, Gottfried will get no argument about that from his colleagues.

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Murray State			47
Eastern Kentucky			41
Western Kentucky			35
Akron			
Austin Peay			
Morehead State			18
<b>Middle Tennessee</b>			13
Tennessee Tech .			

#### Preseason All-OVC Team

QB — John Hall, Western, Sr.
RB — Dale Patton, Eastern, Sr.
RB — Dwight Yarn, Morehead, Jr.
TE — Ricky Gwinn, Western, Sr.
OG - Kevin Greve, Eastern, Jr.
OG - Calvin Griffith, Austin Peay, Jr.
OT - Charlie Young, Morehead, Sr.
OT - Bill Spurlock, Middle Tenn., So.
C - Juan Pope, Akron, Sr.
WR - Steve Puthoff, Austin Peay, Sr.
WR - David Booze, Eastern, Sr.
WR — Jerry Parrish, Eastern, Jr.
K — Wayne Anderson, Tenn. Tech, Sr.
DL - Richard Wozniak, Austin Peay, Sr.
DL - Rick Lanpher, Murray, Sr.
DL - Tim Brewer, Morehead, Sr.
DE - Tim Ford, Western, Jr.
DE - Ronnie Dyer, Tenn. Tech, Sr.
DE - Glenn Jones, Murray, Jr.
LB - Brad Todd, Western, Sr.
LB - Brad Reese, Akron, Jr.
DB — Terry Love, Murray, Sr.
DB — Barry Bumm, Western, Jr.
DB — Greg Evans, Murray, Jr.
DB — George Floyd, Eastern, Jr.
P - Ray Farmer, Western, Sr.

# **Closing** in Tops to put on pads; local prep openers near

Western begins contact drills Tuesday in preparation for its Sept. 6 football opener here against Evansville, while the local high schools are beginning their final week of preseason drills.

Western's players reported to camp last week, with all but a couple of key players returning as expected.

Sophomore placekicker Ricky Anderson notified Hilltopper head coach Jimmy Feix recently that he would not be returning to school this fall after a disappointing freshman campaign, while junior linebacker Dave Cross has decided to give up football after a series of nagging injuries.

Anderson won the Hilltoppers' placekicking job last fall by impressing the coaching staff during the 1979 preseason. The rookie from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., went on to convert 25 of 27 extra points during the season, but missed 10 of 14 field goal tries including two from close range in the final seconds of Western's 8-6 loss last year at Eastern.

Meanwhile, Cross had been ticketed as a starter at linebacker going into each of the last two seasons before being felled by injury.

Going into the 1980 season, three Western seniors are well within striking range of several school records. Item—Quarterback John Hall (6-0, 185) of

Goodlettsville, Tenn., is a two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference pick and threatens to become the first signal-caller in league history to earn such honors three years in a row. Hall is also closing in on career records for passing attempts, pass completions, passing yardage, touchdown passes and completion percentage

Item-Punter Ray Farmer (5-11, 180) of Louisville



yardage with a three-year total of 6,402 yards, and needs only three more punts to break that career mark of 166.

Item-Tailback Nate Jones (5-10, 185) of Madisonville missed most of last season with a knee injury after leading the team in rushing in 1978, but remains in contention to set career marks for kickoff returns and kickoff return yardage

"They're three outstanding athletes," noted Feix. "It's good to know that they're so close to such honors, especially when you understand what great team players they are."

Moving to the high school level, both Bowling Green High and Warren Central are in their last few days of preparation before Friday night's season openers

BGH opens the 1980 campaign at home against Barren County, while Central kicks things off on the road against Allen County-Scottsville. That latter match-up will feature a family feud between head coaches, Joe Hood of Central and Royce Hood of AC-S.

Wilson Sears, BGH is expecting to field one of its strongest teams.

In fact, the Purples have lived up to that billing so far in a couple of preseason scrimmages. BGH whipped a Mayfield team picked to win the state Class 2-A title on Aug. 8 at Fort Campbell, and routed Owensboro's defending regional Class 4-A champions last week at Donaldson Stadium.

The Purples outscored Mayfield four touchdowns to two, and rolled up a 4-1 lead over over Owensboro early in the second half before both teams cleared their benches

Central, meanwhile, will apparently be fielding another tough defensive team. The Dragons bested Madisonville two touchdowns to none in their first scrimmage, with the defense providing both scores, and then battled Glasgow to a scoreless tie in last week's jamboree at Glasgow.

Warren East waits until Aug. 29 to kick off the season, opening at home against Todd Central.

After two scrimmages, the Raiders are not only unscored on but untested as well. East rolled over McLean County five touchdowns to none on the road two weeks ago, before drubbing host Hart County by the same margin the past weekend.

Bowling Green High is expected to fight it out with arch-rival Paducah Tilghman for this year's Class 4-A district championship, while Central figures to finish somewhere near the middle of the pack.

East is favored to win the local Class 2-A district crown, but the Raiders will have to face defending champion Glasgow on the road Oct. 10.

already holds the school record for career punting Beginning its eighth year under veteran head coach

## **Division I-AA stat leaders**

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## **Ohio Valley Conference slates**

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10-Ricky Anderson 17-Jeff Bonder	РК QB	\$.5. Fr.	5-2 5-11	156 168	Fr. Londerdale, Fla. (Northeant) Tampa, Fla. (Desuit)	
18-John Hall 19-Barry Bumm	QB FS	Sr. Jr.	6-0	185 175	Goodlettsville, Tenn. (White House) Ovenaboro, Ky. (Ovensbore Catholic)	
20-Davlin Mullen 21-Phil Evans	CB P	Se. Jr.	6-1 5-10	120 182	Clairton, Penn. (Clairton) Dunwoody, Ga. (Dunwoody)	
22-Marvin Davis 23-Tony Jartell	PK SpE	Sr. Jr.	6-0 5-10	175 170	Madisonville, Ky. (North Hopkins) Cincinnari, Ohio (Princeton)	
24-Jo-Jo Lee 25-Bay Farmer	TB P	50. 5r.	5-9 5-11	170 160	Daytona Beach, Fla. (Spruce Creek) Loutsville, Ky. (Waggener)	
26-Marvin Cottrell 27-Mark DeRuzzo	FS CB	50. 50.	5-10 6-1	180 170	Harlan, Ky. (Evarts) Louisville, Ky. (Eastern)	
28-Lamont Meacham 30-Craig Freeman	CB TB	Jr. St.	6-0 5+6	170 160	Clairton, Penn. (Clariton) Oak Ridge, Tenn. (Oak Bidge)	
31-David Suggs 32-Greg Barnes	55 88	50. 50.	6-0 6-1	190 195	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Central) Prospect, Ky. (Canton, 111.)	
35-Eddle Battle 36-Dave Cross	BB LB	So. Jr.	5-10 6-0	215 205	Titusville, Fla. (Astronaut) Newburgh, Ind. (Castle)	
32-Reginald Johnson 40-Troy Snardon	n 55 FB	50. J1.	6-2 6-0	205	Tampa, Fla. (Hillsboro) Allensville, Ky. (Todd Co.)	
41-Kelly Kev 43-Sate Jones	F8 T8	5r. 5r.	5-11 5-10	200 185	Nashville, Tenn, iMellevue) Madisonville, Ky. (North Hopkins)	
44-Elmer Caldwell 45-Barry Skaggs	FH TB	dr. Jr	6-0 3-10	190	Hickman, Ky. (Puiton Co.). Henderson, Ky. (Henderson Co.)	ļ
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54-Tony wells 55-Greg Gallas	NT C	Jr. Jr.	5-9	195	Louisville, Kv. (Manual) West lofferson, Ohio (West Jefferson	4
58-Bryan Gray 61-Mike Sharp	LB C	Sr. So.	5-11 5-11	200	Louisville, Ky. (Manual) Jeffersontown, Ky. (Jeffersontown)	1
62-Jack Woodruff 63-Alan Jones	LB G	50. 50.	6-0 6-1	205	Lexington, Kv. (Henry Clay) Louisville, Ky. (Fern Creek)	
64-Mark Blackburn 65-Steve Catlett	G T	Jr. So.	5-10 6-1	215 230	Cobb, Ky. (Caldwell Ce.) Sebree, Ky. (Webster Co.)	
66-Morrell Moore 67-Pat Simpson	NT G	50. 50.	6-0	210 240	Somerset, Ky, (Somerset) Hopkinsville, Ky, (Hopkinsville)	
68-Pete Walters 70-Phil Rich	G T	Sr. Sr.	6-3 6-4	255 260	Shopherdsville, Ky. (Webster Co.) Bee Springs, Ky. (Edmonson Co.)	
71-John Carey 72-Elliott Mailard	t T	50. 50.	6-1 6-2	215	Woodbury, N.J. (Woodbury) Clearwater, Fla. (Catholic)	
73-Kevin Kast 74-Larry Taylor	TDE	Jr. So,	6-2 6-2	225	Tell City, Ind. (Tell City) Williamsburg, Ky. (Williamsburg)	
75-Steve Grimsley 75-Tom Fox	GDE	50. 50.	6-4 6-4	210 230	Tirusville, Fla. (Autronaut) Parma, Ohio (Parma)	
77-Tim Bereiter 78-Tony Eatherly	T DE	Sr. Fr.	6-0 6-0	215	Zion, III. (Zion-Benton) Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)	
80-Tia Ford 81-John Newby	DE SpE	Jr. 50.	6-4 6-0	245 186	Valley Station, Xy. (Stuart) Clairton, Penn. (Clairton)	
82-Jerry Flippin 84-Tommy Smith	SpE TE	Jr. So.	5-8 6-3	105 200	Franklin, Ky. (Franklin-Simpson) Lebanon, Ky. (Marion Co.)	
85-Brad Todd 56-Eum Hunter	88 FL	Sr. So.	6-2 5-11	215	Sonora, Ky. (East Hardin) Princeton, Ky. (Caldwell Co.)	-
87-Mark Nelson 88-Ricky Gwinn	FL TE	So. Sr.	6-1 6-2	185 220	Mercer, Penn. (Mercer) Nashville, Tenn. (Hillwood)	

#### INCOMING FRESHMAN

oName	Pos	Class	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School)
-Tyrone Byrd	LB	Fr.	6-1	190	Toledo, Ohio (Scott)
-Danny Embree	TB	Fr.	5-9	170	Buffalo, Ky. (Larue Co.)
-Ronnie Fishback	CB	Fr.	6-0	180	Shelbyville, Tenn. (Central)
-Doug Goforth	FB	Fre	b-1	193	Dixon, Ky. (Webster Co.)
-Paul Gray	LB	Fr.	6-1	190	Owenaboro, Ky. (Davless Co.)
-David Hall	1.8	Fr.	6-2	200	Springfield, Ky. (Washington Co.)
-Dennis Horning	LB	Fr.	6-1	190	Kent, Ohio (Roosevelt)
-Jin King	TE	Fr.	6-0	210	Boling Brook, Ill. (Boling Brook)
-Hickey Levis	FS	Fr.	6-0	198	Glasgow, Ky. (Barren Co.)
-Ronnie Nobles	LB	Fr.	6-1	190	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale)
-David Norwood	1.8	Fr.	6-1	190	Louisville, Ky. (Troquois)
-Robert Ray	1.8	Ft.	6-2	190	Nashville, Tenn. (Stratford)
-Scott Rouch	TE	Fr.	6-3	215	Walton, Ind. (Lewis Cass)
-Walter York	DE	Fr.	6-3	200	Bowling Green, Ky. (Warren Central

## Toppers hope to avoid '79 bruises

It doesn't take long for a bruised thigh to heal, but a bruised ego is another story Western found that out the hard way last fall, when

1979 edition of the Hilltoppers never recovered either mentally or physically from a couple of early-season muggings Preseason optimism was at an all-time high last year with so many key players returning from a surprising 8-2 souad of the year before. but two Division I-A opponents remained unim pressed.

The results were disastrous. Western wound up on the short end of a 41-28 score in its opener at UT-Chattanooga, and came home a week later to be thrashed 58-27 by Lamar. 'There's no question that

the opening schedule took its toll on us last year." nodded Western head coach Jimmy Feix, unaccustomed to the mediocrity of what wound up being a 5-5 season. "We came out of those two games 0-2 and banged up, and it took us the whole season to recover.

Not surprisingly, steps have been taken to avoid the same thing happening in Western opens at 1980

home Sept. 6 against Evansville, and travels to Frankfort the following Saturday for its first-ever meeting with Kentucky State.

"They're no pushovers, warned Feix "We could just as easily lose both of those games, too, but at least we'll be competing against teams on our level. We won't get so many players banged up early in the season, and we'll be in better shape for our conference games."

Ah, but there lies the rub. While the Hilltoppers' nonconference schedule has been softened considerably. most Ohio Valley Conference observers are calling this year's collection of teams the strongest in the league's history.

For starters, Murray returns players in staggering totals. The Racers won their first league title since 1951 last fall, and welcome back 20 of 22 starters and 47 of 50 lettermen.

What's more, all Eastern did last year was win the Division I-AA national championship and the Colonels return almost everybody from a potent offense that led the way

Austin Peav is expecting to team field one of its best teams ever, and always-tough Akron will be competing for the OVC title for the first

time this fall. "We know a little bit about Akron," cracked Feix. "We've played them six times with some of our best teams, and we haven't beat them yet."

"Probably the quality in the league is better from top to bottom than its ever been," he continued, "and I'm saying that before we even find out about the usual number of hidden stars around the league. Still, we've learned to just try to make the most of what we have instead of worrying about what everybody else has." -

What the Hilltoppers have is 17 starters back from last year's squad, including nine from an explosive offense that averaged 371.0 yards in total offense and 22.3 points a game Included among those

returnees is senior quarterback John Hall, who has been named the top quar-terback in the OVC the last two seasons. Feix would like to see the former White House, Tenn., prep star become the first three-time All-OVC quarterback in the history of the league, but not at the expense of the

We pretty much went with him all the way last year," noted Feix, "but that was because he was the only quarterback who had demonstrated he could play at that time. This year, I feel like we've got three proven quarterbacks instead of one."

Hall is expected to get his most serious challenge for starting honors from sophomore Ralph Antone, but junior Marty Jaggers is also in the picture. Jaggers refused to take a back seat to Hall or anybody else in spring practice, while the versatile Antone took a leave of absence to help Western's baseball team win the OVC title.

"Hall is obviously a great quarterback," said Feix. All you have to do is check his statistics if you have any doubt about that. But we feel like Jaggers and Antone both deserve a chance to show what they can do, and we're not going to be afraid to put either of them in the ball game."

Here is an in-depth look at the 1980 Hilltoppers: OFFENSE

Backfield-Western figures to be in good shape at quarterback, no matter who gets the starting nod.

Hall (6-0, 185), of course is the proven player. He passed for 1,439 yards and 12 touchdowns two years ago as a sophomore while guiding a young Hilltonper team to an 8-2 record, and tacked on 1 418 vards and 10 scoring passes last fall to be named the OVC offensive player of the year.

Junior fullback Troy

Snardon (6-0, 205) was the Hilltoppers' best at that

position last fall since anybody could remember.

plowing for 358 yards and

almost five vards a carry

But junior Elmer Caldwell

(6-0, 190) almost has to play somewhere after rushing

for 572 yards a year ago, whether it be fullback or

If Caldwell winds up

spending most of his time at

tailback this fall, there is

still some depth at fullback in the person of senior

letter-winner Kelly Key (5-

Receivers—Senior tight end Ricky Gwinn (6-2, 220)

and junior flanker Jerry Flippin (5-8, 165) both return this fall after good

showings in 1979, but All-OVC split end Eddie Preston (39 catches, 739 yards) will be sorely

Gwinn is a superb blocker and receiver who pulled

deep threat after grabbing 16 passes for 207 vards last

186) will back him up,

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However, Feix and his assistants remain anxious to see what Antone (6-2, 195) can do on a regular basis. In limited action last year as a redshirt freshman, the former Pennsylvania prep standout hit on 12 of passes (71 percent) for 188 yards and two touchdowns.

Western is also blessed with an abundance of good running backs, although senior tailback Nate Jones (5-10, 185) is still a question mark after undergoing knee surgery last year. The former Madisonville speedster was still hobbling during spring drills, paving the way for bullish junior Barry Skaggs (5-10, 188) to emerge as the No. 1 tailback.

down 30 passes for 366 yards Skaggs himself missed much of the 1979 season last season, despite being slowed by a concussion in with a leg injury, but still the Hilltoppers' season accounted for five touch-downs in short-yardage opener at Chattanooga Depth is a problem at tight situations. Speedy senior Craig Freeman (5-6, 160) end, but it just happens to be the specialty of some of zipped for 360 yards last Western's best incoming fall, and sophomore Jo-Jo Lee (5-9, 170) added 252 freshmen. Flippin will probably become the Hilltoppers' top yards in a reserve role.

fall, and will move from flanker to split end. Sophomore John Newby (6 while sophomore Ron Hunter (5-11, 185) has the inside track at the vacant flanker position. Providing depth at flanker will be sophomore Mark Nelson (6-1, 185), who caught only one pass last year but made the most of it for a nine-yard touchdown Line-Barring injuries, Western may be fielding its strongest offensive line since Feix took over the reins in 1968. The strong side of the blocking corps, in par-ticular, should be nothing



### **Tops at tailback**

BARRY SKAGGS (45) of Western missed much of last year with injuries, but the junior tailback was listed as the probable starter at the conclusion of spring practice.

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# Tops hope to learn from last year

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short of awesome with senior Phil Rich (6-4, 260) at strong tackle, senior Pete Walters (6-3, 255) at strong guard and junior Greg Gallas (6-1, 225) at center. All three are all-conference material, and Rich-the former all-around athlete at Edmonson County-is a bona fide pro prospect.

Starters on the weak side figure to be sophomore Steve Catlett (6-1, 230) at tackle and junior Mark Blackburn (5-10, 215) at guard. Lettermen in reserve include senior Tim Bereiter (6-3, 215), junior Kevin Kast (6-2, 225) and sophomore Pat Simpson (6-2, 240).

#### DEFENSE

Line-The Hilltoppers return all three front men in last year's 3-4-4 alignment, including All-OVC junior Tim Ford (6-4, 245) at defensive end.

After transferring in from Tennessee as a sophomore, Ford got in on 73 tackles last fall despite most opponents showing a tendency to run away from him. That strategy didn't do much good, either, because junior Donnie Evans (6-4, 240) was at the other end to get in on 83 stops.

Almost dwarfed between the two bookends was junior noseguard Tony Wells (5-9, 195), who has started since his freshman campaign. But the inside spot may be up for grabs this fall, thanks to the rising star of sophomore Morrell Moore (6-0, 210).

Depth along the first line of defense will come from lettermen Larry Taylor (6-2, 250) and Tim Fox (6-4, 230), as well as Army transfer Tony Eatherly (6-0, 215), a former Bowling Green High standout. Linebackers—One of the few places where the Hilltoppers were hit hard by graduation, the linebacking corps may well be the key to Western's entire 1980 season.

Chuck DeLacey and Carl Estelle, both former All-OVC linebackers, picked up their sheepskins in the spring...leaving Western especially thin on the inside. The starters at the two inside posts figure to be sophomore Tom Tussey (5-11, 210) and senior Bryan Gray (5-11, 200), both of whom saw some starting duty a year ago.

The Hilltoppers' top returning tackler is outside linebacker Brad Todd (6-2, 215), a senior who logged 43 individual tackles and 115 hits in all last fall. The other outside job will go to sophomore Greg Barnes (6-1, 195), who walked on in the spring and wound up winning a starting job.

Depth is almost nonexistent both inside and out, but a lot of those incoming freshman tight ends also doubled as linebackers.

Secondary–Junior free safety Barry Bumm (6-0, 175) is second among Western's returning tacklers this fall, which shows how many times the 1979 stop troops got penetrated all the way to the defensive backfield.

Nonetheless, Bumm is a good one. A preseason allconference selection, the former Owensboro Catholic ace made 46 solo stops and 108 in all.

Strong safety Craig Smith graduated in the spring, and heir apparent is sophomore letterman David Suggs (6-0, 190). Promising sophomore Reginald Johnson (6-2, 205) is ticketed for backup duty at safety, but may wind up challenging Suggs for starting honors later in the year.

Western's young cornerbacks got their baptism of fire last fall, but junior Lamont Meacham (6-0, 170) and sophomore Davlin Mullen (6-1, 170) are both older and wiser this time around. Behind them are sophomore Mark DeRuzzo (6-1, 170) and senior Marvin Davis (6-0, 175), although Davis is better known for his placekicking.

### **All-OVC preseason team**

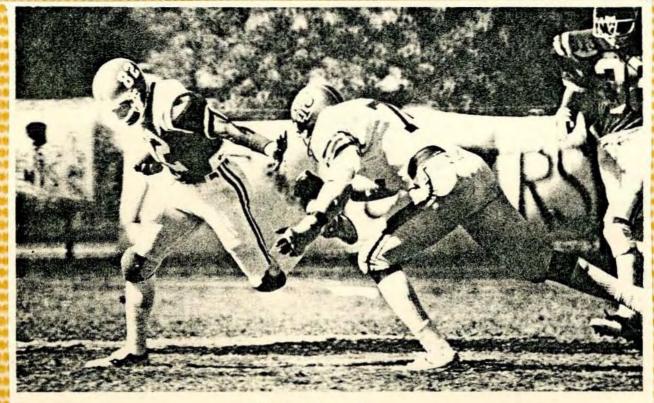
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Pos., Name	School	Class	Ht.	Wt.
*QB - John Hall	Western Kentucky	Sr.	6-0	185
*RB - Dale Patton	Eastern Kentucky	Sr.	5-10	225
RB - Dwight Yarn	Morehead State	Jr.	6-0	185
*TE - Ricky Gwinn	Western Kentucky	Sr.	6-2	220
*OG - Kevin Greve	Eastern Kentucky	Jr.	6-1	238
OG - Calvin Griffin	Austin Peay	Jr.	6-1	238
*OT - Charlie Young	Morehead State	Sr.	6-6	255
OT - Bill Spurlock	Middle Tennessee	So.	6-5	
C - Juan Pope	Akron	Sr.	6-2	239
WR - Steve Puthoff	Austin Peay	Sr.	6-2	225
(WR - David Booze	Eastern Kentucky	Sr.	2.00	185
WR - Jerry Parrish	Eastern Kentucky	Jr.	6-2	188
K - Wayne Anderson	Tennessee Tech	Sr.	5-11 5-10	173
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	DEFENSE			
*DL - Richard Wozniak	Austin Peay	Sr.	6-5	240
*DL - Rick Tanpher	Murray State	Sr.	6-3	210
DL - Tim Brewer	Morehead State	Sr.	6-3	245
*DE - Tim Ford	Western Kentucky	Jr.	6-4	245
(DE - Ronnie Dyer	Tennessee Tech	Sr.	6-2	220
(DE - Glenn Jones	Murray State	Jr.	5-10	198
LB - Brad Todd	Western Kentucky	Sr.	6-2	215
LB - Brad Reese	Akron	Jr.	6-2	2:.5
*DB - Terry Love	Murray State	Sr.	6-4	205
DB - Barry Bumm	Western Kentucky	Jr.	6-0	175
*DB - Greg Evans	Murray State	Jr.	6-0	198
DB - George Floyd	Eastern Kentucky	Jr.	5-11	198
P - Ray Farmer	Western Kentucky	Sr.	5-11	180
* Denotes 1st team All-0		51.	3-11	100

Denotes 1st team All-OVC selection in 1979

### **Tri-captains**

WESTERN COACH Jimmy Feix stands behind the tri-captains of the 1980 Hilltoppers (left to right): Bryan Gray, Ricky Gwinn and Pete Walters. Gray is a senior linebacker, Gwinn a senior tight end and Walters a senior offensive guard.





### Flip on the loose

JERRY FLIPPIN (82) of Western eludes a Tennessee Tech defender during last year's 49-7 romp by the Hilltoppers at Smith Stadium. A former FranklinSimpson standout, Flippin may be Western's top deep threat this fall and has moved from flanker to split end for his junior season.

# WKU seniors look to break records

When the 1980 Western Kentucky football season gets under way Sept. 6 against Evansville in Bowling Green, three Hilltopper seniors will continue their quests to erase a number of WKU all-time grid records. Quarterback John Hall, punter Ray Farmer and tailback Nate Jones are all comfortably within distance of school records and one, or perhaps all, of them may challenge Ohio Valley Conference standards before the year is over.

Hall, a 6-0, 185 pounder from Goodlettsville, Tenn., is a two-time All-OVC selection and threatens to become the first field general in league history to be named to the squad three times. He is also challenging school marks in career passing attempts -- 619 (Hall has 478); career pass completions -- 289 (Hall has 241); career passing yardage -- 4,046 (Hall has 3,132); career touchdown passes -- 34 (Hall has 24); and career pass completion percentage -- .496 (Hall is at .504).

Farmer, a 5-11, 180-pounder from Louisville, is regarded as one of Western's most consistent punters of all time. He, like Hall, was recently voted to the pre-season All-OVC team and he enters 1980 challenging the school record for career punts --166 (Farmer has 163). One of the most dependable kickers in Western history, Farmer already holds the WKU mark for career punting yardage with a three-year total of 6,402 (that's almost 1¼ miles off the toe).

Jones, a 5-10, 185 pounder from Madisonville, was the club's leading rusher (467 yards) at tailback as a sophomore in 1978 but fell victim to a knee injury in the '79 OVC opener against Austin Peay and was lost for the remainder of the campaign. Despite the setback, Jones is still in contention to break records for career kickoff returns -- 40 (Jones has 33); and career kickoff return yardage -- 771 (Jones has 639).

"They're three outstanding athletes," said Hilltopper Head Coach Jimmy Feix. "It's good to know that they're so close to such honors; especially when you understand what great 'team players' they are. They play hard to win and they would be the first to remind you that football is a team sport -- all the way."

# Feix Looking To Improve Standings In Tough OVC Race

#### By RICK BENTLEY **NEW ERA Sports Editor**

BOWLING GREEN Somewhere a wise old sage must have said, "You can tell a lot about a man by his office." If someone didn't say it they should have and it is very apparent when talking about Western Kentucky University grid coach. Jimmy Feix.

Looking around his office in the L.T. Smith Stadium, it is obvious that the Hilltoper mentor is a man of action but not a lot of flash. The office has a desk, chair, small table and a couch. A few trophies are placed in one croner but their are no flashy honors that woull tell you that Feix is one of the winningest coaches ever to set foot in the Ohio Valley Conference

Feix has always coached with a very subtle businesslike quality and does not require a lot of pizzaz to make things work. So far the system has been very effective

The 1973 Hilltoppers entered the first-ever NCAA Division 11 national championship playoffs and finished second. Western went to the playoffs again in 1975 and finished No.2.

Feix has a way of bouncing back after bad seasons and in 1978 (after being 1-8-1 the year before) the Hilltoppers finished with an 8.2 mark and a conference crown.

Feix goes into the 1980 campaign with a career coaching record of 84 wins and 37 losses plus five ties. In 12 seasons with Wester, Feix has rolled up a 57-23-2 mark in the OVC

All that is past credentials and Feix is very spartan in his approach to football so past credits mean little. The current crop of players and how the season progresses is the chief concern.

According to Feix,"We have a good group of players coming back and I feel that this season we will be at a high level of competition. This is not a rebuilding year and we should be competitive in all games."

The Hilltoppers have done some major work on their schedule and snipped some opponents who did not belong on the WKU lineup. Added this season are Kentucky State and Evansville. The Western team will also open the OVC on a different note in having Akron as their first conference opponent instead of the traditional rival, Austin Peay

Feix sees the OVC as a very tough race this season "Of course Murray and Eastern are going to be tough. Eastern lost a lot from their defense but they always seem to come up with strong material. Murray lost

only two players and had a good recruiting season."

Looking on down the league. Feix sees Austin Peay as a much improved

and Middle are improving.

"The key to our season is to stay healthy. If we can do that we will be okay. This is a slower team tahn I would like to have so we won't be able to do a lot of things we usually do

One would think that after 12 seasons as a head coach. Feix would find it hard to get motivated for the approaching season. The Hilltopper mentor says there is no problem. "At the beginning of evry season I get rekindled. I guess yo can say that hope rises eternal

The Hilltoppers are fighting another opponent this season that seems to be on everyones schedule. Budget cuts have dropped the number -f coholarships that

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players who have alked on to rent total of 639 make the squad. That success has made 65 scholarships go a lot further

Looking at the offense this season, if is obvious that the

Hilltoppers will be powerful. Returning is OVC John Hall who hit on 108 of 215 attempts last year for 1,418 yards and 10 touchdowns. Hall is being pushed by former Trigg County standout Marty Jaggers for the starting signal caller spot.

Feix stated,"Right now Hall is No. 1 and Jaggers is 112. I am going to make myself use both players a lot this year.'

When the Hilltopper season opens Hall, along with punter Ray Farmer and tailback Nate Jones are all within distance of school records and possibly OVC marks

Hall, a 6-0, 185-pounder is a two-time All-OVC selection and threatens to become the first field general in league history to be named to the squad three times.

He is also challenging school marks in career passing attempts which is 619 (Hall has 478) and career pass completions which stands at 289 (Hall has 241). Hall is less than a 1.00 yards away from the career passing yardage mark and is 10 away from career touchdown passes.

Farmer, a 5-11, 180pounder is regarded as one of Western's most consistent punters of all time for the squad. In what might be a weak honor. Farmer is moving closer to the career punt total. The curent record of 166 punts is only three more than Farmer has before the year starts.

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Several local athlets will be pushing for starting roles at Western this seaosn. Mark Blackburn has already assured himself a starting nod on the offensive line but will be pushed by Hopkinsville product. Pat Simpson. Simpson saw some playing time for Western last year but should prove a major key this year for the Hilltoppers

The Hilltoppers led the OVC in offense last season and finished third in team defense. That is too impressive credentials to have a fourth place finish in the league. For the Hilltoppers it is a need for consistant play that will make the difference



THIRTEEN SEASON - Western Kentucky University head football coach Jimmy Feix has never been at another college as either a player or coach. This will be Feix's 13th year at the helm. His winning percentage as a college coach is .687.

## OVC Moves Into Spotlight With Strong Playoff Showings

#### By RICK BENTLEY NEW ERA Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Conference took a giant step into the public eye last season with both Murray and Eastern Kentucky advancing to the NCAA playoffs. The Colonels took the national title and helps prove what coach Jimmy Feix said about the league in that "it is the toughest conference in Division 1-2A"

This year things will be evn tougher with the addition of Akron to the league which will give the league abalance from top to bottom. While lasdt season's top teams look strong again, the bottom squads had good recriuting seasons and could be ready to make a move.

Akron--The newest addition to the league has been waiting for this opportunity and will be ready to make a very serious bid for the top spot in the league.

There is a total of 31 lettermen returning to the Zips this season and that includes returning fullback. Tim Staycer who tore up opponent's lines last season.

Head coach Jim Dennison carries a 46-31-1 record in his career and led the team to a 5-6 mark last season. In league play the Zips were 1-0 beating Morehead 23-17.

Eastern Kentucky--The Colonels will be carrying a big load this season as they enter league play as the defeding national champions. The Colonels will be the team that everyone will be shooting for this season.

Although the Eastern squad returns 33 lettermen, the defense was seriously hit by the graduation bug. The Colonels might be winning a lot of high scoring games this year if the young defensive unit does not jell fast.

On offense the Colonels will have quarterback Chris Isaac back and running backs Dale Patton, Nicky Yeast, Alvin Miller and Tony Braxton will give EKU a strong attatck.

Western Kentucky-Rumor has it that the fans in Bowling Green are tired of waiting for another title. Coach Jimmy Feix went out and collected a fine group of freshmen and transfers to bolster the WKU outlook.

The Hilltoppers struggled through a 5-5 season last year and 42 returning lettermen will be out to raise that record.

The Hilltoppers will have a powerful offensive attack as they return the OVC's top offensive player of the year and OVC Player of the Year in John Hall at quarterback. The surprising fact that Hall is being pushed for the QB slot by Marty Jaggers.

The defensive unit should again be strong with returning standouts Brad Todd. Barry Bumm. Tim Ford, Donnie Evans and Mark Blackburn.

Murray State--The Racers won the OVC title last season but two or three breaks the other way and they would still be looking for that elusive title. There will be only two starters missing this season when Murray takes the field but they are going to be missing that fire which gave the school the title.

Look for Murray to have a strong kicking game with the addition of Jeff Lancaster to the lineup.

Returning will be All-American safety Terry Love who was the OVC defensive player of the year. Glenn Jones, an All-OVC pick will also be back at defensive end.

• The biggest problem that Murray could run into this season is meeting Louisville the weekend before the OVC season starts. If the Racers survive the drive to Louisville they could be too beat up for road games at Tennessee Tech and Morehead State the following weekends.

Austin Peay--The Governors have never experienced

four straight winning seasons in tootball but this could be the big change. The Govs boast a strong unit of 38 returning lettermen and should the squad stay helthy. the "Angry Red Men" could be back on top.

The Governors have to figure out a way to beat the Kentucky members of the OVC this season who last year handed the Govs all four of their losses. Getting over that hurdle is the biggest problem facing Watson Brown and his staff.

Austin Peay boasts one of the finest quarterbacks in the South in Sonny DeFillippis. Brown stated, "He is one of the finest quarterbacks I have ever seen. He needs a little more control on the field but has a good, strong arm."

The chief target for the Peay hurler will be Steve Puthoff who despite missing the last seven games of the season managed to catch 19 passes for 352 yards.



RUNNING BACK Craig Freeman of Western Kentucky University is one of many talented backs the Hilltoppers will be using this Fall. Western is hoping to return to the top of the OVC league with a strong running attack.

Morehead-Some of the Ohio Valley coaches feel that Morehead could be the team to beat this season. A total of 31 lettermen return from a team that finished 5-4-1 and was in several of the losses until the final moments.

Senior tackle Tim Brewer, noseguard Sterling Ford and defensive back Carey Reid will pace the Eagles on defense this season. The Morehead defense yielded but 14 touchdowns all season long and recorded three shutouts. Eastern's 34 points is the top total by an oppoenent last season. -continued from page 34

Dorron Hunter will be at tailback and last season rolled up 246 yards last season on 52 carries.

Middle Tennessee-- Coach Boots Donnelly stepped in at Austin Peay and made the Governors winners ina quick period. Things won't be so easy this season at Middle since the Blue Raiders return only 25 lettermen from a team who finished 1-5 in league play.

Donnelly feels his two biggest obstacles in 1980 will be the age of his players (mostly sophomores) and the schedule. Besides a rough OVC slate. Middle must face the likes of North Alabama, Western Carolina and UT-Chattanooga.

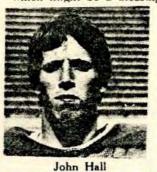
With those odds against him. Donnelly and crew could be looking to next year already.

Tennessee Tech--The Golden Eagles use to be one of the most feared members of the league but recently they

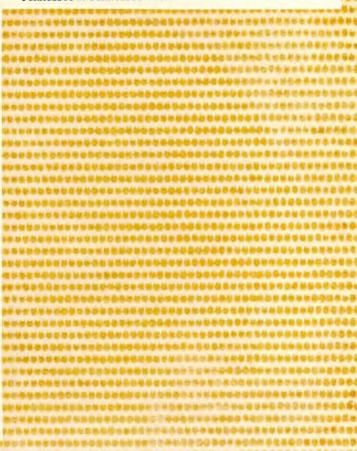
have been limping though conference play. Tech ended 0-5-1 last season in the league collecting a tie against

Morehead (3-3) as their only bright spot.

Head coach Don Wade lost 22 letermen and returns 28 which might be a blessing since last season's team



finished so poorly. Look for the Eagles to hang on to the bottom this year. The final standins should be 1. Akron 2. Eastern 3. Western 4. Murray 5. Austin Peay 6. Morehead 7. Middle Tennessee 8. Tennessee Tech.



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Feix names WKU tri-captains to open 1980 season Sept. 5

Western Kentucky head football coach Jimmy Feix has announced the Hilltopper tri-captains for the 1980 grid season. They are linebacker Bryan Gray, tight end Ricky Gwinn and offensive guard Pete Walters.

Gray. a 200-pound senior from Nashville, Tn., has been Louisville, Ky., had an one of Western's most conoutstanding year for sistent offensive per-Western a year ago-step- formers since he first stepping in for injured All- ped into a Hilltopper OVC linebacker Chuck uniform three years ago. A

DeLacey and doing an admirable job. Gray was tackles last season, and his career, including 30 in also had six "sacks" behind the line of scrimmage.

Gwinn. 6-2. a 5-11, 220-pound senior from

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three-year starter for Western, Gwinn has credited with 61 total caught 66 passes during '79 good for 366 yards and four touchdowns. His efforts last fall earned him first-team All-OVC honors.

> Walters, a 6-3, 255-pound senior from Shepherdsville, Ky., has anchored the Topper offensive line for the past three years. A tremendously strong athlete, Walters has the earned respect as one of the best offensive linemen in the OVC, and should be in line for All-OVC honors this fall.

30-The Gleaner, August 22, 1980

# Western

### Feix is ignoring preseason predictions this year

#### By TIM KAISER

BOWLING GREEN - If the coaches in the Ohio Valley Conference are to be believed. Western Kentucky is going to be one of the prime contenders in the OVC race.

But WKU coach and Henderson County native Jimmy Feix doesn't seem to share their beliefs, going so far as to pick his squad to finish adistant fourth in the OVC chase

His guarded attitude stems from some disappointing setbacks last season.

"Last year everyone was so high on us, but then injuries struck and we finished 5-5." Feix said. "That was disappointing. That's why I try not to listen to preseason picks.

"Potentially we have a chance to be awfully good, but we lost some good people, especially on defense, and we're like most of the teams in the conference in that we lack depth."

The fate that awaits the Hilltoppers this campaign may rest in the hands of former Henderson County star back Barry Skaggs, who was idled by leg injuries last season.

"Barry is an outstanding runner," Feix said. "He plays an important factor in our offensive setup. He's the key to our I-formation. We sorely needed him last year. A healthy Barry Skaggs would have meant two or three more wins for us.'

Another important cog in the 'Topper offense is quarterback John Hall, who was selected the OVC Offensive Playerof-the-Year in 1979. Hall, a 6-foot, 180pound senior, is hoping to duplicate last season's stats - completing 50 percent of his passes for over 1,400 yards and 10 touchdowns, and rushing for two more.

Ricky Gwinn will be the main target for Hall's passes, as the 6-2 tight end hauled in 30 catches in '79 and was a preseason all-conference choice. Troy Snardon of Todd County will be Feix's starting fullback when the 'Toppers open

their season Sept. 6 against Evansville. Pete Walters, a 6-3, 255-pound threeyear starter, anchors Western's offensive line. "They're big, but not quick," said Feix. "It seems you never can get the two together.

Feix is hoping Brad Todd, also an early all-conference pick, and Barry Bumm can take up the slack on a graduation decimated defense

"Again, we have big guys on defense. but they just aren't quick. And our linebacking corps is very inexperienced that's the biggest question of our defense."

And defense could be the key when the 'Toppers face offensive powers like Eastern and Murray.

"I'm concerned with our defense," Feix said. "This is a defensive conference - the best teams have the best defenses. We'd better have a better defense than last year if we want to win."

Murray State, according to the head coach, "on paper seems to be the conference favorite."

But Feix also sees Akron figuring in the conference race.

"Akron is eligible for the championship this season, and they've got speed to burn. They'll give Murray a run." Eastern Kentucky, last year's Division I-AA national champion, rates a third place showing.

Despite how he feels his team's chances are, one of Feix's goals is to take the OVC crown.

"I think we'll be a contender," he said. "But I think it'll be between those three. If Skaggs stays healthy and the defense comes around, who knows?" An 8-2 year, according to Feix, would be within reach.

Two additions to the WKU schedule are Kentucky State and the University of Evansville who is going through some rebuilding under new coach Randy Rogers.

"Every conference game is tough. We have no easy weekends ahead of us. It's



**Jimmy Feix** John Hall



Barry Skaggs **Pete Walters** 

one of the toughest schedules we've had," said Feix.

As for the home opener against U of E, Feix said, "We'd better be ready. They've got a new coach up there and I hear he plays a wide open game. There's a renewed interest in a Western Kentucky-Evansville rivalry, and we're tickled to be back on their schedule." The last time the two teams met was in 1964, with the Hilltoppers prevailing, 37-0.

Feix has coached at Western 22 years, the last 12 as head coach.

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## **No Security**

### WKU'S Hall, Despite All-OVC Status, Isn't Taking His QB Job For Granted

#### By MIKE EMBRY AP Sports Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP) – If John Hall has learned anything in three seasons as Western Kentucky's quarterback, it's that you don't take anything for granted.

Never mind that the senior from Goodlettsville, Tenn., has been All-Ohio Valley Conference for the past two seasons and was the conference's Offensive Player-of-the-Year last year.

Hall had a battle on his hands for the starting position when he reported to fall practice for his final season. And it was something he expected from Marty Jaggers and Ralph Antone, challengers for the position.

"Those guys are good quarterbacks," said Hall, a 6-foot, 185pounder. "It makes me a better player in practice. Marty could probably play for a lot of schools now and he'll probably play some this season in certain situations.

"But I know I've got to be more consistent to play. It puts a lot of pressure on me, but I think it will help me in the long run."

Consistency has been Hall's trademark the past two seasons. Last year he completed 108 of 215 passes for 1,418 yards and 10 touchdowns. In 1978 he hit 106 of 209 passes for 1,439 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Hall was particularly con-

sistent two years ago when he helped turn the Hilltoppers from an 1-8-1 record the season before to 8-2 and an OVC championship. He nearly missed being named the league's top offensive performer for his accomplishments that season.

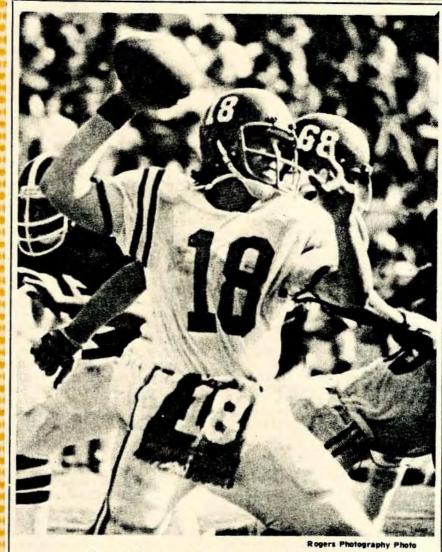
Western Kentucky, stung by early-season injuries, hobbled in with a 5-5 record last season. Hall believes things will be different this year.

"I don't think we'll be down this year," said Hall. "If we keep Nate Jones (running back) and the line healthy, I think we'll have a good season. We don't play a Chattanooga or Lamar in the first two games like last year. This time we play Evansville and Kentucky State.

"If we can stay healthy in those games we should go into the conference schedule in pretty good shape."

Hall, who is closing in on several school passing records, can become the first quarterback in league history to earn All-OVC recognition three times. His coach, Jimmy Feix, was a twotime selection at Western Kentucky in 1951-52.

"It will be hard," said Hall of his chances. "There are a lot of good quarterbacks in the conference. If I win it, that's great. But I'd rather win another OVC crown than be picked as best quarterback."



Hall: "Player Of Year" Has Competition

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# Will Murray's Racers run off with the title?

#### By STAN SUTTON

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**Overall Balance In League** 

OR 28 YEARS the Racers of Murray State had been racing to nowhere. They went through four coaches, seven U. S. presidents and almost 300 games trying to win a conference football championship.

Folks at the Calloway County college may be a patient lot, but the Racers were trying their patience. It grated upon them that their neighbors at Western Kentucky had added seven OVC football trophies to their collection while Murray had won none.

After the 1977 season, Murray State decided it was time for a new administration. Bill Furgerson, who won 60 games and no Ohio Valley Conference titles, was relieved as coach and 33-year-old Mike Gottfried replaced him.

Gottfried started a recruiting program that the Marines might have envied. Despite a late start, he came up with a 1978 roster listing 70 freshmen. But success, like good coffee, was to come slowly brewed over a low fire, and Murray lost three of its first four games, rebounded to win three, then lost its last four.

A year ago an undaunted Gottfried brought some more new faces to Murray State. He had eight junior-college transfers who immediately started or played major backup roles. Almost before Murray's fans could learn the players' names, the unbelievable occurred. The Racers won an OVC title.

The first three games had left little indication of what was to come. Murray had a 1-1-1 record when the Racers started an eight-game winning streak that included an impressive 24-7 victory over Eastern in a regionally televised game.

Not even a loss to Lehigh in the NCAA playoffs could spoil the Racers' season, although Eastern's 30-7 win over Lehigh in the Division I-AA national title game left a bitter taste. It also gave Murray State fans a goal for 1980, a national title of their own.

Of course, another goal is a second consecutive OVC title. Then too, it would be nice for the Racers if they could beat Louisville at Fairgrounds Stadium on Sept. 20.

Several of the conference's coaches have

virtually conceded the OVC title to Murray.

"They're head and shoulders above everybody else," said Western Kentucky's Jimmy Feix, whose team may have the best chance of beating Murray. "We've got the prospects of a good bunch, but I think Murray, and possibly Akron, are really outstanding teams on paper."

"You hate to take the national champions [Eastern] and put them third," added Morehead State coach Tom Lichtenberg when asked to rate the teams. "But to me Murray is the best team, and I think Western probably is second."

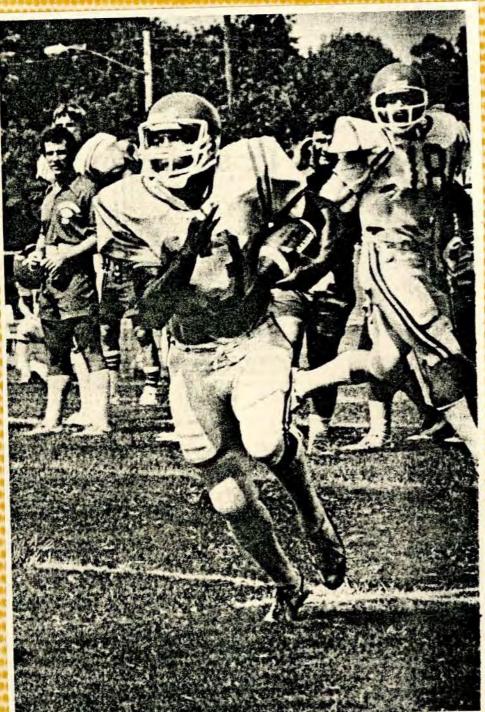
Even Eastern's Roy Kidd, who retains an abundant portion of his championship team, figures Murray is the class of the league. "They're the favorite. They've got about all their people back, plus they've got depth," Kidd said. "I'd say Western will be awfully good, too.

"I think our league's tremendously improved since I've been here. I think it used to be more basketball oriented. And, it also used to seem that Tennessee schools dominated the football. I think we're getting better football."

Feix, in his 13th season as Western coach, also has noticed changes. "I think we have more good teams than we used to have. We've gotten a little increase in scholarships, which has helped considerably, and major schools have had a little decrease in scholarships, which has helped us considerably."

Morehead's Lichtenberg will be in his second season as an OVC coach. "I knew it was a good football conference. People underestimated it," he said. "And I think it'll be a better league this year. Tennessee Tech will be tough; they had some problems last year with kids not playing. And Akron will be an asset to this league."

This is the first year Akron will be eligible to win the OVC championship, although the Zips have played league schools several times. "We've never beaten them," Feix said." "They've got an outstanding team. He's [coach Jim Dennison] never had a losing team in his eight or nine years there."



#### (Staff photo by Mark Workman)

### Back at full speed

NATE JONES (43) of Western turns up the field after taking a handoff from team-mate Marty Jaggers (18) during Saturday's first major scrimmage of the preseason at Smith Stadium. Jones was one of the pleasant surprises of the ses-sion, up to his old ground-gaining tricks after coming back from knee surgery.

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John Hall threw 10 touchdowns in '79.

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John Newby, Clairton, Pa.	6-0	186	So.
Jerry Flippin, Franklin, Ky.	5-8	165	Jr.
Ron Hunter, Princeton, Ky. Mark Nelson, Mercer, Pa.	5-11	185	So. So.
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TACKLES Steve Catlett, Sebree, Ky.	6-1	230	So.
Phil Rich, Bee Springs, Ky.	6-4	260	Sr.
E. Mallard, Cl'rwater, Fla.	6-2	238	So.
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GUARDS Alan Jones, Louisville	6-1	210	So.
Pat Simpson, Hopkinsville, Ky.	6-2	240	So.
Mark Blackburn, Cobb, Ky.	5-10	215	Jr.
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Mike Sharp, Jeff'town, Ky.	5-11	210	
John Carey, Woodbury, N.J.	6-3	225	So.
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Ralph Antone, McMurray, Pa.	6-2	195	So.
Marty Jaggers, Cadiz, Ky.	6-0	190	Jr. Fr.
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C. Freeman, Oak Ridge, Tenn.	5-6	160	Sr.
Nate Jones, Madisonville, Ky.	5-10	185	Sr.
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Kelly Key, Nashville, Tenn.	5-11	200	Sr.
Elmer Caldwell, Hickman, Ky.	6-0	190	Jr.
Doug Goforth, Dixon, Ky.	61	193	Fr.
DEFENSIVE ENDS			
Donnie Evans, Franklin, Ky. Larry Taylor, Will'msburg, Ky.	6-4	240 250	Jr. So.
Tom Fox, Parma, Ohio	6-4	230	So.
T. Eatherly, Bowl'g Grn., Ky.	6-0	215	Fr.
Tim Ford, Valley Station, Ky. Walter York, Bowl'g Grn., Ky.	64	245 200	Jr. Fr.
DEFENSIVE TACKLES Tony Wells, Louisville	5-9	195	le.
Morrell Moore, Somerset, Ky.	6-0	210	Jr. So.
LINEBACKERS			
Eddie Battle, Titusville, Fla.	5-10	215	So.
Greg Barnes, Prospect, Ky.	6-1	195	So.
Dave Cross, Newburgh, Ind.	6-0	205	Jr.
Tom Tussey, Catlettsburg, Ky. Bryan Gray, Louisville	5-11	210 200	So. Sr.
Jack Woodruff, Lexington	6-0	205	So.
Tyrone Byrd, Toledo, Ohio	6-1	190	Fr.
Paul Gray, Owensboro, Ky. David Hall, Springfield, Ky.	6-1	190 200	Fr. Fr.
Dennis Horning, Kent, Ohio	6-1	190	Fr.
R. Nobles, Murf'sboro, Tenn.	6-1	190	Fr.
David Norwood, Louisville Brad Todd, Sonora Ky.	6-1	190 215	Fr. Sr.
Robert Ray, Nashville, Tenn.	6-2	190	Fr.
DEFENSIVE BACKS			
Barry Bumm, Owensboro, Ky.	6-0	175	Jr.
Davlin Mullen, Clairton, Penn.	6-1	170	So.
Marvin Cottrell, Harlan, Ky.	5-10	180	So.
Mark DeRuzzo, Louisville L. Meacham, Clairton, Penn.	6-0	170	So. Jr.
David Suggs, Shelbyv'le, Tenn.	6-0	190	So.
R. Johnson, Tampa, Fla. R. Fishback Shel'ylle Tenn	6-2	205	So.
R. Fishback, Shel'vlle, Tenn. Mickey Lewis, Glasgow, Ky.	6-0 6-0	180	Fr. Fr.
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KICKERS Mike Miller, Frankfort, Ky.	6-0	165	So.
Mike Curnutte, Gr'nsburg, Ky.	5-8	170	So.
R. Anderson, Ft. Laud'le, Fla.	6-2	186	So.
Phil Evans, Dunwoody, Ga. Marvin Davis, Madisonv'le, Ky.	5-10	182	Jr.
marvin Lawis, Madisony le, Ky,	6-0	175	Sr.

# Feix likes Tops' scrimmage

Jimmy Feix was both pleased with the way his team played Saturday without the services of All-Ohio Valley Conference quarterback John Hall, and with the services of senior running back Nate Jones.

Western conducted its first major scrimmage of the preseason Saturday morning at Smith Stadium, and the Hilltoppers' veteran head coach couldn't help but smile a little—no, make that a lot—after what he saw during the two-hour confrontation.

Feix was especially pleased with the way quarterbacks Marty Jaggers and Ralph Antone filled in for Hall, who stayed on the sidelines with a stiff shoulder.

"I've said all along that Hall, Jaggers and Antone give us the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost," noted Feix after the workout. "Well, the Father wasn't in there today so the Son and Holy Ghost stepped right in. I thought they both looked great."

Still, Feix said the highlight of the day was seeing the Nate Jones of old. Western's leading rusher as a sophomore two years ago, Jones missed most of last season with a knee injury.

"Nate had a tremendous scrimmage," said Feix. "It's good to see him going at full speed again, but this is really more than we had hoped for. After the way he was hobbling in the spring, we were just hoping he would sort of come along as the season progressed this fall."

Jones has obviously progressed at a quicker pace, judging from the fact that he is again the No. 1 tailback after starting out on the third team when fall drills began last weekend.

Hall, who is hoping to become the first quarterback in OVC history to be named all-conference three years in a row, wasn't the only key player on the sidelines during Saturday's intrasquad game.

While the senior quarterback kept a play chart on the field, senior tackle Phil Rich (6-4, 260) was part of the chain gang on the sidelines. The former Edmonson County standout was held out of action with a shoulder bruise, but was expected to return to contact early this week.

Only two nights earlier at the Hilltopper Hundred Club's membership banquet, Feix had accused his big





lineman of being born on June 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Still another key player missing from Saturday's scrimmage was junior free safety Barry Bumm, who broke a toe in a trail bike accident only three days before the start of fall practice. Expected to be one of the top headhunters in the league this fall, Bumm plans to be back in the lineup by Sept. 6 when the Hilltoppers kick off the 1980 season against Evansville.

"They say he can start taking some hits next week," said Feix, referring to his trainers, "and they think he'll be back at full speed by the season opener."

Perhaps taking a cue from former Western basketball coach Gene Keady, Feix has formed this year what he calls "The Secret Society of the Red Dot." During his two-year stint at Western before moving on to Purdue the past spring, Keady preached about "The Three D's"—desire, dedication and defense. According to Feix, the R-E-D dot stands for readiness, enthusiasm and determination.

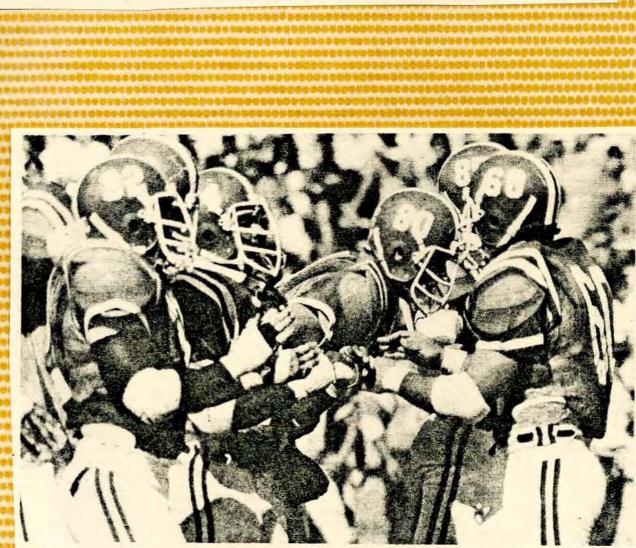
During the Hundred Club banquet Thursday night at the Downing University Center, Feix inducted Western president Donald Zacharias into the not-so-secret society.

Speaking of basketball, there's a flashy \$12,000 ornament in Diddle Arena that wasn't there a week ago.

At long last, Western has a new basketball scoreboard to replace the old one that seemed to malfunction at the most inopportune times. The new one is a four-sided centerpiece that was sitting on the court itself until Friday, when it was hoisted into position above the floor.

The actual cost of the scoreboard was \$11,800, according to Western's purchasing department, although the university paid only for the installation. The scoreboard itself was paid for by two local firms, American National Bank and Pepsi-Cola of Bowling Green.

The scoreboard will be operational well before the 1980-81 Hilltoppers open the season by hosting the Wendy's Classic here Nov. 28-29.



WESTERN KENTUCKY is going to enjoy the talents of several defensive players who come back from last year. The Hilltoppers are hoping to break a small losing

skein which has produced losing seasons two years in a row.

# Feix hopes to beat prediction

#### By Tim McKenzie

The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers were picked third in the OVC in the coaches' preseason poll, but coach Jimmy Feix has higher hopes for the 1980 squad

It will take lots of luck. Somebody else having a lot of injuries and our staving healthy plus executing the best we can is what it is going to take for us to win the conference," said Feix at WKU Press Day Friday.

Detending Ohio Valley champ Murray is picked to win the conference with Eastern Kentucky picked second.

The Toppers landed six players on the preseason All-OVC team with quarterback John Hall leading the way. Bandit back Brad Todd, tight end Ricky Gwinn, defensive end Tim Ford, defensive back Barry Bumm and punter Ray Farmer were the other Toppers named.

Hall has the chance to be the first player to be named to the all OVC squad for three years in a row in 32 years if he is named this year. The OVC Offensive Player of the Year last season has been all conference for the past two seasons.

The coaches agreed that the offense would be the strength this season but also said that they won't have the speed or explosiveness that they have had in the past. Feix talked of his offensive strengths and the experience of this offensive line but readily admitted that it is a defensive league and "you have to be able to play defense to win."

Marty Jaggers had an excellent spring and looks to challenge the allconference Hall at the quarterback job. "The offense really fits Marty well," said Feix.

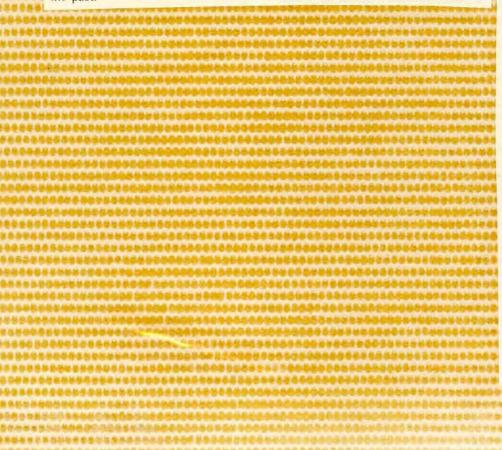
Feix said that just because Hall has won all the honors his quarterback job wasn't "sewn up."

"Hall and everybody else is in the same boat as I am." said Feix. "It is not what you have done for me in the past; it is what you can do for me this year."

Receiver coach Bob Rafferty said that sophomore Ron Hunter could be a "pleasant surprise" to replace allconference Eddie Preston, who graduated last year. He also said that veteran Jerry Flippin will play, noting "you've all seen what he can do"

Among the players who will not be in the Topper lineup are David Cross and Ricky Anderson. Cross was nagged by injuries all last season and elected to go to school but not to play football. Anderson just didn't report to camp.

Preseason all conference pick Bumm will be lost for four weeks because of a



broken toe sustained on a trail bike. Bumm was the Chevrolet Player of the Game as a freshman and the coaches have "high hopes" when he comes off his injury.

Barry Skaggs and Nate Jones should aid the Toppers as much as anything with their return this season. Both players missed most of last season with

injuries.

"Barry had a tremendous spring and we also have high hopes for him. We could have won three more games last year if he had been health," said Feix.

He also added that Skaggs does still have some ankle problems.

Jones is at 100 percent according to

Western must avoid injuries

NJURIES dashed Western's hopes a year ago and the Hilltoppers finished with a 5-5 record. But the school's past success leads many opposing coaches to believe Western may have the best chance of upsetting Murray's OVC title hopes.

The Hilltoppers keep the '79 OVC Offensive Player of the Year, John Hall, who completed 108 of 215 passes for 1,418 yards and 10 touchdowns. Should Hall be injured, Western has capable Marty Jaggers and Ralph Antone in the wings. Although Hall's favorite target, Eddie Preston, is gone, coach Jimmy Feix can count on tight end Ricky Gwinn (30 catches), Jerry Flippin and Ron Hunter.

"Gwinn is one of the best in the conference. We've got to find how to get the ball to him," Feix said.

"We thought we had a great team lined up last year," the coach contin-

offensive backfield coach Sam Clark but he hasn't had any contact yet.

Clark said, "He ran great but, like I said, he hasn't had any contact yet."

One key to the Toppers' health this season could be the different schedule. Last year they lost several key players in the first two games. Last season they opened the season against UT Chattanooga and Lamar, whereas this season they will open with Evansville and Kentucky State.

"We have a better chance of winning our first two games this year than last," said Feix, "and we will come out better physically because they are more like our level of football."

> ued. "But we lost a linebacker and two running backs." The runners were tailbacks Nate Jones and Barry Skaggs. Skaggs returned to have a great spring practice, but Jones was held out of contact in spring drills. "Jones looks awfully good, but he's had no contact," Feix said. "Knee surgery is a big thing to get over."

> At fullback, Western has Troy Snardon, an excellent blocker. He will run behind a line led by All-OVC tackle Phil Rich (6 feet 4; 260 pounds), guard Pete Walters (6 feet 2; 255 pounds) and center Greg Gallas (6 feet 2; 225 pounds).

> Returning on defense are ends Jim Ford, an All-OVC player, and Donnie Evans, who combined for 176 tackles last year. Bandit back Brad Todd was a standout with 115 tackles, and free safety Barry Bumm was in on 108 stops and had three interceptions.

> "We've got some good first-liners back on defense," Feix said. "We're a little short at linebacker, but our secondary is in pretty good shape. But we can't stand an injury and be a champion."

At WKU

# Lewis 'getting long look'

According to a release from the Western Kentucky University Public Information office, Hilltopper football coach Jimmy Feix is quoted as having said, "Our club is right where we want it at this stage of the game."

Feix also said he was "extremely pleased" with what he has seen in the first week of fall drills.

One cause for concern, however, is the free saftey position. Junior Barry Bumm, a pre-season All-OVC pick, was slated to handle that slot in the 'Topper defense. A late summer cycling accident, however, has left Bumm with a broken toe. Sophomore Marvin Cottrell, from Harlan, was expected to move into Bumm's spot until he returned, but Cottrell has a severely sprained ankle that apparently isn't responding to treatment as well as the WKU training staff would have liked.

As a result, freshman

Mickey Lewis (a star receiver and defensive secondary man for coach Jerry Eubank at Barren County High for the past three years) is, according to the release, "getting a long look from the coaching staff, as is sophomore backup strong saftey David Suggs, who, because of experience, might make the switch to fill in until Bumm returns full strength."

According to BCHS assistant coach Billy Lindsey, who attended a scrimmage Saturday in Bowling Green, Lewis was running with the second team at free saftey.

"I talked with Mickey," said Lindsey, "and he seems to be getting along fine."

Meanwhile, Feix was quoted in the Bowling Green Daily news Sunday in a statement concerning Bumm, "They say he can start taking some hits next week, and they think he'll be back at full speed by the season opener."

Western opens its season September 6th against Evansville at Bowling Green.

## Feix happy with progress

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**WKUNotes** 

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And that, of course, is good news for Western fans. Jones, a Madisonville senior, gained 220 yards rushing in less than three full games of action last season. He was also the top kick-off return man in the Ohio Valley Conference, and in all of Division I-AA, at the time of his injury, averaging 43.3 yards per return.

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There has been a good deal of discussion in Red Towel Territory about the strength and depth of the Hilltopper's linebacking corps for the 1980 season following the graduation of such stars as Chuck DeLacey and Carl Estelle. But, Western Defensive Coordinator Bill Hape reflects a positive attitude about his squad's abilities to maintain the 'Toppers' long-standing tradition of outstanding linebacker performances.

"We've got two fine linebackers in Bryan Gray and Tom Tussey," said Hape. "It's no secret that we're counting on big years from them. Our main problem is depth, but we're confident that our talented freshmen will continue to develop during fall drills and some of them will be able to step in and do the job.'

The place-kicking chores for the 1980 Hilltoppers appear to be in the hands (or feet, that is) of Greensburg sophmore Mike Curnutte. The 5-8, 170-pounder emerged from spring practice at the top of the list on the depth chart but was expected to be pressed hard for game duty by veteran kickers Marvin Davis (a senior from Madisonville) and Ricky Anderson, last fall's number one booter. However, Anderson elected not to return to school and Davis developed a knee problem over the summer, had surgery and is still trying to recuperate. Still, it is some-what doubtful that Davis will be available for the '80 season.

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Another cause for concern in the Hilltopper camp is the free safety position. Junior Barry Bumm, a preseason All-OVC pick, was slated to handle that slot. However, a late summer cycling accident left him with a broken toe, slowing him considerably. Sophomore Marvin Cottrell (from Harlan) was expected to move into the position; however, a severely sprained ankle is not responding as quickly as the training staff would like. As a result, freshman Mickey Lewis from Barren

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He was introduced as "the speaker that Earl Cox (Louisville Courier-Journal sports columnist) couldn't believe would be here tonight.

Chuckles filled the packed room in Western's Downing University Center and applause followed as University of Kentucky head basketball coach Joe Hall rose to address the annual membership banquet of the Hilltopper Hundred Club, the official booster organization of Western Kentucky University athletics.

Hall's visit was well received in Red Towel Territory. He talked of the outstanding athletic traditions at both UK and Western. "If I had to pick a school that has a basketball tradition parallel to the University of Kentucky, it would have to be Western."

\* \* \* Other business conducted at the annual Hilltopper Hundred Club function was the selection of new members for the group's Board of Directors. Bowling Green business-men Harold Brantley, Mike Reynolds and Denny Wedge were named to the Board to replace Dr. Bob Goodwin, Jim Scott and Norman Kahn, whose terms had expired. Goodwin and Scott are from Bowling Green and Kahn is from Louisville. WKU Athletic Director John Oldham was re-elected president of the organization and Coordinator of Men's Athletics Jim Richards was renamed secretarytreasurer.

### MARK BLACKBURN

Guard, Jr., 5-10, 215, Princeton, Ky.

Switched from tight end to performer, he can adapt to pecially long

one of WKU's top performers agile, he uses aggressiveness fall. to make up for any deficiencies he may have ... an All-Western Kentucky Conference fullback

at Caldwell County High, he "walked on" at Western and has won two letters since. Personal Information: Parents --Mr. Robert Dale Blackburn: Mrs. Lillie Belle Blackburn; High School--Caldwell County '78

#### **RON HUNTER** Flanker, So., 5-11, 185, Princeton, Ky.

**Former Caldwell-**

**Trigg Stars Now Playing** 

**For Hilltoppers** 

Was used sparingly as first year receiver last season, serving as understudy flanker ... his number has come up, however, and he should be a potent offensive weapon in 80...caught five passes last season and showed promise in quick guard at mid-season and his initial campaign ... has fine this spring won the starting speed and quickness...runs job at that position .. a versatile patterns extremely well, esroutes...good blocker and capable runner virtually every position on the once he has ball in hands ... will offensive line...has also been team with split end Jerry Flippin to give WKU top-notch on specialty teams .... small but long bomb combination this

> Personal Information: Parent--Lena Mae Grooms; High School--Caldwell County.

**MARTY JAGGERS** Quarterback, Jr., 6-0, 190, Cadiz, Ky.

Saw limited action second straight season, ser- gers; High school-- Trigg ving as back-up to All-OVC QB County '77.

John Hall...played well when used, however, hitting on six of nine attempts for 53 yards and one six-pointer ... 'Toppers like to use him in key running situations, and he has shown ability to run the bootleg extremely well...despite reserve status, he is still a serious challenger for starting quarterback assignment this fall...fast, quick and an aggressive ball carrier ... completed eight of ten passes as freshman with one TD...represents third generation football tradition at Western...his father and grandfather were both standouts for Western as was his uncle Johnny, a top-flight defensive back at WKU during late 60's ... won All-State honors at Trigg County High in 1977 under coach--and dad--Joe Jaggers...along with Antone. gives Western more than ade-

spot...fine student. Personal Information: Parfor ents--Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jag-

quate relief help at reserve QB

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# **1980 Hilltopper Outlook**

#### By PAUL JUST Director **WKU** Sports Information

Coach Jimmy Feix and the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers are looking to turn things around during the 1980 football season, after struggling through a disappointing 5-5-0 campaign a year ago.

The 'Toppers lose only 15 lettermen from last year's squad and are once again making plans to be in the thick of the Ohio Valley Conference football race.

There are several reasons for this optimistic outlook, including the return of OVC Offensive Player-of-the-Year John Hall. A senior quarterback, Hall was named firstteam All-OVC for the second consecutive season last fall. On the year he completed 108 of 215 passes (.502) for 1,418 yards and 10 touchdowns. However, Hall is expecting strong competition for playing time from his 1979 understudies, junior Marty Jaggers and sophomore Ralph Antone.

In addition, the Hilltoppers have six experienced running starting backfield slots. Senior Nate Jones may have

the inside track on the tailback job, if he successfully recovers from a knee injury that knocked him out after only three games last fall. However, he struggled in spring drills and junior Barry Skaggs (152 yds., 5 TDs, in 4 games), a steady, reliable runner, emerged number one. Junior Elmer Caldwell will also have to be reckoned with. Filling in for Jones, he rushed for 572 yards and five scores in '79. Senior Craig Freeman (360 yards) will also see duty.

Junior Troy Snardon is the probable starter at fullback. He ran for 358 vards last fall and is an excellent blocker. Caldwell and senior Kelly Key will be available for back-up duty there.

Despite the loss of Eddie Preston, one of the premier pass receivers in the school's history, Western will still have some talented catchers to rely

Heading the list is senior All-OVC tight end Ricky Gwinn (30 catches, 366 vards, four TDs.) Speedy junior Jerry

long ball threat.

backs returning to vie for the Flippin ranked third on the again be strong. Returning nods. squad in '79 with 16 receptions standouts include banditback and figures to be the 'Toppers Brad Todd (115 tackles); junior free safety Barry Bumm (108 The Hilltopper offensive line tackles, three interceptions): will be anchored by senior junior linebacker Tom Tussey All-OVC tackle Phil Rich (6-4, (89 tackles); and junior defen-260), senior guard Pete Walt- sive ends Tim Ford (73, ers (6-2, 255) and junior center tackles All-OVC) and Donnie Greg Gallas (6-2,225). Junior Evans (83 tackles.) Speedy Mark Blackburn (5-10, 215) deep backs Lamont Meacham, and sophomore Steve Catlett Davlin Mullen and David (6-1, 230) are slated to man the Suggs, along with sturdy quick side of the line at kickoff. linebacker Bryan Gray, are Davis will also have to be The defensive unit should also expected to get starting reckoned with.

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The punting chores will again be handled by senior Ray Farmer (39.7), one of the most consistent kickers in the school's history. Sophomore Ricky Anderson returns in the placekicking department. However, a shaky spring cost him his place on the depth chart. Sophomore Mike Curnutte emerged as the man to beat out; and senior Marvin

1980 WESTERN KENTUCKY HILLTOPPER SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER	
6-EVANSVILLE	lome
13-Kentucky State	Away
20-*Akron	Away
27-*AUSTIN PEAY	lome
OCTOBER	
4-Open Date	
11-YOUNGSTOWN STATE	lome
18—*Tennessee Tech	Away
25-*EASTERN KENTUCKY	lome
NOVEMBER	
1-*Morehead State	Away
8-*MIDDLE TENNESSEE	lome
[Homecoming]	
15-Open Date	
22-*Murray State	Away

\*Ohio Valley Conference game.

## Eastern might feast if Yeast avoids rise

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Write

Roy Kidd, the football coach at Eastern Kentucky University, believes fullback Nicky Yeast has too much in common' with a baking ingredient of the same, name: Both tend to get puffed up.

After a period in the coach's dog-house, Yeast, a sophomore athleticaliy, has returned to Kidd's good graces by getting his weight down to 234 pounde

"He came in for the third straight year not in good shape," Kidd said of his second-string fullback from Harrodsburg, "He went to summer school and lifted weights, and we thought we'd have him in good shape. But, in the two weeks from the time the sum-mer program ended until he reported, he must not have done much. "In summer school he got up to 247,

and we told him to get down to 235. He came in at 242. He's the only up-perclassman who never finished the conditioning test that we put him through. This is the third year in a row, and he's batting 1.000. "But he's working at it. He's got a

helluva lot of potential; he can run, and he's not afraid to hit."

Yeast is competing with Dale Patton for playing time at fullback, and Patton reported in top shape. "Golly, does he look great!" Kidd said. "He's down to 219, and he left here in the spring at 231. Dale always has worked pretty hard.'

Patton, who was an All-Ohio Valley Conference pick last year, did not have a good spring, Kidd said. "But he was in his fourth spring practice; he's coming into his fifth year. Those guys don't get too motivated when it comes to spring practice. I thought Yeast had a better spring practice than he did."

Most of Eastern's freshmen won't be on exhibit often this season, but Kidd believes the crop may be the fin-est since he's been at the Richmond school. "On the basis of what I've seen so far, it's got to be our best," Kidd said. "I think most of them will fit in in a reserve role. There are some po-



sitions where they're going to have to be second string. But I don't think there's any freshman who's going to start at the beginning."

Kidd, admitting he doesn't want to praise a youngster too much too soon. still has trouble containing his enthusiasm about freshman quarterback Ronnie Wilkerson of Lincoln County, a Class AAA All-State selection last sea-

"When it comes to technique and ball-handling, he's probably the most confused kid out there," the Eastern coach said. "But, standing there throwing the ball, boy, can he zip it in there!

"I don't like to brag on a kid too early, but he's impressed me so far."

Eastern's Buddy Moor, who has used his 6-foot-5, 250-pound frame at tackle the past three years, is trying to fill the big shoes left by Joe Richard at nose guard. He's doing well in some areas, worse in others, Kidd reported. "I think Joe Richard was one of the

finest football players who ever played here," Kidd said. "I couldn't believe that he wasn't picked as the best defensive player in our league. "Buddy can clog up the middle, but I doubt if he can make plays all over

the field like Joe did. He spoiled us.' Richard and his former teammate at Eastern, Ricky Rhodes, are playing

with a semipro team in Columbus, Ohio. "They're trying Richard at linebacker, so maybe somebody (in the National Football League) will take a look at him next year," Kidd said. "With his size, there's no way he can play in the defensive line." .

Kidd seethes a bit when he talks about the pro experiences of David Neal, a center for Eastern's NCAA Division I-AA champions last year. "David went to camp with the (Mi-

ami) Dolphins. He had really worked; "Gibbs had a good night last night, he probably was in as good shape as and he's getting better," Gottfried said he probably was in as good shape as he's ever been," the coach said. "They knew he couldn't run fast. He was a center, and they put him at guard. He practiced four days and they let him

"That's unfair to the kid. He couldn't play guard for us because he couldn't pull and he couldn't run. But, at center, he's got good balance and good agliity. He could play there. I'll guarantee you, if a scout comes around I'll let him know about it."

MURRAY STATE - With the loss of defensive back Terry Love (dislo-cated thumb), Murray State now has two former conference Players of the Year out with injuries this season. Love, who was Defensive Player of the Year in '79, is expected to be out four to six weeks. Tailback Danny Lee Johnson was named the league's top offensive player in '78 but is being redshirted this season because of an injury. He also was hurt most of last

"It's doubtful he could have played (this year). His back didn't come along very well this summer," said Murray coach Mike Gottfried. Of course, the success last year of two other tailbacks, Lindsey Hudsepth and Nick Nance, made the decision to redshirt Johnson easier.

"I feel like we've progressed," said Gottfried of his defending OVC champions, who open at home against Southeast Missouri next Saturday. "We've had several people banged up a little bit, but we're about where we want to be right now." With a veteran team, Murray has

few spots open for freshmen, but a couple of them figure to play. Chris Biggers of Mayfield presently is a second-string wide receiver, and Ronnie Fike of Memphis, Tenn., is running second at tight end. Tailbacks Jeff Mays and Terry Suggs also are likely to play some, Gottfried said. "We've got some depth. The areas

where we don't have any are at quar-terback and safety," Gottfried said. The quarterback will be Gino Gibbs, a junior-college transfer who will re-place Ricky Ray, who left school. Thursday

MOREHEAD STATE -When Morehead graduated two outstanding linebackers, Tommy Warren and Rodney Jefferson, there was considerable doubt that they could be replaced. However, coach Tom Lichtenberg is breathing easier now.

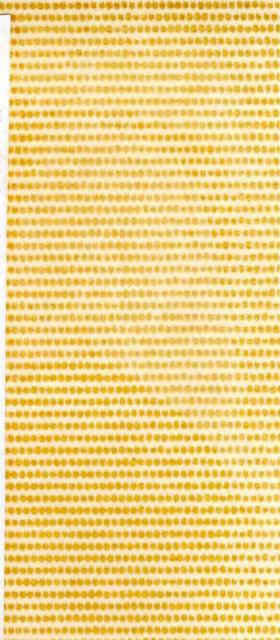
"Danny Gooch has had a great fall," the coach said, "and Gary Carmichael, who was backup to Jefferson last year, probably is one of our fast-est kids. Then, there is Rob Smith, a transfer from Arkansas State. He's 6-4, 228 and is getting better. Also, Steve Denny has been making improvement.

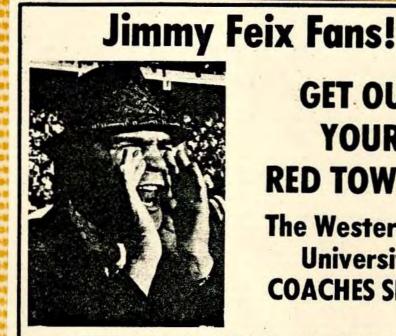
The other big loss on defense free safety Greg Bright, but Ken Hop-kins has done well in that spot. As a freshman two years ago, Hopkins started in the secondary, but he was moved to quarterback last year. In that position, he was used sparingly. This year, Don Reeves has looked

good at quarterback, Lichtenberg re-ported. "He has the ability to throw, and he can run," Lichtenberg said. "We'll have to throw more than we did last year.

WESTERN KENTUCKY - OVC Of fensive Player of the Year John Hall has been nursing a sore shoulder, giving coach Jimmy Feix a better look at other quarterbacks. And junior Marty Jaggers and sophomore Ralph Antone have capitalized on the opportunity to show their talents.

"They've both moved the ball very well in game situations," Feix said "Right now, Hall has to remain my starter at quarterback, but Jaggers and Antone sure aren't going to let John rest on his past achievements." Two other Hilltoppers are rallying from injuries. Offensive tackle Phil Rich has had a bruised shoulder and tailback Barry Skaggs has Achilles tendinitis. But the knee injury that put tailback Nate Jones out of action most of last season seems to have healed. Jones, a senior from Madisonville, reportedly has run well in recent scrim-

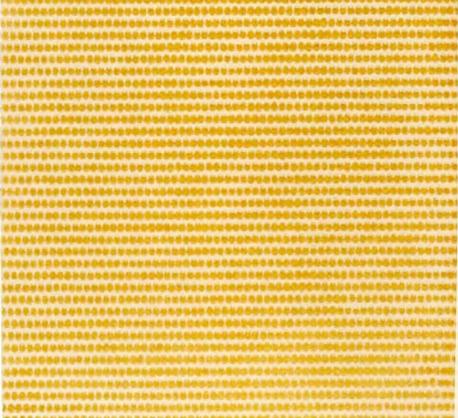




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# **Injury free**

## Tops complete last scrimmage in good health

Western football coach Jimmy Feix accomplished exactly what he had in mind with Saturday's final major preseason scrimmage—getting in a few good licks without getting anybody hurt.

Maybe because of what had happened down the road in Murray earlier this week, that was first and foremost on Feix's mind going into the Saturday morning session at Smith Stadium. Murray standout Terry Love, an All-American deep back last year as a junior, suffered a broken thumb in a scrimmage and may miss the entire 1980 season.

"That can happen," nodded Feix after seeing to it that all his players made it safely to the showers. "Like Murray, we were picked to do well last season and then we started getting those preseason injuries."

"Unless something happens between now and next weekend, we'll all be healthy for Evansville," he added, referring to the Hilltoppers' 1980 season opener here Saturday at 1 p.m. "It almost makes you want to knock on wood, because by this time last year we had already had three surgery cases."

As was the case a week ago in the Hilltoppers' first major scrimmage of the preseason, Feix never had both his first-team offense and defense on the field at the same time.

As a result, the first-team offense went up and down the field during its playing time and the first-team defense gave up even first downs grudgingly. One exception to the rule came late in the intrasquad game when the first-stringers got burned on a long pass from junior quarterback Marty Jaggers to wide receiver Mark Nelson.

"That was a little upsetting," noted Feix. "Our firststring cornerbacks (Lamont Meacham and Davlin

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Mullen) had been looking good this fall, but we didn't look too good on that play."

"Sometimes it's hard to tell how good or bad people are playing when you don't put the first-stringers against each other," he added, "but we haven't done it in a team situation since we started fall practice. There's an element of pride that makes them go all-out against each other, and that's where you get people hurt."

Feix was especially pleased with the performance of senior quarterback John Hall, who had sat out most of last week's practice sessions with a stiff shoulder.

Despite stiff competition from Jaggers and sophomore Ralph Antone, Hall is expected to be Western's starting signal-caller at game time Saturday. According to Feix, Hall's challengers will have to beat him out in a game situation to claim the starting job.

"That's the way it has to be," he explained. "He's been the top quarterback in the league the last two years. The other players will get their shot, but John is proven under fire."

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Linebacker coach Bill Hape likes what he sees in three freshmen—Paul Gray (6-1, 190) of Daviess County, Robert Ray (6-2, 190) of Nashville Stratford and Walter York (6-3, 200) of Warren Central.

"We've been particularly impressed with Gray," noted Hape. "Ray and York have demonstrated a lot of ability. Like most freshmen, they just need to learn to be more physical."

Going into fall drills, the Hilltoppers' depth at linebacker was woefully thin on the inside behind senior Bryan Gray (5-11, 200) and sophomore Tom Tussey (5-11, 210), as well as on the outside behind senior Brad Todd (6-2, 215) and sophomore Greg Barnes (6-1, 195).

Gray, Ray and York already are being counted on to provide depth, and a starting job isn't out of the question for any one of the three somewhere down the road. But for now, Hape will his young aces in the hole.

"Our first-line returnees have played well," he pointed out. "Besides, it's tough for young people to adjust from high school stardom to the competition from so many fine athletes here at the collegiate level."

Sophomore defensive back David Suggs (6-0, 190) was pencilled in as the starter at strong safety after spring practice, but apparently has lost the job to promising sophomore Reginald Johnson (6-2, 205).

"Johnson looks to be the man to beat out at strong safety," said secondary coach Larry Walker. "He came back in great condition, and is learning the ropes quickly."

Meanwhile, Suggs will apparently be used as the No. 1 backup to both Johnson and junior free safety Barry Bumm, a preseason All-Ohio Valley Conference selection. Bumm (6-0, 175) broke a toe in a trailbike accident less than a week before the start of fall practice, but is expected to be healthy by next Saturday.

day. "Suggs has recovered from a summer cold that plagued him the first week of practice," observed Walker, "and seems to be in great shape. He's going to be very important to us in backing up both the strong and free safety positions."

Big Red, the furry mascot who made his debut at Western during basketball season last winter, will "join" the football team this fall.

The colorful mascot was a hit with both Western fans and opponents during the 1979-80 season, and this year will be impersonated by Hodgenville junior Mark Greer. At a recent cheerleading clinic in Blacksburg, Va., Greer—er, make that Big Red—walked away with the highest award in the team mascot division.

As a whole, Western's cheerleading squad finished a lofty third in the national competition.

# **Ready to go**

### Western prepares for opener with Evansville

Pre-season training camps are fast becoming history as September 6 approaches, and with it the opening of the 1980 football season for most schools across the country.

Included among those are Western Kentucky and Evansville who square off on the turf of Smith Stadium in Bowling Green at 1 p.m. (CDT) renewing one of the oldest rivalries in the Hilltopper record books.

"I remember playing Evansville when I was in school." said Western Head Coach Jimmy Feix. "It's a very natural rivalry. And, we know that their new coach, Randy Rodgers, has brought a number of outstanding people into the program there, including some experienced junior college players.

"We'll have our work cut out for us," he added. "They may not have done that well overall last year, but we know that they played Murray State (the Ohio Valley Conference champion) very tough before losing a close one 24-14. That's a sobering thought." Evansville returns 30

lettermen from that 1979

team that went 2-9 overall and 0-6 in the Heartland Collegiate Conference. Western, meanwhile loses only 11 lettermen from last year's 5-5 squad that was 3-3 in the OVC (fourth). But, optimism is the watchword in Red Towel Territory.

There are several reasons for this optimistic outlook. including the return of OVC Offensive Player-of-the-Year John Hall. A senior quarterback, Hall was named first-team All-OVC for the second consecutive season last fall. On the year he completed 108 of 215

passes (.502) for 1,418 yards OVC tight end Ricky Gwinn and 10 touchdowns. Junior signal-caller Marty Jaggers and sophomore Ralph Antone may also see action behind the line.

Other WKU offensive standouts include tailback Nate Jones, who has successfully recovered from knee surgery which sidelined him after three contests last year; tailbacks Barry Skaggs (5 touchdowns rushing) and Craig Freeman (360 yards rushing); fullbacks Elmer Caldwell (562 yds. TDs) and Troy Snardon (358 yds.); and All(30 catches, 4 TDs).

Returning defensive stalwarts include bandit back Brad Todd (115 tackles); free safety Barry Bumm (108 tackles), linebacker Tom Tussey (89 tackles); and defensive ends Donnie Evans (83 tackles) and '79 All-OVC selection Tim Ford (73 tackles).

Ray Farmer, one of the most consistent punters in Western grid history and a pre-season All-OVC pick, returns for his senior year after averaging 39.7 yards per boot in '79.

Evansville also has a good selection of quarterbacks and running backs to insert into their game plan. John Vernasco, a 6-3 sophomore, heads the list. However, two other sophs, 6-1 Mark Hoffman and 6-4 Ralph Pavek, should also see action. Pavek quarterbacked Rodgers' team at Inver Hills (Minn.) Community College last fall.

In the tailback slot Evansville, like Western, can call on a number of talented young men, Tedd Petrik should get the starting nod. However, Cris Guliani (another Inver Hills product, and Steve Seiler, are also likely candidates to carry the ball.

The Hilltoppers own a 12-3-2 advantage over the Purple Acres in the series that began in the fall of 1924 when the E.A. Diddle-coached Westerners topped Evansville 35-0. The two schools last met in 1964 when the 'Toppers came out on top 37-

Excluding current members of the OVC, only two other schools - Louisville and East Tennessee - have challenged Western mor often on the gridiron. Evansville, like Louisville and Western, of course, was a charter member of the OVC. And, East Tennessee is also a former member of the league.

Hilltopper cheerleaders place third

# Big Red' helping carry on Western's winning tradition

Bowling Green - "Big Red," Western Kentucky University's furry creature who started winning hearts as the school's mascot last basketball season, continues to be a success story.

This time he has captured the Cheerleading Universal Association's highest award which goes to team mascots.

Big Red participated, along with Western's cheerleading squad, in the association's camp which was held August 18 through 22 at Virginia Polytechnical Institute in Blackburg, Virginia. He earned the association's "Key to Spirit" Award.

Big Red is impersonated this year by Mark Greer, a junior from

Hodgenville, Kentucky, who is the man behind Big Red's success.

Greer, er, Big Red, also managed to obtain two blue ribbons in skit competition.

Western's cheerleading squad captured top honors also by winning every blue ribbon possible in all areas of competition, and won third overall in the association's camp.

"They all did an exception job," said team advisor Miss Becky Rhoten of Lexington, Kentucky. "When you look at who we placed behind, you know what we mean," said Miss Rhoten, referring to championship winner Ohio State and first and second place winners Memphis State and the University of Kentucky.

"Western walked away with the respect of all the schools there after they saw what our cheerleaders did," said Greer, who acts as official spokesman for Big Red who of course, doesn't talk.

Yell leaders for this year at the university are: Annette Thurman. Evansville, Indiana; Janice Dockery, Chandler, Indiana; Sally Sadler, Morehead, Kentucky; Patti Vencill, Elizabethtown, Kentucky; Karen Sheryak, Valley Station. Kentucky; Barry Morgan, Nashville, Tennessee; Dale Augustine, Owensboro, Kentucky; Tom Daughterty, Nicholasville, Kentucky; David

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Dilley, formerly of Greenville, Kentucky; Jack Quire, Jeffersontown, Kentucky; Jimmy Gibson, Brownsville, Kentucky; and Jenny Johnson of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

**Big Red** 

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Alternates for the squad are Terri Duncan of Edmonton. Kentucky; Jennie Sauer, Louisville, Kentucky; and Mark Allen of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Big Red and Western's cheerleading squad will make their first public appearance this school year with the opening of the Toppers' football season Saturday, September 6 at L.T. Smith Stadium against the Evansville Aces.



WINNERS in every category of competition were WKU cheerleaders at a Universal Cheerleaders Association Camp last week at Virginia Tech University. The Toppers came in third overall in competition. Following their return they proudly display their catch. Front row: Annette Thurman, Evansville; Karen Sheryak, Valley Station; Jenny Johnson, Bowling Green; Sally Sadler, Morehead; Janice Dockery, Chandler; and Patti Vencill, Elizabethtown. Second row: Tom Daugherty, Nicholasville; Jimmy Gibson, Brownsville; Barry Morgan, Nashville; David Dilley, Greenville; Mark Allen, Bowling Green and Jack Quire, Jefferstown.

### Western Hosts Evansville

# Six OVC Squads Open Slates Saturday

#### By RICK BENTLEY NEW ERA Sports Editor

The Ohio Valley Conference football schedule will open Saturday and marks the 33rd season in the league's history. Six of the schools will be in action with only one road contest slated.

Defending champions Murray State, with 20 starters back this season, will try to defend last season's mark of 9-2-1 with a season opener against Southeast Missouri. The game is slated for a 7:30 p.m. kickoff. In the season opener between the two squads last year the teams played to a 21-21 tie.

The Racers will be opening without the services of All-America safety Terry Love who suffered a broken thumb and will be out from four to six weeks.

Since Love has been out, the Murray coaching staff has been experimenting with some changes in the defensive line-up that has included one local switch.

Former Hopkinsville standout Victor Watkins has been shifted to the defensive secondary slot, but he also has been hampered by some minor injuries.

When the season kicks off for Murray, it will be an ex-Christian County player doing the kicking. Jeff Lancaster has been tagged to handle the kickoff duties and will boot all of the long field goals for the Racers.

There is one other bit of local news connected with Murray. Neal Cummins, a walk-on from Caldwell County, has looked strong in preseason. In one scrimmage Cummins pulled in a pass to go 80 yards for a touchdown. Cummins is listed as the third or fourth fullback on the Racer depth chart as a freshman.

Western Kentucky also opens at home in a 1 p.m. battle with Evansville. The Hilltoppers return 16 starters, including OVC Player of the Year John Hall.

Hall is slated as the starting quarterback this year but is being hard pressed by Marty Jaggers and Ralph Antone. Hall has been on the sideline with a sore shoulder and has missed several practices. Offensive tackle Phil Rich is out with a bruised shoulder and Barry Skaggs is suffering with Achilles tendonitis, but both are expected to be ready to play Saturday afternoon.

In other action around the league, Eastern Kentucky will open up a defense of its I-AA national championship with a home bout against Kentucky State. The Colonels return 33 lettermen with 11 starters scheduled to suit up agian.

Akron, the new kid on the block, begins its first climb to an OVC title with a home battle against Northeast Missouri while Morehead will play host to long-time rival Marshall in a 1:30 p.m. (EDT) game.

Middle Tennessee opens on the road with a battle against North Alabama. The Blue Raiders will be looking to improve on a dismal 1-9 record from last season.

Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech open their seasons Sept. 13. The Governors will travel to UT-Martin while the Golden Eagles will host West Carolina.

# Hall shakes off injury

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

Most people know that Western quarterback John Hall not only was named All-Ohio Valley Conference last year as a junior, but also took home OVC offensive player of the year honors.

What most people don't know is that Hall played hurt throughout the 1979 campaign, thanks to a stiff shoulder he blames on nobody but himself.

"Everybody had always warned me about throwing hard without warming up first," recalled Hall, "but I didn't listen to them. About three or four days before our season opener at Chattanooga last year, I started throwing and felt something pop."

"I had a sore arm the rest of the year," added the freckle-faced senior from Goodlettsville, Tenn. "It didn't bother me enough to keep me out of the lineup, but it hurt all year long."

Stiff shoulder and all, Hall still finished the year with 108 completions in 215 attempts for 1,418 yards and 10 touchdowns. But Hall thinks he can do better, and needs only to point to his sophomore season to prove it.

Hall was the trigger man in Western's 1978 return from the dead, if you recall. In his first full year as a starter, he led the Hilltoppers to a surprising 8-2 record (6-0 in the OVC) by hitting on 106 of 209 passes for 1,439 yards and 12 scores.

"I had about the same passing yardage

both years," noted Hall, "but I felt like I had a lot better year as a sophomore. I had more touchdowns and fewer interceptions."

Western, of course, also had a better year in 1978. Despite all sorts of high hopes going into the 1979 season, thanks to the return of most of the key players from the year before, the Hilltoppers lost most of the close ones and dipped disappointly to 5-5.

The turning point of the season came in an 8-6 loss to Eastern at Richmond, where a victory might have helped Jimmy Feix's team overcome two early-season poundings at the hands of Division I-A powers UT-Chattanooga and Lamar.

"If we had won that Eastern game," mused Hall, "I think we might have wound up 8-2 again last year."

Western pushed the Colonels all over the field a year ago before a disbelieving crowd at Hanger Field, piling up some 340 yards in total offense and 22 first downs compared to only 10 for the winners, but still managed only six points. That left Eastern alive in the running for a berth in the Division 1-AA playoffs, and the rest is history.

Like it happened only yesterday, Hall remembers very well seeing the Colonels hammer Lehigh 30-7 in the national championship game at Orlando, Fla., last December.

"It made me sick," he said. "I just couldn't believe it. But I think it also inspired me and the rest of our players after the way we pushed them around up there last year, because we know we can go all the way if they can."

Hall will be the starting quarterback at 1 p.m. Saturday when Western kicks off the 1980 season at home against Evansville, but it hasn't been as easy as it sounds. Besides the stiff shoulder that is just now coming around, the veteran signal-caller also has had to fight off strong challenges from teammates Marty Jaggers and Ralph Antone.

"I thought I might wind up in the pressbox with you guys for a while there," he chuckled. "My shoulder was so stiff I couldn't even brush my teeth, and both Marty and Ralph were looking great in practice."

"There really isn't any jealousy between us," added Hall. "In fact, Marty and I try to room together when we go on the road and we usually have wrestling contests the night before the game. We do some hunting and fishing together, too."

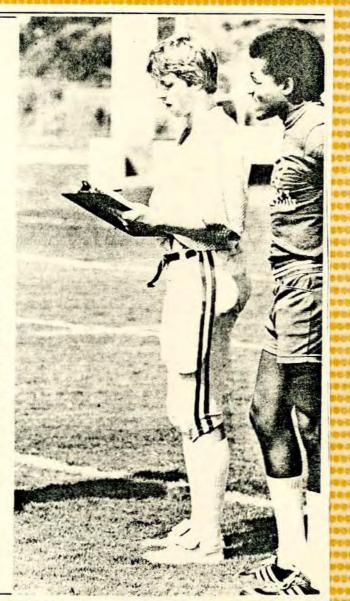
A week ago it looked like the quarterback job was up for grabs, but Hall's return to health took care of that. Feix has gone on record saying Hall will have to lose his job in a game situation if he loses it at all, giving the four-year starter a chance to become the first quarterback in OVC history to make allconference three years in a row.

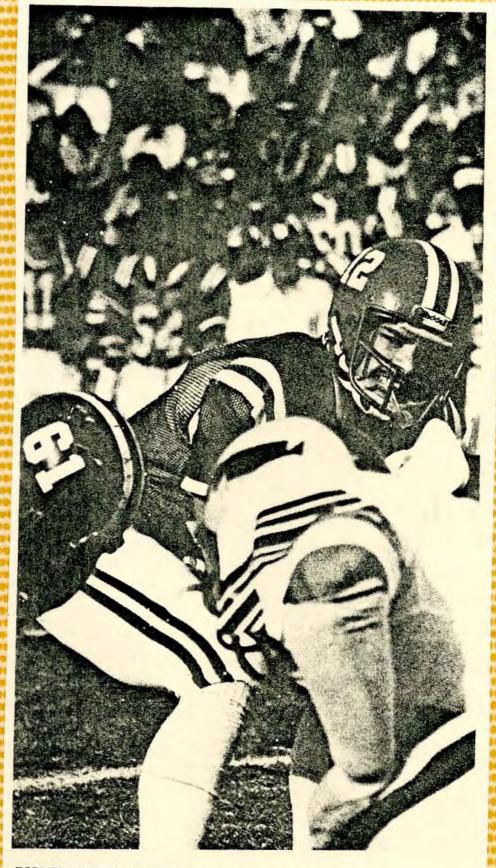
"I didn't even know about that until I read it in your paper a few days ago," admitted Hall. "I'm sure that would be important to me later on when all I have are memories, but right now I just want to do what Eastern did last year."

### **Healthy now**

WESTERN quarterback John Hall was armed only John Hall was armed only with a pencil and clip-board during the Hilltoppers' first major scrimmage of the preseason recently, but figures to be at full speed Saturday in the season opener against Evan-sville. Hall played well in a scrimmage over the weekend, despite missing almost a week of practice with a stiff shoulder. In foreground is graduate assistant Kirby Bennett.

(Staff photo)





FORMER TRIGG COUNTY STAR Marty Jaggers could get a chance to play Saturday in the Western Kentucky University opener. Starting quarterback

John Hall is suffering with a sore shoulder and Jaggers could be called on to handle signal calling duties.

# **Mismatch?**

## HRS sees Western coasting in season opener

It's been five years since Western's football team won a season opener, but the Hanes Rating System is picking the Hilltoppers to do just that this weekend against Evansville

Truth is, the HRS isn't exactly going out on a limb in picking Western to win its lidlifter 1 p.m. Saturday at Smith Stadium. The last time Evansville got the best of the Hilltoppers was way back in 1954, and the football programs of the two schools have gone in different directions since then.

In the only two gridiron meetings between the two in the last 20 years, Western won 54-14 in 1963 and 37-0 the following year.

In the interest of fairness, it should be pointed out that both of those Western teams did some beating up on other folks. The 1963 squad finished 10-0-1 including a 27-0 romp past top-ranked Coast Guard in the Tangerine Bowl, and the 1964 bunch followed up with a respectable 6-3-1.

It should also be pointed out, however, that Evan-sville's lack of emphasis on football in recent years is about the only thing keeping the Aces from returning to the Ohio Valley Conference.

Evansville was actually a charter member of the OVC, along with Louisville and the four present Kentucky members (Western, Eastern, Murray and Morehead). But in 1952, only four years after the formation of the league, Evansville dropped out and was replaced by Middle Tennessee.

Currently, the Aces are members of the Heartland Conference along with several smaller Indiana schools. Evansville didn't win a league game last fall and wound up 2-9 overall, with its best game of the entire fall perhaps coming in a respectable 24-14 early-season loss to Murray's eventual OVC champions. The week before, the Aces had dropped a 15-10

decision to lowly Georgetown.

Western is one of five OVC teams in action this weekend. Eastern entertains Kentucky State and Morehead plays host to Marshall in other day games, while Murray entertains Southeast Missouri and Middle Tennessee travels to Northern Alabama under the lights.

This weekend also offers five games involving Southeastern Conference teams, including Kentucky's



season opener at home Saturday against Utah State.

As in recent years, the HRS will match its wits-dim as they are, on occasion-with those of the infamous Major Amos B. Hoople, who hasn't been able to see the forest for the trees the last few seasons. In contested games a year ago (where the HRS and Hoople forecasts disagreed on the outcome), our crystal ball wound up with almost a 2-1 advantage.

Comparing this week's forecasts, we find only four discrepancies...but one of them is a biggie. The HRS says Purdue will escape from South Bend, Ind., with a one-point victory over blood rival Notre Dame, while Hoople likes the Irish in a 31-27 free-for-all.

The HRS also differs with the Major this week by tabbing East Carolina over Duke, LSU over Florida State in a mild upset and Mississippi State over Memphis State.

On to the first fearless forecast of the season, which sees good things in store for both Western and Kentucky this weekend but tough sailing (into a Hurricane, no less) for the University of Louisville: OVC

Western 41, E'ville 14: Jimmy Feix never has been much for rolling up the score on anybody, so it won't be a case of pouring it on. Trouble is, he's got three quarterbacks good enough to start for most teams in the OVC...not to mention Evansville.

In other words, look for the Hilltoppers to put points on the board regardless of whether John Hall, Marty Jaggers or Ralph Antone is taking the snaps. Eastern 24, Ky. State 7: The Thorobreds picked a bad

year to start taking on their OVC neighbors. Opening with Eastern and Western back-to-back might just

break their backs, doing the same damage that nonconference games with UT-Chattanooga and Lamar did to Western last fall.

Other OVC games: Murray 28, Southeast Mo. 7 Marshall 17, Morehead 13 M. Tenn. 20, N. Alabama 17 SEC

UK 23, Utah State 7: The Wildcats may struggle on offense some early in the season, but not against the likes of this bunch. If they do, they're really going to be in trouble next week at Norman, Okla.

Alabama 30, Ga. Tech 0: The Crimson Tide is looking for an unprecented third straight national championship, while Tech is still looking for somebody else to show up in its place Saturday at Birmingham. Roll, Tide, roll.

LSU 21, Florida St. 17: Last year the Seminoles had two proven quarterbacks in Jimmy Jordan and Wally Woodham. This year they don't have any, and Tiger Stadium is a bad place to break somebody in.

Other SEC games:

Tennessee 21, Georgia 17 Miss. St. 14, Memphis St. 7 Texas A&M 27, Ole Miss 17

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Purdue 24, Notre Dame 23: It will be an emotional game for the Fighting Irish, whose coach Dan Devine is stepping down at the end of the season, but it's also an emotional game for Purdue whenever it plays Notre Dame.

Miami 24, Louisville 14: The Cardinals figure to face a rebuilding season under new head man Bob Weber, while Miami is hoping to field its strongest team in vears.

Other games:

### Dunkel football ratings

KENTUCKY, INDIANA COLLEGES Favorite, rating **Opponent**, rating Kentucky\* 83.4 ..... Utah State 79.8 Miami (Fla.) 78.8 ..... Louisville\* 72.8 Purdue 94.7 ..... Notre Dame\* 92.2 Central Michigan\* 79.5 .. Ball State 76.2 Ferris State\* 50.7 ...., St. Joseph's 39.5 Franklin 36.7 ..... Olivet\* 32.5 Kenyon\* 26.0 ..... DePauw 23.8 Marshall 53.6 ..... Morehead\* 50.5 Murray" 64.7 ..... SE Missouri 55.7 

### **College** report

## Western, Centre getting ready

Most Kentucky College football teams engaged in intersquad scrimmages this past Saturday and Western and Centre were no exception. WKU, which will open Saturday, September 6 against Evansville, held their final big Saturday workout morning. Meanwhile, Centre held their first pre-season scrimmage in the afternoon. They open with Maryville, Saturday, September 13 at Danville.

Mike Curnutte, who is currently the Hilltoppers number one place kicker, booted two extra points and a 38 yard field goal. Curnutte was at the line for four attempts, with the fainl one being a false extra point, making him 100% for the outing.

Centre has a different look both offensively and defensively under new Coach Joe McDaniel. The offense posted three TDs during the scrimmage, all on runs, while the defense picked off a pass from

the second team offense to score once

Wide receiver, Tony Curnutte will start for the second year at that position. He had a good day, catching three passes for a total of 37 yards.

Mike Ward who started at an offensive tackle position last season was used briefly at a defensive slot early in the week. He was back on offense for the scrimmage however, and made several key blocks.

The Colonels will hold their final big scrimmage with Georgetown College, Friday, September 5 at 3 p.m.

The fact that Green County has three former football players now starting on college squads is certainly a tribute to the Dragon program. No other school in our area can come close to this accomplishment. Therefore, Green Countians should make an effort to support these athletes.

Tickets to both Centre and Western games are inexpensive and readily available. The following are their home schedules:

	Western	
Sept. 6	Evansville	1 p.m.
Sept. 27	Austin Peay	1 p.m.
Oct. 11 Yo	oungstown State	1 p.m.
Oct. 25	Eastern	1 p.m.
Nov. 8 Mi	iddle Tennessee Centre	1 p.m.
Sept. 13	Maryville	12 noon
	Washington & I	
Oct. 11	Principia	12
Oct. 18	Rose-Hulman	12
Nov. 1	Wabash	12
On the	golf scene.	Savona

Williams, one of the Lady Hilltoppers top three golfers, will be returning to action this fall. Western's first tournament will be held on September 15 and 16 at Bowling Green.

Jim Perkins, freshman golfer at Campbellsville College, will also be playing on September 15. That tournament will be held at Evansville, Indiana.

Tops sport clean bill of health for opener

By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor Late last spring, Western football oogether and decided which 22 players they d like to have in the starting lineup tor the 1980 season opener. Down to the last man, those same 22 of decision of the starting when the billitoppers kick off the season at home staurday (1 p.m.) against Evansville, a rivid of years gone by. And according to react a symptotic billion of the starting in a sever high the start is something that's never happened before. happened before. "I can't remember a single year

when all 22 players we had planned to start at the end of spring practice were still healthy by the time the season opener rolled around," said Feix. "We all sat down in the spring and said we'd like to start these 11 guys on offense and these 11 on defense," he added. "That's what we're going to have Saturday, unless somebody slips on a banana peel on his way to class." Speaking of freak accidents, one a few weeks ago came close to spolling Western's perfect score in health. Junior free safety Barry Bumm (6-0, 173) suffered a broken toe in a trailbike

accident, and has seen only limited duty in practice so far this fall. "He won't quite be at full speed," admitted Feix, "but we feel like we have to have him in three. His toe is still a little sore, but he needs to play." Bumm is only one of 17 starters returning from last year's 5-5 feam, and also one of six Western players recently named to the 1980 preseason Al-Oho Valley Conference team by the league coaches. Joining him on the honor squad were senior quarterback John Hall, senior tight end Ricky Gwinn, senior linebacker Brad Todd, junior

defensive end Tim Ford and senior punter Ray Farmer. Western appears to be loaded on offense this fail, with Hall (6-0, 185) directing the passing game and senior tailback Nate Jones (5-10, 185) retur-ting form a break initiation to bend mutning from a knee injury to head up the ground attack.

ground attack. Hall, starting for the fourth year in a row and hoping to become the first quarterback in league history to be named All-OVC three years in a row, appeared to be back at 100 percent in the Hilltoppers' final major scrimmage after battling a stiff shoulder during

much of the preseason. Jones, meanwhile, has been the most pleasant surprise of the fall after bouncing back from knee surgery a

bouncing back from knee surgery a year ago. "We haven't made any specific preparations on stopping either Hall or Jones," said Evansville rookie coach Randy Rodgers. "In fact, we don't even have a scouting report on Western, we're just going to try to play good fundamental defense." One key univer on the "doubtful" list

One key player on the "doubtful" list is sophomore quarterback John Ver-nasco (6-3, 190), whom Rodgers brought

along with him from Inver Hills (Mina.) Community College when he got the Evansville job. Vernasco got cleated in a practice session recently, and was on crutches last week. All of which leaves Rodgers with inexperienced sophomore Mark Hoff-man (6-1, 170) at quarterback. If Hoffman does get the starting nod, the first play from scrimmage will be his first snap in a college game. Evansville suffered through a dismal 29 campaign last fall, losing to such teams as Georgetown, Saginaw Valley and Valparaiso.

Evansville vs. Western

#### Time: 2 p.m. (CDT).

Location: L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green, Ky.

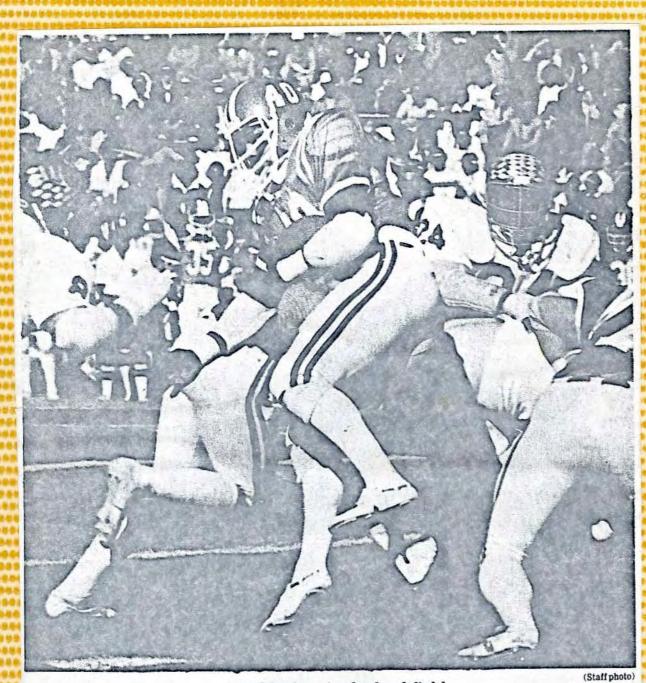
Coaches: Randy Rodgers, Evansville; Jimmy Feix, Western.

Records: Evansville 0-0 (2-9 in 1979); Western 0-0 (5-5 in 1979).

Notes: Western is one of the leading contenders for the Ohio Valley Conference title. The Hilltoppers return 19 starters, including quarterback John Hall, offensive player of the year last season in the OVC. Evansville, a Division III team, returns 30 lettermen from Inct year's 2-9 team.



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### Double duty in the backfield

TROY SNARDON (40) of Western, a junior fullback and former prep standout at Todd Central, will again be used primarily as a blocking back this fall but also can carry the ball when called upon. The Hilltop-

pers kick off the 1980 season at home Saturday (1 p.m.) against Evansville.

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TB-Cris Guliani (28)	6-0 180 Jr.
FB-Chris Benzel (31) F-Steve Wright (44)	6-0 200 Sr.
SE-Gary McCall (81)	6-0 200 Sr. 6-0 175 So.
TE-Steve Pence (87)	6-3 220 Jr.
T-John Wessic (75)	6-4 215 So.
G-Tom Rhind (55)	5-10 205 Jr.
C-Marvin Boswell (66)	6-2 220 Sr.
G-Tom Shallenberger (62)	6-2 190 Fr.
T-Mark Foster (73)	6-4 235 Fr.
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T-Carl Bellew (51)	5-10 210 Jr. 6-0 220 Jr.
ILB—Phil Burk (50)	6-1 195 Jr.
ILB-Bill Mortis (52)	6-0 200 Fr.
OLB-Brad Hooper (54)	6-1 200 Jr.
OLB-Russ Garvey (77)	6-4 220 Jr.
CB-Ray Streight (11)	5-9 175 Jr.
CB-Tom Isaacs (23)	5-9 165 So.
SS—Joe Greg Wright (41)	6-0 180 Sr.
FS—John Hardaway (30)	6-0 185 Jr.
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PosPlayer (No.)	Ht. Wt. Yr.
QB-John Hall (18)	6-0 185 Sr.
TB-Nate Jones (43)	5-10 185 Sr.
FB-Troy Snardon (40)	6-0 205 Jr.
F-Ron Hunter (86)	5-11 185 So.
SE-Jerry Flippin (82)	5-8 165 Jr.
TE-Ricky Gwinn (88)	6-2 220 Sr.
T-Phil Rich (70) G-Pete Walters (68)	6-4 260 Sr. 6-3 255 Sr.
C-Greg Gallas (55)	6-1 225 Jr.
G-Mark Blackburn (64)	5-10 215 Jr.
T-Steve Catlett (65)	6-1 230 So.
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NG-Tony Wells (54) T-Donnie Evans (50)	6-4 240 Jr.
ILB-Bryan Gray (58)	5-11 200 Sr.
ILB-Tom Tussey (53)	5-11 210 So.
OLB-Brad Todd (85)	6-2 215 Sr.
OLB-Greg Barnes (32)	6-1 195 So.
CB-Lamont Meacham (28)	6-0 170 Jr.
CB-Davlin Mullen (20)	6-1 170 So.
SS-Reginald Johnson (37)	6-2 205 So.
FS—Barry Bumm (19)	6-0 175 Jr.

Hall picks Aces

# apart as Tops rom

### By CLARK HANES

Daily News Sports Editor John Hall said he felt like he "was throwing hand grenades.

As far as Evansville was concerned, Western's senior quarterback couldn't have done much more damage if he had been. Western rolled to an easy 40-18 win over the outmanned Aces in the 90-degree heat Saturday at Smith Stadium, with Hall passing at will against the visitors before mercifully letting his understudies take over.

The two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference quar-terback wound up hitting on eight of 11 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns while he was in the game, while the Hilltoppers amassed a staggering 518 yards in total offense.

During the 1979 campaign and most of this preseason, Hall had been hampered by a stiff shoulder. But to hear him tell it, slippery footballs were more of a problem than anything else during the season opener for both teams witnessed by a sun-drenched crowd of 13,000.

"I had a problem holding on to the football," he said afterwards. "Everybody's hands were sweating, and by the time I got the ball it was always wet. I felt like I was throwing hand grenades." Hand grenades? Well, maybe not...but bombs

nonetheless

Hall dropped his first heavyweight late in the first quarter, when he connected with flanker Ron Hunter on a 71-yard scoring pass. By that time, Western had already engineered a 62-yard scoring march to take an early 7-0 lead. The Hilltoppers tacked on another score in the

second period to take a 21-0 advantage into the dressing room at the half, and Hall put the visitors out of their misery early in the second half.

Western's first possession of the third quarter came at the Aces' 45-yard line, thanks to an 18-yard punt return by Davlin Mullen. Four plays later, Hall combined with All-OVC tight end Ricky Gwinn on a picture-perfect screen pass that covered the last 30 yards to the end zone.

The Hilltoppers next got the ball at their own 35, and moments later Hall found split end Jerry Flippin all alone in the Aces' secondary for what proved to be a 47yard scoring play. That moved Western ahead by 34-0 midway through the third quarter, and it was Hall's last hurrah of the afternoon

"I thought John had a great game," praised Western coach Jimmy Feix, delighted with the Hilltoppers' first win in a season opener since 1975. "I'm not just talking about the touchdown passes, either. I thought he executed well throughout the game." During the last four seasons, Feix had seen his teams

victimized by tough opening-day opponents. Western had lost three openers in a row to UT-Chattanooga going into Saturday's game, preceded by a 10-10 deadlock with Troy State in 1976. "A game like this has to help our confidence, but I

think we still believed in ourselves after last year's opener," observed Feix, referring to a 41-28 loss to UTC. "We still had confidence in ourselves after that game, because we knew Chattanooga was loaded. We just got so many people hurt we never recovered.

As had been the case throughout the preseason for the first time since Feix could remember, the Hilltoppers again avoided any serious injuries Saturday despite the sweltering heat. Hall was by no means a one-man gang, with backup

quarterbacks Marty Jaggers and Ralph Antone combining to hit on five of 11 passes for 79 yards and still another touchdown. Antone connected with reserve split end John Newby for a 43-yard scoring

pass early in the last quarter. While the Hilltoppers' passing game stole the show, the running attack was at least adequate. Senior tailback Nate Jones scooted for 79 yards including a 30-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, while junior fullback Troy Snardon bulled for 40 yards including an



11-yard TD in the opening minutes of the game. Snardon's score came on the heels of a 62-yard drive that consumed 11 plays, and staked the Hilltoppers to a 7-0 before Evansville ever got its hands on the ball.

Western faced three crucial third-down situations during that initial march of the season, and passed the test each time. Snardon plowed for four yards on a third-and-two at the Western 46, Hall hit Hunter for a nine-yard pass on a third-and-seven at the Aces' 47 and then teamed with Flippin for a 23-yard pass play on a third-and-10 situation at the Evansville 38.

Two plays later, Snardon broke through a hole at the line of scrimmage and carried two defenders the last five yards into the end zone.

"I thought we made the big plays at the beginning of the game when we had to," said Feix. "After that, we were able to have things pretty much our own way and got to play a lot of people.

While the Hilltoppers were emptying their bench during the final quarter, Evansville put three quick touchdowns on the board. In fact, by the end of the game Feix had sent his first-team defense back into the

game to keep the Aces' uprising from getting out of hand

on a three-yard scoring run by 230-pound fullback Mick Schnell, following a blocked punt that gave them the ball at the Western 16

Later in the game, sophomore quarterback John Vernasco-who had been listed as "doubtful" going into the game because of a sore foot-completed scoring passes of 35 yards to Cris Guliani and 32 yards to Jay Barnett.

"Before we came down here, we told ourselves all we wanted to do was play good football." said first-year Evansville coach Randy Rodgers. "I thought we did that. We spotted them a 21-0 lead in the first half, but we never let it get out of hand."

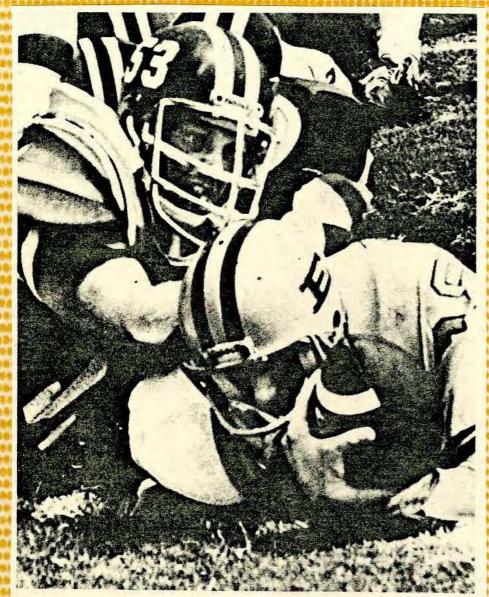
"They wound up having to put their first-team defense in there at the end of the game," he added. "I

thought that was paying us a compliment." Evansville, a Division II school, returns to its own level of competition at home next Saturday against Saginaw Valley (Mich.), while Western travels to Frankfort to take on a surprising Kentucky State team that battled Eastern to the wire before losing 24-21 Saturday in Richmond

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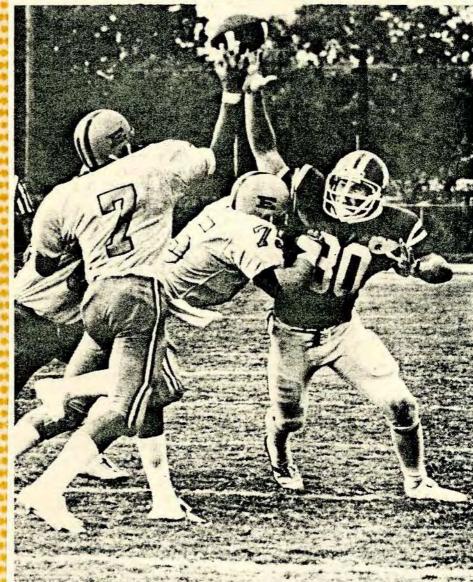
The visitors broke the ice early in the fourth quarter



(Staff photos by Mark Workman)

### **Dee-fense!**

TOM TUSSEY (above) of Western puts the crunch on Evansville running back Cris Guliani (28) during Saturday's season opener for both teams at Smith Stadium. Below, defensive end Tim Ford (80) of the Hilltoppers gives quarterback John Vernasco (7) something to think about as he launches a pass just out of Ford's reach. Western won 40-18, with Evansville scoring only after the Hilltoppers began clearing the bench.



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# Western rips Evansville 40-18 as Hall passes for three TDs

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Hall may be on his way to winning the passes and Ralph Antone two of six, Ohio Valley Conference's Offensive including one for a touchdown. Jeff Player of the Year for the second Bender's only pass fell incomplete. straight football season.

Hall completed eight of 11 passes Western's leading rushers, Nate for 258 yards and three touchdowns Jones and Troy Snardon, also scored while sparking Western to an easy victory in the season opener for both teams. Hall threw one interception in 13,000 fans at L. T. Smith Stadium.

In all, Western used four different quarterbacks after jumping ahead 34-

0 entering the fourth quarter. Marty BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - John Jaggers completed three of five

Split end Jerry Flippin and flanker-That is, if yesterday's performance back Ron Hunter were Western's top in a 40-18 romp over Evansville is any receivers. Flippin caught five passes indication of what kind of senior year for 148 yards and one TD, Hunter the Western Kentucky University three passes for 100 yards and a quarterback is going to have. score.

one touchdown apiece. Jones, playing for the first time since suffering a knee injury in the third game of the the game played before an estimated 1979 season, ran 10 times for 79 yards, and scored on a 30-yard run. Snardon scored Western's first touchdown on an 11-yard run and gained 40 yards in eight carries for the game.

Ray Farmer, a senior punter from Waggener High in Jefferson County, set a school record for the most punts attempted in a career. Farmer booted his 167th punt late in the first half, surpassing the old record of 166 by Gary Mears from 1970 to 1972. Farmer totaled 186 yards on four punts yesterday for an average of 46.5. His longest punt covered 53 yards.

Defensive standouts for Western were nose guard Tony Wells and linebackers Tom Tussey and Paul Gray. Wells and Tussey each was credited with four main tackles and three assists. Gray, a freshman from Daviess County High, recovered one Evansville fumble and intercepted a pass.

Western took the opening kickoff and marched 62 yards in 11 plays, scoring on Snardon's 11-yard run. Its next scoring drive required only two plays as Hall connected with Hunter for a 71-yard bomb.

#### Statistics

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Attendance - 13,000 est.

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# **Hilltoppers stomp Evansville**

BOWLING GREEN (AP) — John Hall passed for three touchdowns Saturday afternoon to lead Western Kentucky to a 40-18 romp over Evansville in the college football opener for each team.

Hall completed eight of 11 passes for 258 yards in a little more than two quarters of action, including touchdown passes of 71 yards to Ron Hunter, 30 yards to Ricky Gwinn and 47 yards to Jerry Flippin.

"Overall I thought it was a good ball game for us," said Coach Jimmy Feix. "We looked much sharper offensively than we did last year."

Hall's long-ball assault allowed Western to roll up a 27-0 margin early in the third period that settled the issue.

"John Hall looked super," said Feix. "And I thought Jerry Flippin, Nate Jones and Ricky Gwinn had big games for us too."

### area roundup

Evansville was blanked until the final period, when the visitors scored three times under the direction of substitute quarterback John Bernasco, who completed 13 of 25 attempts for 249 yards and a pair of scores.

With Hall at the helm, Western moved 62 yards in 11 plays for its first touchdown, which came on Troy Snardon's 11-yard run less than five minutes into the game. The Hilltoppers struck with 3:16 left in the first period when Hall hooked up with Hunter for 71 yards to complete a two-play drive that covered 84 yards. Western went 85 yards in 11 plays in the second period for the score that gave the Toppers a 21-0 halftime edge. Nate Jones capped that surge with a 30-yard run with 2:15 left before intermission.

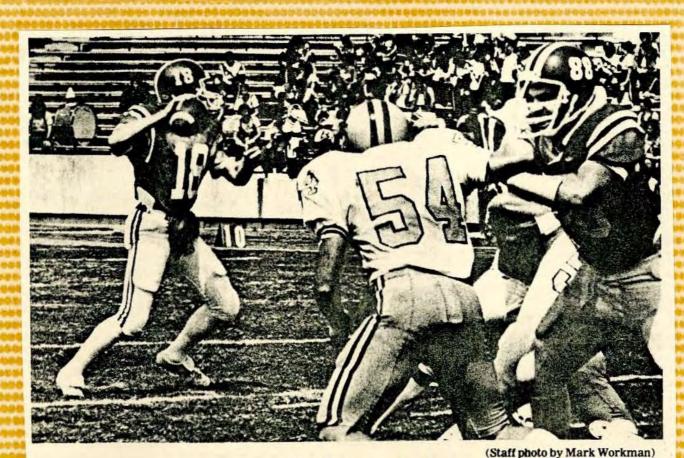
**EKU WINS** — David Flores kicked three field goals and an extra point, including a field goal with 1:39 left that gave Eastern Kentucky a 24-21 victory over Kentucky State in an intersectional college football game Saturday in Richmond.

Eastern Kentucky opened the scoring with a 37-yard field goal by Flores with 9:27 in the first period, and added a 4yard scoring run by tailback Alvin Miller at 2:49. Flores tacked on a 23-yard field goal with 13:30 in the half.

Kentucky State scored on a 2-yard run by Wilbur Dunn with 3:12 left in the half and Mark Stoute added the extra point to leave the score 13-7 at the half. With 8 seconds left in the third period, quarterback Victor Rice hit Alphonso Bailey on a 37-yard scoring pass and Stoute added the extra point to give the visitors a 14-13 lead at the end of the quarter.

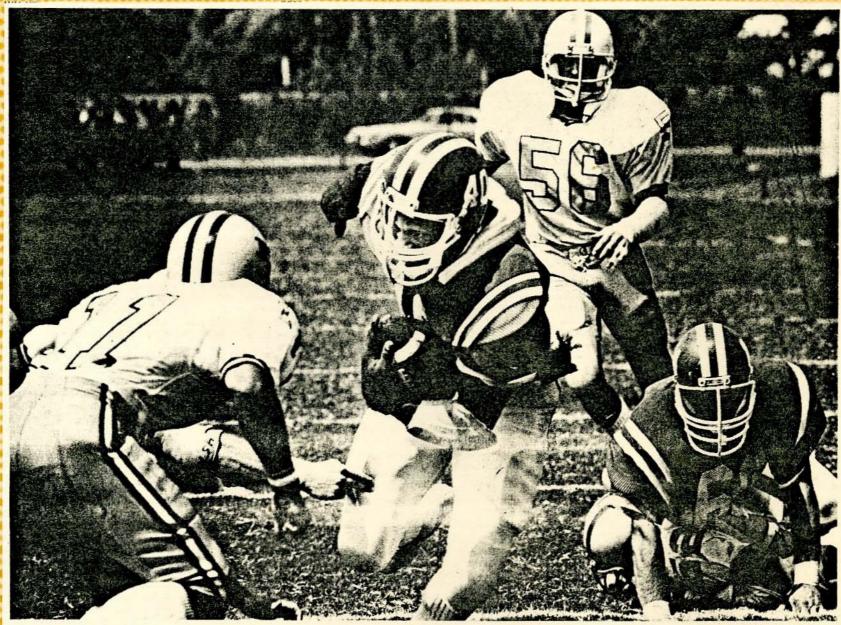
MARSHALL BOMBS MOREHEAD — Jon Sharretts passed for one touchdown and set up two others Saturday as Marshall swamped host Morehead 35-8 in the college football opener for both teams.

Sharretts broke open a tight game in the third period when he passed 19 yards to Dickie Rollins for the first touchdown of the dayy and a 13-0 Marshall lead. Sharretts' passing set up Marshall's next two scores, a 9-yard run by Tim Campbell later in the third period and Jimmy North's 1-yard run early in the fourth period.



### Hall has a ball

WESTERN QUARTERBACK John Hall (18) prepares to deliver a pass while teammate Ricky Gwinn (88) blocks Evansville defender Brad Hooper (54) during Saturday's game at Smith Stadium. Hall threw three touchdown passes to lead Western to a 40-18 victory.



Gleaner photo by Chuck Stinnett

Troy Snardon, 40, of Western Kentucky goes into the end zone for a score despite the soon-to-come hit of University of Evansville

defender Ray Streight, 11. The Hilltoppers won 40-18 in Bowling Green Saturday. It was the opener for both teams.



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## **Tops to be tested Saturday**

It seems safe to say that Western will get its first test of the football season Saturday against Kentucky State in Frankfort.

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The Hilltoppers' first non-conference outing of the 1980 campaign was a 40-18 waltz past outclassed Evansville here over the weekend, and there were those of us who thought this week's trip to Frankfort might be another breather. But that was before the Thorobreds' trip over the weekend to Richmond, where Eastern's defending Division I-AA national champions apparently thought the same thing.

By the time Kentucky State had taken a stunning 21-13 lead early in the last quarter, the Colonels no doubt had changed their minds.

Eastern came back to win 24-21, with a 39-yard field goal by steady senior David Flores providing the margin of victory with less than two minutes to play. The Colonels had tied the game up with less than five minutes remaining when junior quarterback Chris Isaac hit Steve Bird with a three-yard scoring pass, and then connected with Jerry Parrish on a two-point conversion pass.

"I believe deep in my heart that the players underestimated Kentucky State," admitted Eastern coach Roy Kidd after the game. "I don't think the coaches did."

On the other hand, Western coach Jimmy Feix got to play everybody during Saturday's game at Smith Stadium that wasn't as close as the final score indicated.

In fact, the Hilltoppers wound up using 15 different running backs during the afternoon after piling up a comfortable 34-0 lead going into the fourth quarter. Evansville did do some damage behind quarterback John Vernasco in the last 15 minutes, but most of it came against Western's defensive reserves.

Feix was especially pleased that his second-team



defense got to see so much action, for obvious reasons. The unit includes only two non-freshmen, noseguard Morrell Moore and deep back David Suggs.

Feix is particularly high on his quartet of freshman linebackers—Paul Gray (6-2, 213) of Daviess County and Robert Ray (6-0, 201) of Nashville Stratford on the inside, along with Walter York (6-2, 200) of Warren Central and David Norwood (6-0, 195) of Louisville Iroquois on the outside.

Gray had been especially impressive during preseason drills, and looked the part again Saturday. He was always around the football, intercepting a pass and recovering a fumble.

Western punter Ray Farmer had a good day, kicking four times for an average of 46.5 yards, but Murray kicker David Tuck—the former Butler County standout—almost stole the show during the Racers' 19-6 season-opening win over Southeast Missouri on Saturday night.

Tuck does both the punting and placekicking for the Racers, and SEMO found out why the hard way. He averaged 44 yards on seven punts including a recordbreaking 81-yarder that got Murray out of a deep hole, and drilled field goals of 37 and 30 yards.

Murray's defense limited the visitors from Cape Girardeau, Mo., to just 46 yards rushing, but highlytouted quarterback Gino Gibbs had a less than auspicious debut. He hit on only three of nine passes for 74 yards.

In other games involving Ohio Valley Conference teams over the weekend, Akron rolled past Northeast Missouri 31-7 in a tuneup for this week's showdown with Eastern, Morehead fell apart in the second half and dropped a 35-8 decision to neighboring Marshall, and Middle Tennessee fell 36-0 on the road against Northern Alabama.

Akron begins OVC play at home against Eastern on Saturday night, and don't be surprised if the new kids on the block make some noise right away.

#### It figures to be a long, long weekend for followers of the Cats & Cards.

Kentucky was anything but impressive Saturday in Lexington, having to come from behind in the last period to defeat unheralded Utah State 17-10. Later in the evening, Louisville opened its first season under Bob Weber and dropped a 24-10 decision to visiting Miami of Florida.

Things won't get any easier for either club this weekend—UK travels to Oklahoma on Saturday, while UL plays a night game at Florida State.

It will be the season opener for the fifth-ranked Sooners, who return almost everybody from last year's potent wishbone offense that destroyed Florida State in the Orange Bowl. Meanwhile, Florida State may be better than last year's 11-1 outfit, if Saturday night's convincing 16-0 win at LSU is anything to go by.

### Sports shorts.

#### Hall player of week

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection from Western Kentucky, quarterback John Hall, is picking up where he left off last year — throwing scoring strikes to Hilltopper receivers.

Hall, a 6-foot, 185 pound senior from Goodlettsville, Tenn., led Western Kentucky to a 40-18 nonconference victory Saturday over Evansville in the season opener for both teams.

He completed eight of 11 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns while playing only about half the contest. For his efforts, Hall has been named the OVC's first Offensive Player of the Week for the 1980 season.

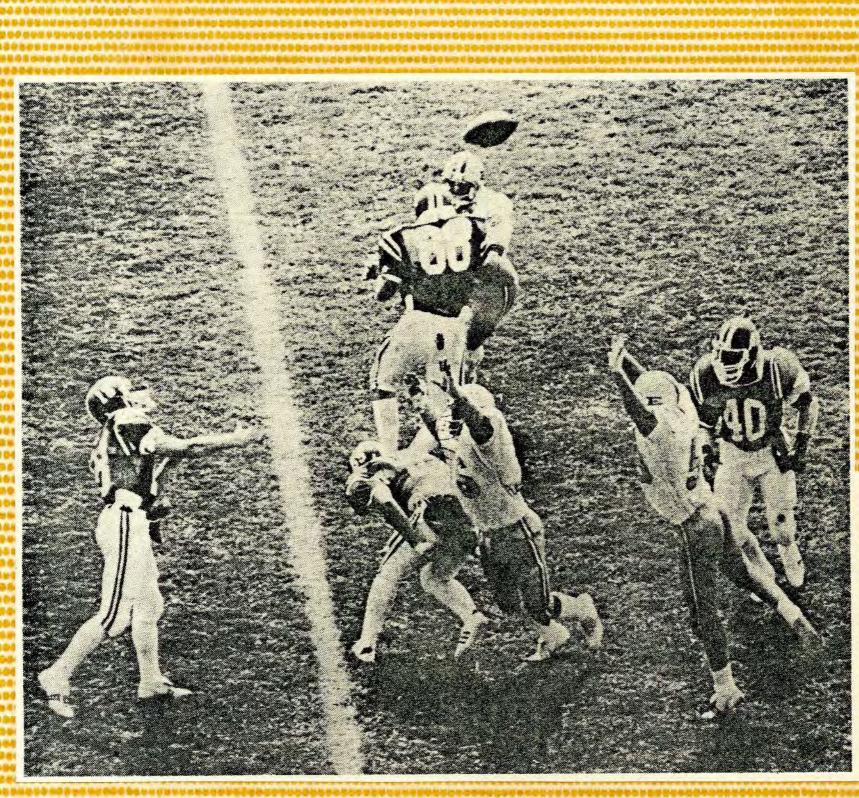
His first touchdown pass of the day covered 71 yards and was caught by Ron Hunter. The second was a 30-yard aerial to tight end Ricky Gwinn and the third covered 47 yards to Jerry Flippin.

Hall was a preseason All-OVC selection and is bidding to become the first quarterback ever to be a first-team All-OVC pick three times.

Along the offensive line, Western Kentucky center Greg Gallas and Eastern Kentucky tackle Darryl Lawson were cited for their play in weekend contests.

The Ohio Valley Conference Offensive Player of the Week is selected by the league commissioner's office in Nashville.

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IT'S "HALL" IN THE RELEASE – Western Kentucky quarterback John Hall (18) releases one of 11 passes he threw Saturday against Evansville in a 40-18 win by the Hilltoppers in the season opening game for both teams. Hall, last year's OVC offensive player of the year, completed eight of his throws for 258 yards and three touchdowns as coach Jimmy Feix's team led 34-0 before the Aces scored all of their points in the final quarter. Other identifiable WKU players include tight end Ricky Gwinn (85), tackle Steve Catlett (65) and fullback Troy Snardon (40). Western plays at Kentucky State this Saturday.

## Murray defense, Western offense off on right track

#### By STAN SUTTON

Courler-Journal Staff Writer For Murray State, the best part of the 1979 football season was the middie.

Despite a 9-2-1 year, the Racers lost their last outing, a 28-9 playoff game to Lehigh, and had a tie and a loss in their first three contests. But in between, Murray put eight games in the win column.

And, while there was suspicion that coach Mike Gottfried could walk on water, he always had gotten his feet wet in the season opener. In his debut at Murray two years ago, Gottfried's Racers lost 24-21 to Southeast Missouri. Last year, the eventual Ohio Valley Conference champions tied the same team 21-21.

So, when Murray beat the Cape Girardeau school 19-6 last Saturday night there was some extra rejoicing around campus. Still, Gottfried tempered his enthusiasm some yesterday.

"We played a decent football game, but we're by no means in midseason form," he said. "It was a close ballgame. I felt we did what we had to do when we had to do it. We got the big plays and the win. That's what matters."

Murray's veteran defensive unit, which twice held clubs to minus yardage in '79, was its old self Saturday. Southeast Missouri gained only 46 yards rushing, and its only points came on field goals. Even without injured star Terry Love, the Racers yielded only three yards rushing in the second half.

Love was replaced at safety by former cornerback Greg Evans, whose spot was filled by former tailback Lindsey Hudspeth. Hudspeth ran one play on offense, a one-yard touchdown plunge. And, despite more than a season away from defense, Hudspeth apparently has fit into the secondary. "Our defensive coach felt he played very well," Gottfried said. "Evans had a good ballgame; he's a good athlete."

a good ballgame; he's a good athlete." With difficult games coming up against Youngstown State this Saturday and Louisville the next, Gottfried is concerned by a rash of injuries. He lost tailback Danny Lee Johnson before the season and lost Love only a few days before the opener. Both were former OVC Players of the Year.

Saturday's win may have cost him sophomore defensive guard Rick Posey for the season. Posey suffered an ankle injury Saturday. Another defensive guard in the wide-tackle six defense, Mike Watson, is considered doubtful for this week's game. "It's a day-to-day thing with Watson," Gott-

fried said of the senior's knee injury. Murray's biggest question on offense was how well junior-college transfer Gino Gibbs would fit in at quarterback. Gibbs responded by throwing a 41-yard pass to Charles Ponder that set up the first touchdown in the opening quarter. In the final period Gibbs and Anthony Robbins combined for a 19-yard touchdown. "I thought he did real well in his

first appearance," Gottfried said. Murray threw the ball only nine

Murray threw the ball only nine times, completing three. "I think we'll probably throw a little bit more," Gottfried said. "It depends upon what we have to do to win, but I think we'll probably open things up a bit."

Another bright spot for Murray State was sophomore kicker David Tuck, who had field goals of 37 and 30 yards and averaged 44.3 on seven punts. That included an 81-yarder that is a school and NCAA Division 1-AA record.

In its 7:30 p.m. (CST) game Saturday at Roy Stewart Stadium, Murray will face the OVC's newest member. Youngstown State isn't eligible for the OVC football crown until next season, but the Penguins return 12 lettermen from a team that went 11-2 last year. Youngstown averaged 32 points a game and was over 45 points in four of its final five games.

Youngstown also advanced to the finals of the Division II playoff before. losing to Delaware 38-21.

"I think they're going to be as strong a football team as we've played in the last couple of years," Gottfried said.

Murray also loses the advantage of having scouted its opponent, because Youngstown's opener is this week. "I think that's an advantage for them," Gottfried noted. "But we had an opportunity to get a lot of kinks out of the way in our first game."

Gottfried also noticed a near-capacity crowd of 15,000 fans Saturday night, almost double what Murray drew in his coaching debut two years ago. "It was a great crowd, and I think it makes a big difference in our play when we see the stadium that full," he said.

WESTERN KENTUCKY — In recent years opening day has not been kind to Western Kentucky. In 1979 the Hilltoppers lost to Tennessee-Chattanooga 41-28 in their first game. In '78 Chattanooga did a 42-15 tune on Western, and in '77 it was 27-3 Chattanooga. Before last Saturday's 40-18 victo-

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Murray not in midseason form, yet

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ry over Evansville, Western hadn't won its first game since 1975.

"It felt good," said Western coach Jimmy Feix after his team had run up a 40-0 lead over the overmatched Aces. "It's been awfully tough in the past. But, for a change we were healthy for an opener."

Feix especially was pleased with the play of All-OVC quarterback John Hall, who completed eight of 11 passes for 258 yards. For that Hall was named the OVC Offensive Player of the Week. "John had a tremendous game, and both (Jerry) Flippen and (Ron) Hunter had fine games," he said.

Tailback Nate Jones, who suffered a knee injury last year, pleased Feix in his return to action. Jones gained 79 yards in 10 carries and had a 30yard touchdown run.

**MOREHEAD STATE** — Coach Tom Lichtenberg believed his Morehead team might have put up a better showing in its 35-8 loss to Marshall had the Eagles been able to start some momentum at some point in the game. "We're such a young team that we've got to have a little momentum," he said. "Every time I turned around we either had fumbled or thrown an interception.

"A couple of calls could have gone our way that would have given us a little momentum. On the third play of the game we smacked a guy after he caught a pass, and I thought it was a fumble. Our kids got all excited and thought we had the ball. Then, on the next play the kid goes 18 yards. When you're not experienced little things get to you."

Morehead got another tough break when starting linebacker Rob Smith injured a knee on the game's first play. Then, on Morehead's first offensive play center Keith Watts hurt a shoulder. Smith is expected to be out of action three weeks, Watts two.

"Defensively, we played very well in the first half," Lichtenberg said. "We played most of the game backed up in our own territory. We played unemotionally. I was very disappointed."

EASTERN KENTUCKY - Defen-

sive back George Floyd is given a good chance of playing Saturday night in Eastern's OVC opener at Akron. A cut under Floyd's eye required three stitches after Eastern's 24-21 win over Kentucky State.

According to coach Roy Kidd, Floyd's eyeball also was scratched, but the stitches are expected to be removed Thursday.

Meanwhile, Kidd was hoping that Eastern's punting would improve before Saturday. He used two walk-ons, Steve Marionneaux and Steve Rowe. Between them they averaged 30.7 yards for seven kicks. Rowe, from Louisville Fairdale, had kicks of only 13 and 29 yards, while Marionneaux balanced out a 51-yarder with another of five yards.

"I was hoping Rowe would develop some consistency," Kidd said. "Sometimes in practice he can boom that thing. He's kicked it 60 yards and gotten it high, too.

"But the thing that really depressed me was the poor coverage on our kicks. The kids loafed down there a couple of times."

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SPORTS

## Western's Hall Honored by OVC

A two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference selection from Western Kentucky, quarterback John Hall, is picking up where he left off last year — throwing scoring strikes to Hilltopper receivers.

Hiltopper receivers. Hall, a 6-foot, 185 pound senior from Goodlettsville, Tenn., led Western Kentucky to a 40-18 victory Saturday over Evansville in the season opener for both teams.

He completed eight of 11 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns while playing only about half the contest. For his efforts, Hall has been named the OVC's first Offensive Player of the Week for the 1980 season.

Along the offensive line, Western Kentucky center Greg Gallas and Eastern Kentucky tackle Darryl Lawson were cited for their play in weekend contests. Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix, whose Hilltoppers will play at Kentucky State Saturday, had some mixed emotions when he heard that K-State had come very close to upsetting Eastern.

"They gave me that score and I didn't know what to think," Feix said. "That's kinda like good news and bad news, you know. The good news is that maybe Eastern isn't quite as tough as we thought they were gonna be and the bad news is that maybe Kentucky State is tougher than expected and we gotta play them at their place."

Western didn't have much trouble in its opener against Evansville, winning 40-18. Quarterback John Hall, who had been pushed by backup Marty Jaggers for the starting job, completed eight of 11 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns.

"John was very effective," Feix said. "Everything he did was great. You know, quarterbacks have good days and bad days and this one was a good one for John."

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Kentucky State's Harold Smith made a big impression on Eastern's Kidd after he had terrorized the Colonels Saturday.

Smith a 6-foot-3, 220-pound defensive end had 16 solo tackles, two assists, caused an Eastern fumble and had one tackle for a loss of 38 yards.

"He had a super day," Kidd said. "I can't remember an individual that ever had the kind of day he had against us since I've been here and that's 16 years."

## **HRS tabs Tops over 'Breds**

Western has been established as a two-touchdown favorite over Kentucky State this weekend by the Hanes Rating System, which is a good omen for Hilltopper fans as long as nobody tries to televise Saturday's game (1 p.m. CDT) in Frankfort.

The HRS piled up an impressive 23-4 mark in last week's first college football forecast of the season, with three of those four setbacks being witnessed by regional TV audiences.

First of all, our crystal ball might have been right about the Purdue-Notre Dame game if a certain Mark Herrmann had been able to suit up. But the senior signal-caller sat out the game with an injury to his passing hand, and the Boilermakers were only a skeleton of a team without him.

The HRS also missed the boat by picking Wake Forest over Virginia Tech and Tulane over Southern Mississippi, two other games which also were regionally televised by ABC.

Still, it was a banner weekend for the HRS overall. The system was dangerously close to perfection on games involving Western (40-18 over Evansville, instead of 41-14), Louisville (a 24-10 loser to Miami, instead of 24-14) and North Carolina (a 35-13 winner over Furman, instead of 38-14).

All in all, it was good for a lofty .852 percentage going into the first full weekend of the college season.

The HRS also apparently learned its lesson about going against the home team in a TV game, judging from this week's forecast. The system is calling for Texas Tech to knock North Carolina out of the Top 20 in Saturday's regional TV game at Lubbock, Tex.

The Hoople forecast disagrees, and also differs with the HRS by picking Eastern over Akron and West Virginia over Colorado State. The two forecasts split last week's four "contested" games.

On to the scores of games yet to be played:



#### OVC

Western 27, Ky. State 14: This one is nearing sellout proportions, although there were still a few tickets available both in Frankfort and at the Western ticket office (Diddle Arena) at press time today. In other words, the Thorobreds are looking forward to Saturday's game after giving Eastern quite a scare last week in Richmond.

It says here, however, that Western's offense will be lighting up the scoreboard against everybody this fall. It also says here that Eastern was looking past Kentucky State last weekend.

Akron 28, Eastern 27: The Colonels got the job done when they had to last Saturday, coming from behind to nip the Thorobreds 24-21, but you can't win all the close ones. Especially in the Rubber Bowl, where a crowd of 35,000-plus is expected.

Other OVC games: Youngstown 20, Murray 14 W. Carolina 38, Tennessee Tech 0 James Madison 17, Morehead 7 UT-Chattanooga 41, Middle Tenn. 7 Austin Peay 24, UT-Martin 7

SEC

Oklahoma 28, UK 6: Kentucky has a track record of playing well against the biggies, but you can't get much bigger than Oklahoma. Look for the Wildcats to hold their own against the Sooners' vaunted wishbone attack, but to be plagued by their own offensive mistakes.

USC 30, Tennessee 14: But don't bet on it, because the Vols will again be one of the most-unpredictable teams in the country. One week after losing to Rutgers a year ago, they blasted Notre Dame 40-18.

Other SEC games: Georgia 14, Texas A&M 13 Ole Miss 30, Memphis State 14 Miss. State 27, Louisiana Tech 7 California 28, Florida 13 Maryland 31, Vanderbilt 3 LSU 24, Kansas State 3

#### OTHER MAJORS

Ohio St. 38, Syracuse 7: After a few weeks of this, the Buckeyes will be looking toward the NFL for a little more competition.

Texas Tech 21, N. Caro. 20: The Red Raiders stay in the shadow of Houston, Texas and Arkansas in the rugged Southwest Conference, but they're always tough at Lubbock. Last year, they gave USC fits before finally bowing 21-7 in a game that was closer than the score indicated. Other games:

Washington 34, Air Force 0 Army 17, Holy Cross 14 Pitt 30, Boston College 0 Clemson 27, Rice 3 Michigan St. 24, Illinois 20 Indiana 35, Iowa 23 Iowa S1, 38, Northeast La. 7 Oregon 34, Kansas 14 Miami 27, Florida A&M 14 Michigan 42, Northwestern 0 Minnesota 20, Ohio U. 7 Missouri 28, New Mexico 14 Virginia 20, Navy 7 Nebraska S1, Utah 0 Oregon St. 14, Wyoming 13 Purdue 30, Wisconsin 14 Stanford 23, Tulane 21 VPI 17, East Tennessee 0 Wash, St. 27, San Jose St. 21 Colo, St. 21, W. Virginia 17 Houston 26, Arizona St. 17 Baylor 28, Lamar 10 UCLA 35, Colorado 14 Florida St. 33, Louisville 0 Rutgers 21, Temple 20 S. Carolina 34, Wichita St. 7 SMU 30, North Texas St. 17 he in he ys

# **Tops to find out**

# if K-State is for real

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

A few weeks ago, Kentucky State head football coach Leroy Smith was saying what a terrible year it was for his team to finally be getting a shot at both Eastern and Western.

The facts seemed to support him, considering that the Thorobreds had lost the heart of a stubborn defense that had held all but one 1979 opponent to two touchdowns or less. But when the curtain went up last Saturday in Richmond, Kentucky State answered the call and Eastern's defending Division I-AA national champions had to come from behind in the last five minutes to win 24-21.

It goes without saying, then, that the Thorobreds will also show up for Saturday's game in Frankfort against Western. Kickoff time is 1 p.m. (CDT) at Alumni Stadium, where a capacity crowd of 6,000 is expected.

"We were pleasantly surprised with the way we played last week at Eastern," said the veteran Smith, who sports a 20-year coaching record of 106-60-6. "We played with a lot of enthusiasm. It was an emotional game for us, and I'm sure it will be again Saturday."

Smith added that he had seen game films of Western's easy 40-18 decision over Evansville the past weekend, and had been impressed.

"From looking at them on film," he observed, "we think they'll be a little stronger than Eastern. They have some outstanding receivers, and (John) Hall is an exceptional quarterback. We were also impressed with their big offensive line."

Hall, in particular, had a field day against Evansville. Despite playing less than half the game, the senior signal-caller completed eight of 11 passes for 258 yards and three touchdowns.

The four-year starter from White House, Tenn., connected with flanker Ron Hunter on a 71-yard scoring bomb, with split end Jerry Flippin on a 47yarder and with tight end Ricky Gwinn on a 30-yard scoring play. For his efforts, Hall was later named the Ohio Valley Conference's offensive player of the week.

"Early in the game," recalled Western coach Jimmy Feix, "we noticed that their defensive backs had a tendency to come up and support the run, so we started taking advantage of it. They were overreacting to the run, and it left our receivers wide open."

Western went on to pile up 518 yards in total offense, the most since a 48-6 romp past Butler in 1973.

The way Smith was talking up in Frankfort a few weeks ago, the Hilltoppers were supposed to get their second "breather" in a row this weekend. But the Thorobreds blew their cover at Eastern, and Feix doesn't think his team will be taking them lightly.

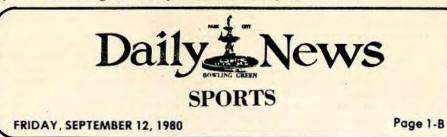
lightly. "I don't think Eastern took them lightly either," he said. "They might have gotten a little confident after they got ahead 13-0 early in the game, but they came out strong."

It turned out to be a see-saw affair in Richmond, with Kentucky State roaring back for the next 21 points after spotting the Colonels their early lead. That left Eastern with an eight-point deficit late in the game, but the Colonels—like they did so many times last year—made the plays when they needed them the most.

"Eastern didn't really throw enough on them to let us know if their secondary is their weak spot," noted Feix, "but we know we're going to have trouble running against them. They're big and strong up front."

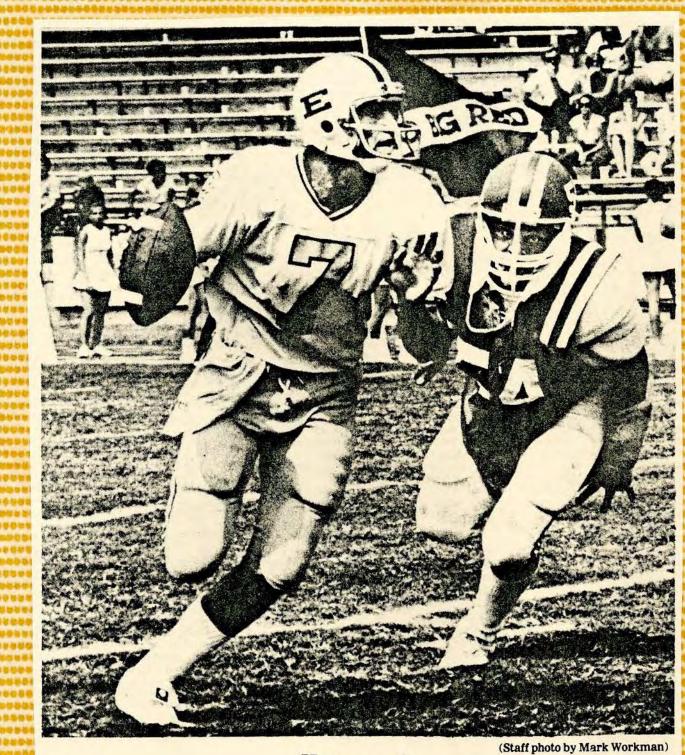
The same could be said for the Thorobreds' offensive front a week ago, but starting tackles Chip Bishop (6-4, 260) and John Prear (6-4, 235) both are expected to miss Saturday's game. Bishop strained a knee against Eastern, while Prear suffered a neck injury this week in practice.

Western expects to be at full speed Saturday, although junior fullback Troy Snardon twisted an ankle Wednesday in practice.



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OFFENSE ("I")			
PosPlayer (No.)	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB-John Hall (18)	6-0	185	Sr.
TB-Nate Jones (43)	5-10	185	Sr.
FB-Troy Snardon (40)	6-0	205	Jr.
F-Ron Hunter (86)	5-11	185	So.
SE-Jerry Flippin (82)	5-8	165	Jr.
TE-Ricky Gwinn (88)	6-2	220	Sr.
T-Phil Rich (70)	6-4	260	Sr.
G-Pete Walters (68)	6-3	255	Sr.
C-Greg Gallas (55)	6-1	225	Jr.
G-Mark Blackburn (64)	5-10	215	Jr.
T-Steve Catlett (65)	6-1	230	So.
DEFENSE (3-4-4)			
T-Tim Ford (80)	6-4	245	Jr.
NG-Tony Wells (54)	5-9	195	Jr.
T-Donnie Evans (50)	6-4	240	Jr.
ILB-Bryan Gray (58)	5-11	200	Sr.
ILB-Tom Tussey (53)	5-11	210	So.
OLB-Brad Todd (85)	6-2	215	Sr.
OLB-Greg Barnes (32)	6-1	195	So.
CB-Lamont Meacham (28)	6-0	170	Jr.
CB-Davlin Mullen (20)	6-1	170	So.
SS-Reginald Johnson (37)	6-2	205	So.
FS-Barry Bumm (19)	6-0	175	Jr.
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OFFENSE (Pro Set)	)		
PosPlayer (No.)	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB-Charles Francis (9)	6-0	180	Jr.
TB-Wilbur Dunn (27)	5-10	180	So.
FB-Ronald Clark (25)	5-9	175	Sr.
F—Al Bailey (12)	5-11	180	So.
SE—Anthony Hardy (85)	6-1	175	Sr.
TE-Herman Lowery (83)	6-1	220	Jr.
T-Kevin Cole (75)	6-3	235	Jr.
G-Steve Jenkins (72)	6-3	250	Jr.
C-Lance Byrd (53)	6-1	240	Jr.
G-Monay Brown (55)	6-3	250	Sr.
T-Fred Bryant (65)	6-2	222	Sr.

G OCCTC OCHAINS (12)	0-0	200	Jr.	
C-Lance Byrd (53)	6-1	240	Jr.	
G-Monay Brown (55)	6-3	250	Sr.	
T-Fred Bryant (65)	6-2	222	Sr.	
DEFENSE (4-3-4)				
E-Bill Montgomery (92)	6-3	217	So.	
T-Harold Smith (79)	6-3	220	Jr.	
T-Frank Hines (71)	5-11	235	Sr.	
E-Pete Mayberry (70)	6-3	250	So.	
ILB-Leroy Garner (58)	6-0	218	Sr.	
OLB-Calvin Ford (50)	6-1	220	Sr.	
OLB-Henry Williams (40)	5-11	210	Jr.	
CB-Rod Hill (11)	6-0	180	Jr.	
CB-Lester Cooperwood (33)	5-10	175	Jr.	
SS-Jamard Richardson (84)	6-0	190	Sr.	
.FS-Ray Warren (23)	5-9	170	Sr.	



#### Hot pursuit

TONY WELLS (54) of Western tries to run down Evansville quarterback John Vernasco (7) during last Saturday's game at Smith Stadium. The Hilltoppers rolled up an easy 40-18 win in their season opener, but expect to get a stiff test from Kentucky State this weekend in Frankfort. The Courier-Journal, Saturday morning, September 13, 1980

SPORTS

#### By STAN SUTTON Courler-Journal Staff Writer

If Jimmy Feix wants to know what to expect this afternoon, he needs only to call his old friend and adversary. Roy Kidd. In fact, he probably already has

What-Feix, the coach at Western Kentucky, would learn from Kidd, the boss at Eastern Kentucky, is to avoid giving Kentucky State the Rodney Dangerfield treatment. As Kidd admits, Eastern probably didn't respect K-State enough last Saturday and

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barely escaped with a 24-21 victory at

Richmond. Today, Feix's team must play Ken-tucky State on the Thorobreds' own grounds, and there is little chance that Western will be overconfident. "They surprised me in that they're

better on defense than I thought they would be," Kidd said. "I think they did about what we thought they would do; they just did it better. I think we underestimated their ability."

"It's obvious that we'll have to be ready to play Saturday," Feix said. "We knew that Kentucky State had some fine athletes. But, after hearing the score of their game with Eastern, we realize that we'll have our work cut out for us."

The Dallas Cowboys signed two de fensive linemen from last year's State team (Marlon Carson and Mi-chael Johnson), but the Thorobreds still have defensive end Harold Smith. In 1979, Smith, a 220-pound junior from Birmingham, Ala., blocked six punts, recovered four fumbles and was in on 78 tackles in only nine games. Last Saturday, his perform-

ance amazed Kidd. "That No. 79 — I'm telling you I was impressed with what I saw on the was impressed with what I saw on the field, but I was more impressed when I saw the film," Kidd said of Smith. "Danny Hope was up against him, and Danny hardly blocked him all day. And we think Danny Hope is a pretty fine football player." Smith had 18 tackles, including four

quarterback sacks, against Eastern, but linebacker Henry Williams outdid him with 19 tackles. And, Western is certain to be wary of kick returner Rod Hill, who averaged 31 yards on two punt returns and brought a kickoff back 50 yards. K-State's defense, which held a vet-

eran Eastern offense to 201 yards, will face a severe test from Western quarterback John Hall, who passed for 258 of Western's 518 yards in total offense as the Hilltoppers whipped Evansville 40-18 in their opener. That was West-ern's best offensive effort in seven years.

The 2 p.m. EDT game may draw the largest crowd at Alumni Stadium since the facility opened in 1978. "We're glad to go up there," Feix said. "It'll be the only game in town:

Eastern will be at Akron, and UK will be at Oklahoma. We've got a lot of alumni in that area (Frankfort), and I'm sure there'll be a good crowd. "Coach (LeRoy) Smith does an ex-

cellent job, and they've got a wide re-cruiting area. They've had a very competitive program through the years.

Akron, eligible for the first time to win the Ohio Valley Conference cham-pionship, will face Eastern at 7:30 tonight in a crucial game. While the 11-2. The Penguins went to the final

OVC coaches picked Akron fourth in a. season poll, many of them fear the Zips might be better than that. Akron is 2-2 against Eastern in a

series that started in 1942. Two years ago Eastern buried the Ohio team 35-14 at Richmond. Akron and Western Kentucky have had a more active series over the past 15 years, and West-ern has four losses and two ties in six

Besides Eastern and new member Youngstown State, the only OVC club to have met Akron is Morehead State, which trails the Zips 2-1-1 overall but

was only a 23-17 loser last year. Akron, which defeated Northeast Missouri 31-7 in its opening game, does not lack for football tradition. One of its early coaches was John W. Heisman, of Heisman Trophy fame.

'We're ready to compete in the OVC," said eighth-year Akron coach Jim Dennison. "We will give those teams a good battle. There's no doubt our minds, this is a very special game for us.

Akron kept'31 lettermen from last year's 6-5 team. A junior who had not played prior to this season, quarter-back Tom Freeman, had TD passes of 53 and 51 yards and ran for a 60-yard score last week.

Akron also has a good crop of fresh-"We got en, according to Dennison. Division I size when we recruited this year," he claimed. "But the surprise was that we got Division I talent, too."

It won't count in the standings, but Murray State's battle with visiting Youngstown at 8:30 EDT tonight has drawn much interest. Murray coach Mike Gottfried has called it "our toughest game in the past couple of years.

Murray, the defending OVC champi-on, was 9-2-1 in '79; Youngstown was

After Eastern's escape, Western

pays Kentucky State due respect

game of the NCAA Division II play-offs, losing to Delaware 38-21. Youngstown coach Bill Narduzzi said of Murray: "They have an excel-lent kicking game, and their coverage is equally well. But the thing that scares me is the fact that they blocked circ must need three field coale last see six punts and three field goals last season. We're suspect not only with field goals and extra points, but with our punt and kickoff returners as well."

Attempting to rebound from a 35-8 loss to Marshall last week, Morehead will entertain James Madison in a 1:30 p.m. EDT game. The visitors also took it on the chin last week, losing 34-6 to Appalachian State. Last year Morehead lost to James

Madison 16-3.

"They're quick," said Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg. "Last year we played a very poor ballgame against them. This week we're going to have to play with some emotion." The '79 season was not a banner one for James Madison, partly be-cause the school played five Division I

opponents in a 4-6 season. During a three-week stretch, it lost 33-0 to William and Mary, 69-9 to Virginia and 54-0 to Randolph-Macon.

This season, in only its seventh year of varsity football, James Madison moves up from Division II to Division I-AA. "We have to be careful not to get overscheduled," coach Challace McMillin said.

In games involving other OVC teams, Austin Peay plays at Tennes see-Martin, Middle Tennessee is at Tennessee-Chattanooga and Western Carolina is at Tennessee Tech. Among other Kentucky colleges,

Georgetown meets Glenville State at home in a 1:30 p.m. EDT opener and Centre plays at the same time as Maryville comes to Danville.



Staff Photo by Keith Williams

It's Western Kentucky's turn to contend with Kentucky State defensive end Harold Smith, who made 18 tackles against Eastern Kentucky. He harassed Eastern runner Chris Isaac on this play.

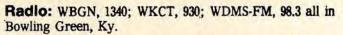
#### Western at Kentucky St.

#### Time: 2 p.m. (EDT).

Location: Alumni Stadium, Frankfort, Ky.

Coaches: LeRoy Smith, Kentucky State; Jimmy Feix, Western.

Records: Kentucky State 0-1; Western 1-0



Notes: Kentucky State lost the game, but gained immeasurable confidence and respect last week when the Thorobreds forced Eastern to come from behind in the final minutes to win 24-21. Western was impressive in its opener against Evansville, winning 40-18 as quarterback John Hall threw three touchdown passes.





## **Topper defense shines in 30-8 win over KSU**

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Western rolled to a surprisingly easy 30-8 over homestanding Kentucky State here Saturday, but an aroused Topper defense wanted more.

With the Throrobreds driving for a meaningless touchdown late in the game, Western coach Jimmy Feix started having trouble with his first-team defense that had played so well all afternoon before the nearcapacity crowd of 5,400 at Alumni Stadium. That's because Western's second-team defense was on the field, while the first stringers were watching helplessly from the sidelines.

"They wanted that goose egg," smiled a sympathetic Feix. "They were begging me to let them go back in, but I told them to start worrying about Akron. This one was over."

It had been over for a long time, too. Western took control from the start and never let the upset-minded Throrobred think about pulling off the unexpected, although they had come painfully close in a 24-21 heartbreaker last week at Eastern.

Western finished with 403 total yards offense, with senior quarterback John Hall once again running the show with perfect precision. The two-time All-OVC quarterback hit on seven of 13 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns, including one of the "That's Incredible" variety.

But that was almost expected. What was a pleasant surprise to Feix was the play of his defense, which stopped the Thorobreds cold while they were in the ballgame.

"After I saw we had it won late in the game," said Feix, "I said to myself "The Big D' is back. They made the big plays all afternoon."

Kentucky State managed only 132 yards on the ground and 218 yards in all, with veteran coach Leroy Smith finding the going tough despite the obvious talents of alternating quarterbacks Charles Francis and Victor Rice. Rice had come off the bench to throw two touchdown passes against Eastern last week, but the two combined for only six completions in 21 tries against the Hilltoppers.

Perhaps knowing it was only a matter of time before someone asked him to compare Western and Eastern after the game, Smith beat everybody to the punch by volunteering the information.

"Western has a much stronger defense," said the KSU coach, "and they've got some good people at the skilled positions on offense. They got a lot of breaks today, but it takes a good football team to take advantage of them."

Kentucky State started getting the idea things might not go its way when Hilltopper Ray Farmer boomed a 57-yard punt all the way to the three-yard line. To make matters worse, Rod Hill fielded the ball and lost one yard to the two on the return.

That put the Thorobreds in the hole and set up Western's first score of the afternoon, a 21-yard field goal by Mike Curnutte with 2:23 left in the first quarter. On the next to last play of the opening period, free

safety Barry Bumm gave the Hilltoppers great field position by picking off a KSU pass near midfield. Just over three minutes into the second quarter, Hall capped the 48-yard march by hitting tight end Ricky Gwynn with a 13-yard scoring pass.

Following the kickoff, two plays in succession broke the Breds' backs. Backup quarterback Rice hit Darryl Cook with a 19-yard pass that would have gone for a touchdown had the receiver's momentum not carried him out-of-bounds, because Western cornerback Davlin Mullen had slipped and fallen on the play.

One play later, Mullen cashed in on his reprieve by recovering a fumble at the Western 44.

"I just tripped myself on the play before," noted Mullen, who was the defensive standout of the game. "It picked me up when I saw my man go out-of-bounds after catching the ball, and I was just in the right place at the right time on the next play when they fumbled."

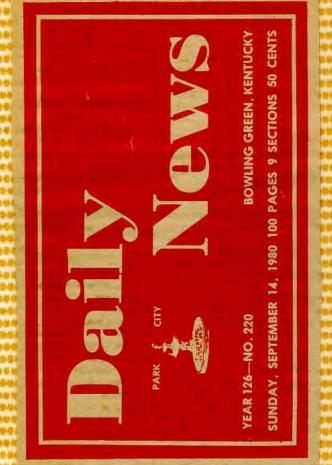
Mullen went on to set up the Hilltopper's next score with a punt return all the way back to the KSU 20, although it took a freak play to get the ball across the goal line. Reserve flanker John Newby got credit with the TD with 5:08 left in the half, recovering a fumbled pass reception by teammate Jerry Flippin in the endzone.

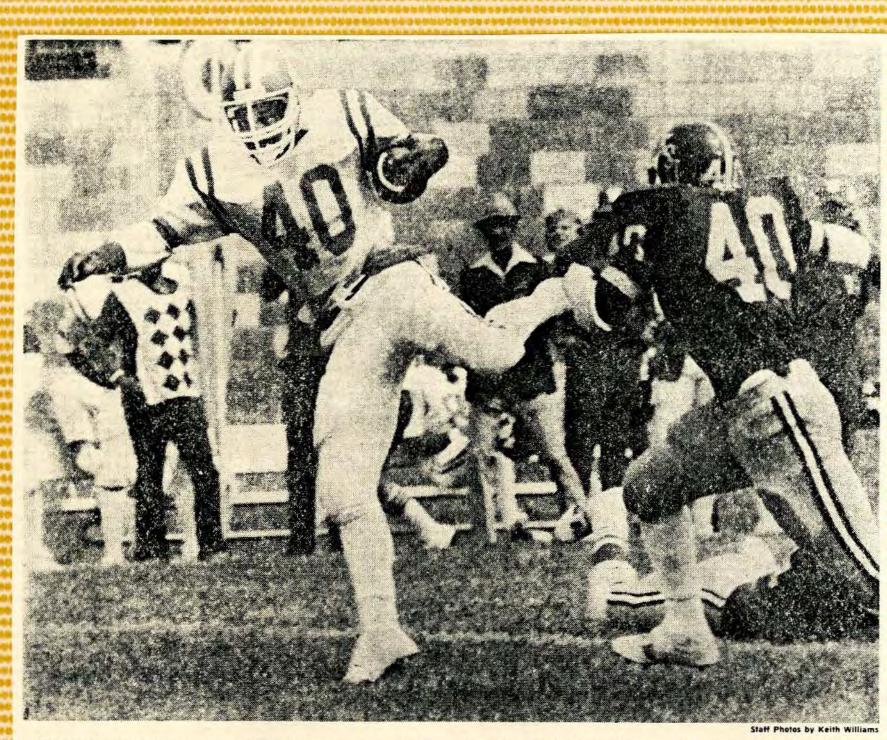
A turnover at midfield set up the Hilltoppers' only score of the third quarter, a two-yard run by junior fullback Troy Snardon. However, the key play in the drive was a 24-yard strike from a scrambling Hall to flanker Ron Hunter on a desperate third-and-20 situation at the KSU 37.

Western's second-team offense put a score of its own on the board late in the game when sophomore Ralph Antone combined with tailback JoJo Lee on a 40-yard screen pass, and KSU finally got on the scoreboard with 29 seconds left when Henry Banks went in from one yard out against the Hilltopper reserves.

Western begins OVC action next Saturday night at Akron, putting a 2-0 mark overall on the line against the Zips.

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Kentucky St.	0 0 0 8-8	Rice)	WKU	KSU	
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WKU - Gwinn 18 pass	from Hall (Cur-	Rushes yards	56-227	41-132	1.0
nutte kick)		Passing yards	156	86	
WKU (kick blocked)		Return yards	155	22	
THE CHICK DIVERED!		Passes	17-8-1	21 6 3	1.0
WKU - Snardon 2 run (C	urnutte kick)	Punts	5 48	6.42	
WKU - Lee 40 pass from		Fumbles lost	1.0	4.2	
back kick)		Penalties yards	10-111	10-106	





Western Kentucky fullback Troy Snardon broke away from a tackle Kentuck for a long run in the first quarter of yesterday's game against don, who

Kentucky State. Henry Williams of Kentucky State chased Snardon, who ran for 84 yards in Western's 30-8 victory.

## Eastern Gets an Assist as Western Rolls Over K-State

#### By Mike Johnson

Herald Assistant Sports Editor

FRANKFORT — After his football team had thoroughly thrashed Kentucky State 30-8 yesterday in Alumni Stadium, Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix did something he has had little opportunity to do in his 13 years at Western. Feix admitted that his team had, indeed, gotten something of a helping hand from archrival Eastern Kentucky.

Eastern survived a genuine scare last week against Kentucky State, scoring a touchdown and a field goal in the final six minutes to win 24-21.

"The game that they (K-State) gave Eastern last week got our guys ready to play," Feix said. "They saw that score and said, 'Uh oh, we better be ready to play.'

"I mentioned it to them once or twice during the week, too, just in case they didn't hear the score. I mean I didn't brow beat them with it. We got a pretty smart football team. I just wanted to make sure."

Certainly, Western did anything but take Kentucky State lightly. The Hilltoppers played defense with a vengeance, never allowing Kentucky State to cross the 50-yard line in the first half. In fact, the Thorobreds marched into Western territory only four times all afternoon, scoring their only touchdown with just 29 seconds left in the game.

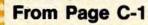
"They were just never able to hit the big play against us," Feix said. "It was our defense that made the big plays and kept them backed up near their own goal line all afternoon."

> Meanwhile, Western's offense per-(Turn to HILLTOPPERS, C-6)

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formed almost flawlessly. The Hilltoppers piled up 403 total yards, nearly doubling Kentucky State's total of 218. Quarterback John Hall completed seven of 13 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns, taking advantage of Western's surprisingly effective running game. Fullback Troy Snardon rushed for 84 yards and a touchdown on 17 carries, while tailback Nate Jones added 68 yards on 13 carries.

"Troy Snardon had a great game," Feix said. "I never thought we'd be able to go right up the middle at them like that but we did.

"John Hall was fantastic, too. We knew that we were gonna have to come up with some big plays through the air to win and John did just that."

It did not hurt Western either that Kentucky State's Harold Smith, a 6foot-3, 220-pound defensive end, suffered a shoulder injury and played only sparinly in the second half. Smith had terrorized Eastern, making 18 solo tackles and sacking the quarterback four times.

"He's big and tough, but I can't remember a time when he beat me," said Western offensive tackle Phil Rich, who spent the day blocking Smith.

"We knew we were gonna have to play well to win. I knew that when I saw the program. Ma", they got some big guys. Don't get me wrong, they weré tough. We just got it going."

Western really got it going in the second quarter when Bar y Bumm made a diving interception that gave Western the ball at the K-State 48. The Hilltoppers scored from there in six plays. Hall put Western in scoring position with a 25-yard pass to Jerry Flippin. They he threw a 13-yard pass to tight end Ricky Gwinn for the touchdown. The next time Western got the ball, it marched 53 yards to the Kentucky State 3 but failed to score when Snardon dropped Hall's pass in the end zone on fourth down.

However, Western's defense held firm and forced Kentucky State to punt from its own 1. Davlin Mullen returned the punt 22 yards to the K-State 20 to set up Western's most unusual touchdown. Flippin pulled in an 18-yard pass from Hall, fumbled it at the 2 and Western's John Newby chased down the bouncing ball in the end zone for the score.

K-State blocked the extra point kick and Western led 16-0 at the half. "That's when I brought up their game with Eastern again," Feix said. "I reminded them that Eastern got up 13-0 and then almost lost the game. We didn't want the same thing to happen."

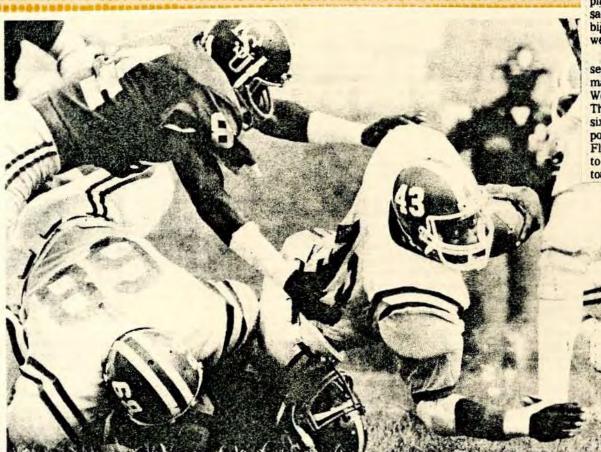
It didn't. Western made it 23-0 after Greg Barnes recovered a K-State fumble at the 50. Hall hit Ron Hunter with a 24-yard pass to the Thorobreds' 13 and the Toppers scored from there in four plays with Snardon blasting over from the 3 for the touchdown.

"They just wore us down," said Kentucky State coach LeRoy Smith. "We're not that deep and they took advantage of it. Western's skilled people are very good. They made a lot of things happen out there.

"It seemed like we had something like a fumble, interception or a penalty happen everytime it looked like we were gonna get something started. Western's defense had a lot to do with that, though."

Kentucky State, now 0-2, plays at Hillsdale next week. Western, 2-0, travels to Akron next week to open its Ohio Valley Conference season.

Hilltoppers Roll Over Thorobreds



K-State's Jamard Richardson helps take down Western's Nate Jones (43) yesterday

KENTUCKY COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Week's warning helps -

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## Western beat Kentucky State

## Eastern's close call helps Western beat Kentucky State 30-8

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

FRANKFORT, Ky. - Western Ken-tucky coach Jimmy Feix said he didn't have to browbeat his players to get them ready to play Kentucky State vesterday.

Any lackadaisical feelings toward K-State's Division II team vanished a week ago when the Western players saw that their NCAA Division I-AA national champion, Eastern Kentucky, had been life and death to beat Kentucky State 24-21.

"When our kids saw that Eastern score, they said, 'Look here, we've got to get ready,' " Feix said.

Western was ready yesterday, taking command throughout the game and putting down Kentucky State's upset hopes 30-8 at Alumni Stadium.

That brought obvious questions seeking a comparison of Ohio Valley Conference rivals Eastern and West-

ern. But K-State coach LeRoy Smith was having none of that.

"They're different football teams." he said. "From the scoreboard you would think Western is better. But you can't really tell. When they meet, then we'll know."

Feix was just glad Kentucky State didn't play Western first and Eastern second. "If we'd had to play them first, it would have been completely different," he said. "We got to scout them, and we got a lot of breaks today.'

Feix said his scouts convinced him Western would have to throw the ball to beat Kentucky State. Using three quarterbacks, the Hilltoppers threw for 156 yards, 118 of them by All-OVC quarterback John Hall.

But the inside running of fullback Troy Snardon was a bonus. Snardon rushed for 84 yards on 17 carries,

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many of them on draw and trap plays up the middle. Tailback Nate Jones popped free for another 68 yards in 13 carries

"If the hole is there, we'll run it all day," said Snardon. "But all the credit goes to the linemen."

Phil Rich, an All-OVC offensive tackle for Western, neutralized Kentucky State's fine defensive end. Harold Smith. The 220-pound Smith, who had 18 tackles against Eastern, had six yesterday, although he missed part of the game with an injury.

"He's pretty tough, but I don't remember a time he beat me," Rich said. "We were trying to run up the middle, and I was trapping the linebackers a lot.

"They were a fine team. I knew we'd have to play good ball, especially when I saw how big they were."

As it did last week, Kentucky State fell behind before halftime (16-0 yesterday, 13-0 at Eastern). Unlike last week, the Thorobreds couldn't hit on the big pass plays to get back in contention. Although they scrambled effectively, quarterbacks Charles Francis and Victor Rice completed only six of 21 passes yesterday and had three interceptions.

At halftime I reminded them that Eastern had been up 13-0," Feix said . "It was obvious that we had to kill the time off the clock in the third quarter.

Kentucky State was hampered by injuries to both starting offensive tackles, Chip Bishop and John Prear, and the Thorobreds netted only 132 yards on the ground. Wilbur Dunn had 58 of those in 14 carries, but K-State's longest run of the day was 11 yards.

"The injuries hurt us, but I don't think they would have changed the score that much," said Smith. "We just don't have that many reserves, and they finally wore us down a bit. But you can't take anything away from Western.

"The draw plays hurt us. When you've got a young defense, they're overanxious. And penalties hurt us penalties of commission and omission. some that were called and others that weren't.'

The game may have swung in Western's favor on the Hilltoppers' first series, when Ray Farmer punted 57 yards to the Kentucky State two-yard line. That put the Thorobreds in a hole from which they never surfaced.

Farmer averaged 48.2 yards for five punts, and best of all, according to Feix, he punted away from Rod Hill, K-State's brilliant kick returner. Hill returned only one punt all day, for one yard.

'Farmer's kicking was instrumental

in the first half," Feix said. "We were scared to death of No. 11 (Hill)."

A 17-yard run by Snardon and a 19yard pass from Hall to Jerry Flippin led to the game's first score, a 21-yard, field goal by Mike Curnutte with 2 minutes, 23 seconds left in the first-quarter. Western went ahead 10-0 on its next series when Hall hit tight ends Ricky Gwinn for a 12-yard touchdown. A 25-yard Hall-to-Flippin pass set up the score.

Western missed a golden chance toscore again after recovering a fumble by Dunn at Kentucky State's 49. A 19yard burst by Jones and short plunges by Snardon and Barry Skaggs got the ball to the three, where on fourth down Snardon dropped a perfect pass. from Hall in the end zone.

"Our quarterback is so quick that I didn't see it until it was right on me," Snardon said.

Western shook off the mistake quickly, however, as sophomore Davlin Mullen brought a punt back 27 yards to the hosts' 20-yard line. Hall passed to Flippin from there, but the wide receiver fumbled the ball inside the five. John Newby recovered it in the end zone for a touchdown, and Western led 16-0.

After Western's Greg Barnes recovered a missed handoff at midfield, Snardon scored an insurance touchdown with 3:41 left in the third guarter. Three personal-foul penalties against Kentucky State helped set up. the two-yard touchdown run.

Each team had a touchdown in the final two minutes of play, Western's Jo Jo Lee scampering 40 yards with a pass from third-string quarterback, Ralph Antone. Ronnie Fishbackkicked the 30th point.

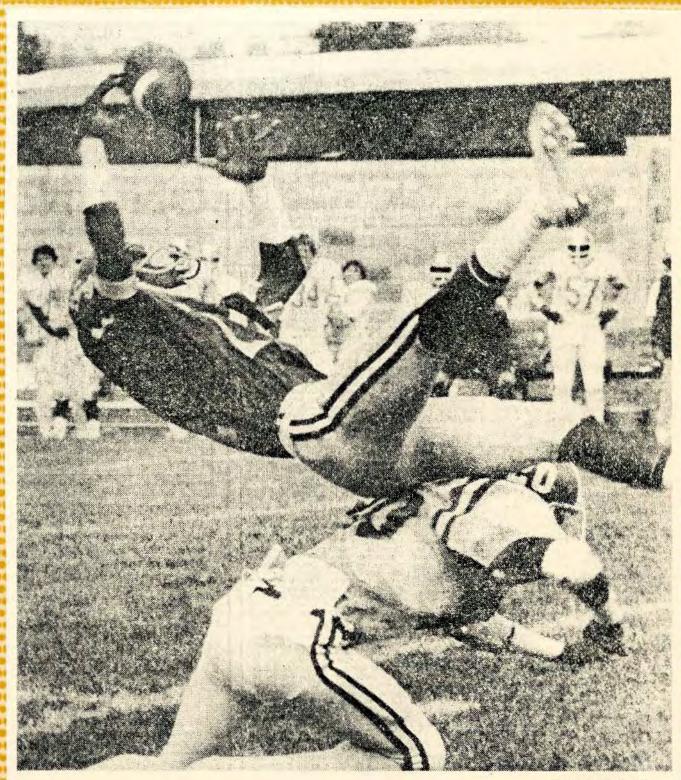
A personal-foul call against Western helped Kentucky State move 57 yards to its only score. Rice completed two passes covering 26 yards, and fullback Henry Banks scored from the one.

Western (2-0) will play next Saturday at Akron, a team it hasn't beaten in six tries. Kentucky State will play at, Hillsdale College next Saturday.

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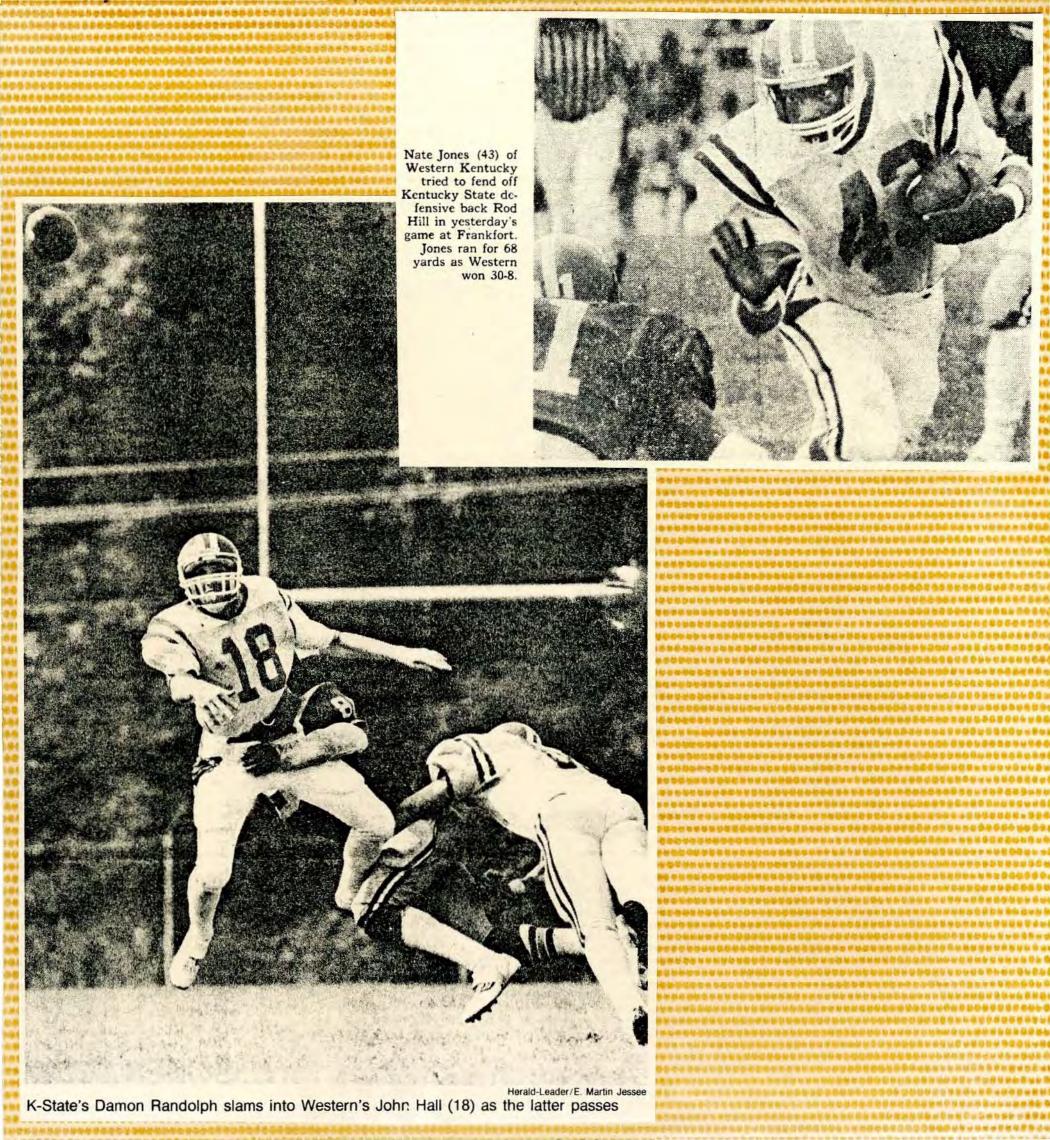
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Penalties	10-111	10-106	



Kentucky State flanker Darryl Cook was knocked off his feet by Western Kentucky's DaStaff Photo by Keith Williams

vid Mullen on a second-quarter pass play yesterday. K-State managed only 86 yards passing.





## **Mullen is OVC defender of week**

perienced freshman, the weekly awards every defensive back from Sunday night, and it just Clairton, Pa., was suddenly about turned into Davlin thrust into Western's Mullen night. He got starting lineup when former defensive back of the week, All-Ohio Valley Conference defensive player of the performer Carl Brazley week and specialt went on the injured list. The player of the week.' results were disastrous, with Mullen being exploited until early today was that by the opposition especially Mullen also wound up being early in the season.

There were times a year ago, in fact, when it looked locker room

State-you know, the guys fumble recovery. expected to give Western its first test of the 1980 season Feix. "Well, that's great. the past weekend at Frank- That makes us two-forfort-managed only six two." completions in 21 attempts during the Hilltoppers' convincing 30-8 victory, and Mullen was the biggest fly in the Thorobreds' ointment

Davlin Mullen is hoping to game," said Western coach pay folks back with interest. Jimmy Feix. "We review Last year as an inex- the films and give out our week and specialty teams

What Feix didn't know named the OVC's defensive player of the week, thanks to his busy day in Franklike the Hilltoppers had left fort-three tackles, four their pass defense in the assists, two quarterback sacks, two pass deflections, But no more. Kentucky an interception and a

"No, I hadn't heard," said

The veteran head coach was referring to the fact that last week's offensive player of the week in the OVC was senior quar-terback John Hall, who "Davlin had a great picked Evansville's



defenses apart during a 40-18 Western victory in the season opener.

"Davlin went through the school of hard knocks a year ago," noted Feix, "and I guess people are still thinking they can pick on him. We had heard that Kentucky State's scouting report said to stay away from our other cornerback (Lamont) Meacham, so they turned Mullen into the player of the week.'

A little luck never hurts, either. Mullen slipped and fell to the ground on one KSU pass play early in the second quarter, leaving receiver Darryl Cook of the Thorobreds a wide open

field ahead of him. Cook did catch the pass from Victor Rice for a 19yard gain, but his momentum carried him out of bounds near midfield. KSU running back Wilbur Dunn fumbled the ball on the very next play, and-as fate would have it-Mullen made the recovery for the Hilltoppers.

Hall is closing in on all sorts of career records held by former Western quarterback greats.

The four-year starter from White House, Tenn. completed seven of 13 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns while he was in

him a total of 256 career completions to tie Feix for third place in the all-time standings.

Johnny Vance holds the school record for career completions with 289, followed by Leo Peckenpaugh with 283.

Meanwhile, Hall moved into sole possession of third place in career touchdown passes with 29. He passed Vance's career total of 28 on Saturday, and now trails only Peckenpaugh at 35 and Feix at 29.

The touchdown pass that put Hall ahead of Vance was a bit tainted, but it counted nonetheless. Late in the first half on a second down at the KSU 20, Hall found split end Jerry Flippin streaking across the middle of the field and hit him at about the five-yard line.

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the game Saturday, giving end zone for the touchdown. According to NCAA guidelines, Hall got credit for a touchdown pass even though his actual receiver fumbled the ball away. And for the record, Newby's stats for the game were zero receptions for zero yards ... and one touchdown.

> Going into Saturday night's Western-Akron game at the Rubber Bowl, the two teams rank 1-2 in the OVC in total offense.

> Western leads the league with an average of 450.5 yards per contest, including 204.0 yards per game on the ground and 246.5 yards per game in the air. Akron is next with 312.5 yards per outing, most of it (201.5) coming on the ground.

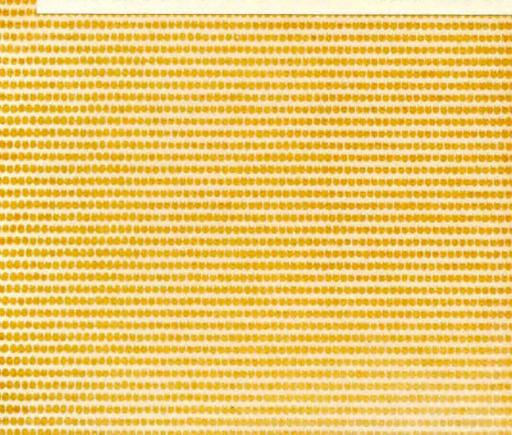
The Zips wasted little time making their presence felt in the OVC, knocking off Flippin fumbled the ball Eastern's defending away while straining to Division I-AA national reach the goal line, but champions 21-10 over the teammate John Newby weekend behind the running made the recovery in the of workhorse Dennis

Brumfield. The Akron running back carried the ball a league record 44 times for 186 yards in the win over Eastern, which wasn't as much of an upset as some would think.

In fact, the real surprises in games involving OVC teams over the weekend took place at Martin and Cookeville, Tenn.

Austin Peay, hoping to field its strongest team since its league cham-pionship squad of 1977, dropped a disappointing 24-20 decision at UT-Martin, while Tennessee Tech ambushed visiting Western Carolina 26-10 to equal its win total of a year ago.

In other games involving OVC teams the past weekend, Murray ran its record to 2-0 with an impressive 24-6 thumping of Division II power Youngstown, Morehead outlasted James Madison 21-18 and Middle Tennessee dropped a 32-7 decision to UT-Chattanooga.



## Offense Leaves Kidd In the Dark

#### By Mike Johnson sistant Sports Editor

Some notes, quotes and rumina-tions after week No.2 in Kentucky college football:

In the 16 years he has been coaching at Eastern Kentucky, Roy Kidd has never been through a night like the one he had Saturday at Akron.

Playing in the rain, with severe thunder and lightning crackling around Akron's 35,000 seat Rubber Bowl, Eastern lost 21-10 in Akron's first official game in the Ohio Valley Conference. The lights went out on Eastern in the third quarter — literally.

The lightning knocked out the stadium lights with just over two minutes left in the third quarter with Akron facing a third-and-seven at the Eastern 8. After a 24-minute delay in the dark, power was restored and Akron immediately scored its clinching touchdown on a pass from Tom Freeman to Pat Snow

"I've never had that happen be-fore," Kidd said. "We played a game in some real heavy rain down at Mid-dle Tennessee a few years ago, but never in lightning like that. I never had the lights go out on us."

Kidd was much more concerned about Eastern's lack of offensive power. The Eastern offense not only bogged down on the soggy field after jumping in front 10-0, but made two crucial mistakes that led to Akron touchdowns.

"We just about beat ourselves," Kidd said, "We got a 10-0 lead and then we threw an interception and fumbled a pitch out that gave them two touchdowns.

"Then on the two touchdown passes they threw our defensive back slipped and fell. It was raining, but their kids didn't slip and fall, just ours.

Eastern quarterback Chris Is: continued to have problems with his passing game. He completed just one of 12 attempts against Akron for a grand total of 1 yard.

"It seems to me that Chris is just trying too hard," Kidd said, "He's got to loosen up some. He's afraid that he's gonna make a mistake so he's trying to guide the ball everytime he throws it. He's got to forget about that kind of stuff and just let it go.

'I'm not gonna give up on the kid. We've got confidence in him and



#### Western's Barry Bumm (19) is greeted by his teammates after intercepting a Kentucky State pass last weekend

smile these days. Western is 2-0 and averaging 35 points a game, we want to show him that we believe we want to show him that we believe he can do it. We didn't play well on offense last year either until the third or fourth game. Our defense carried us until then. "So far, so good," Feix said, "It's going a lot better than it did last year. We were 0-2 instead of 2-0.

"It's not just the quarterback We played UT-Chattanooga and Lamar last year in our first two games and they were a little out of that's not plus the quarterback that's making mistakes, either, We've missed blocking assignments and fumbled in key situations. We just haven'r put it all together. It takes 11 people to move the ball." our league. We're a little better team this year, too."

However, Kidd did admit that he stay healthy for a change. Last year the Hilltoppers were decimated by injuries and finished the season 5-5. will give sophomore quarterback Tuck Woolum a long look this week. "We put Woolum in late against

"I really can't remember the last time we've been in this good a shape," Feix said. "That's a real key Akron and he did a pretty good job under the conditions," Kidd said. "I think we're gonna work Isaac and Woolum both with the first team this in our league, too. The teams that stay healthy are the ones that win." week and see how things go.' Feix insists, however, that Mur-

Atthough he was impressed with Akron, especially Dennis Brumfield, who rushed for 186 yards on 44 car-ries, Kidd doesn't think the Zips will ray State and Akron are the teams to beat in the OVC, not Western. win the Ohio Valley Conference

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tential to go undefeated in the con-ference," Feix said. "I've got to give Murray the edge, though, if they stay "I'd be surprised if they can beat Western," he said, "and I don't think they're as good as Murray. They're a good solid team, though, and they healthy. There's not many people that can beat them with their talent They get to play Akron at their place, too." won't beat themselves. That guy (Brumfield) carried the ball 44 times and he didn't fumble it until late in fourth quarter. That's a preity good night's work." football

Western, which began playing football in 1914, needs to score only nine points to reach the 16,000 plateau, . . . Western Kentucky coach

Western has also managed to

"Murray and Akron have the po-

Jimmy Feix has a lot of reasons to Last season, when Morehead

State lost to James Madison 16-3. Such of the Eagles had a minus Lyard pass-ing. Saturday when Morehead beat James Madison 22-18 at Jayne Sta-dium, sophomore quarterback Dan Reeves threw for 222 yards and two touchdowns.

That was quite a revival for Reeves, who suffered through a mi-serable afternoon in Morehead's 35-8 season-opening loss to Marshall. In that game, Reeves completed just one of II passes for liree yards with two interventione two interceptions.

"He was crying after that Mar-shall game because he felt like he'd let the team down," said Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg, "He had a lot of pressure on him, but he came back and got the job done."

Morehead played like a com-pletely different team againt James Madison.

"Enthusiasm was the differ-ence," Lichtenberg said. "We got be-hind 10-0 and the kids just made up their minds to come back. That shows you something. We're still young and we're still gonna make mistakes, but we're getting better.' . .

Murray State is 2-0 but the Racers have been troubled by some injury problems.

Tailback Danny Lee Johnson, the OVC offensive player of the year two seasons ago, will miss the entire season. Terry Love, the OVC's defensive player of the year last season, has yet to play because of an ankle in-jury. He will miss at least two more weeks.

Now, Murray has defensive guard Rick Posey (ankle), defensive guard Mike Watson (knee) and running back Jeff Tarrence (knee) on sidelin the

Still, Murray has played defense with avengence. In Saturday's 24-6 victory over Youngstown State, the Racers intercpeted a pass for a touchdown and blocked a punt to score another touchdown. . . .

Kentucky State defensive end Harold Smith suffered an elbow in-jury in Saturday's loss to Western and played only sparingly in the sec-ond half. However, Smith is expected to play this week against Hillsdate College.

K-State coach LeRoy Smith artfully dodged any comparisons be tween Eastern and Western.

"They're different (ootball teams," Smith said, "Maybe Eastern had the first game jitters when they played us. Scores don't mean that much

"If you compare scores, it looks like Western is the better team. No-body knows that, though. We'll find out who's the best when they play."

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## **Kidd rates Akron** as solid, but below Western, Murray

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Roy Kidd's remark yesterday was reminiscent of the one made by Vince Lombardi after Super Bowl I, when he said the Kansas City Chiefs couldn't beat the Baltimore Colts or the Los Angeles Rams.

On that occasion, the Chiefs were an unknown element out of the American Football League, about to enter the National Football League represented by Lombardi's Green Bay Packers. Everyone wondered how well the new guys on the block would do.

Akron is the new guy this season in the Ohio Valley Conference, and everyone was wondering if Akron was out of its league - or, as some coaches probably feared, if the OVC was out of Akron's league. Jimmy Feix, the Western Kentucky coach, shudders at the mere mention of the Rubber City. He's played Akron six times and hasn't won yet.

After Saturday's victory over Kentucky State, Feix asked if anyone had heard the Akron-Eastern Kentucky score. Since the game didn't start for another three hours, Feix's anxiety was obvious. Western plays at Akron

When Feix heard the news, it was not good. Akron, playing its first conference game, beat national Division I-AA defending champion Eastern 21-10.

Kidd, who coaches Eastern, spent much of yesterday answering ques-tions about Akron. "They're not bad," he said. "I think they've got a good, sound team. But I believe we'll find that Western and Murray are better."

Whew! You almost could hear the sigh of relief from Bowling Green.

Eastern could, perhaps should, have won the game, according to Kidd. The Colonels took a 10-0 lead on a 51-yard run by tailback Alvin Miller and a 30yard field goal by David Flores. However, the Zips recovered with a 26yard touchdown pass from Tom Free-man to Pat Snow on which the Eastern defender fell.

After Akron had gone ahead 14-10, Freeman, Snow and the slippery turf combined for Akron's final touchdown in the third quarter. Again, the pass defender fell.

Otherwise, Kidd saw things he liked from his defense, much of which he touchdown for the season.

had rebuilt from Eastern's championship team. "Except for those passes, we were making things happen. I thought our defense got after them pretty good Saturday, but you can't fall down and let them make touchdown passes," Kidd said. Akron was not a razzle-dazzle club

against Eastern. "They're not fancy, and they don't make mistakes," Kidd said. "They had a back named Dennis Brumfield who carried 44 times, and he didn't fumble until near the end of the game. Their offensive line comes off the ball real well, and their backs run hard and come right at you, but they're not any bigger than other teams in our league.'

On offense, where most of last year's starters returned, Eastern has been disappointing at times, especially in the second half Saturday, when it accumulated only four first downs.

"We're not throwing the ball real good, and we have worked harder on our passing game than we have in a long time," Kidd said. Since Eastern's quarterback is Chris

Isaac, a reserve last year, Kidd was asked if the fault rested with Isaac.

"Yes, basically it's him," Kidd said. 'He's in too big a hurry, he's not getting his feet set, he's playing like he's again next Saturday, and its coach afraid of making a mistake. But, we've was looking for a quick comparison. got complete confidence in him."

Confidence or not, Isaac was on the bench in the fourth quarter Saturday while sophomore Tuck Woolum played quarterback. "He came in at a time when we had to throw the ball,' Kidd said. "It was raining, but he didn't do a bad job. He did misread the converage on one pass, and it was intercepted."

One of Kidd's biggest worries at the start of the season was keeping Isaac healthy, because the coach didn't believe he had an adequate backup. Woolum was overweight last spring, and he had a bad spring practice," Kidd said. "And he didn't play in the opener because he had a sore shoulder.

"I'm going to work them both this week. Whichever one has the best practices probably will get to start Saturday. I'd like to have Chris come along, because he's got a lot of abilitv.

Woolum completed four of 12 attempts for 53 yards in the game, but Isaac was only one for nine for two yards with an interception. Isaac is seven for 20 for 81 yards and one

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On the strength of its impressive romp past Kentucky State a week ago, Western has been established as a one-point favorite in Saturday night's Ohio Valley Conference opener at Akron by the Hanes Rating System.

Western was expected to get its first stiff test of the young season last week at Frankfort, but the Hilltoppers rolled to a convincing 30-8 victory

Meanwhile, Akron wasn't exactly playing checkers to pass the time. The Zips-in their first season of OVC competition-kicked off the league portion of their schedule last Saturday night with a rousing 21-10 win over Eastern's defending Division I-AA national champions, raising their overall record to 2-0.

Western will also take a 2-0 mark in Saturday night's 6:30 contest at the Rubber Bowl, where most of 35,000 seats are expected to be filled for the early-season shootout.

In case you've already forgotten, the HRS correctly forecast the Zips' win over Eastern. But games involving other OVC teams were the system's downfall by and large, with no less than four league teams going against the grain.

Murray, Morehead and Tennessee Tech all won when they knew better last weekend, while Austin Peay was a disappointing 24-20 loser to UT-Martin.

Other than that, it was a banner weekend for the HRS with a couple of near-perfect picks. Our crystal ball

#### **Clark Hanes** Daily News Sports Editor Commentary

called for Oklahoma to down Kentucky 28-6 and the final was 29-7, while Maryland's 31-6 win over Vanderbilt had been predicted as 31-3 two days before.

Overall, the forecast was good for a 33-11-1 mark (.750) and left the HRS with a .789 percentage over the first two weeks of the season. But the Hoople forecast outpicked us in two of the three "contested" games, and sports a slim 4-3 lead going into this weekend.

The HRS differs with the Major's forecast this week by picking Murray over Louisville, LSU over Colorado, Maryland over West Virginia, Virginia over North Carolina State and UCLA over Purdue. On to the forecast:

#### OVC

Western 21, Akron 20: Eastern coach Roy Kidd would hate to think he's doing Western any favors, but the Colonels left a few lumps on Kentucky State despite having to come from behind to win 24-21 two weeks ago. Don't be surprised if Akron has a few bumps and bruises too.

Murray 17, UL 10: The Cardinals are finally seeking their own level after back-to-back losses to major powers Miami and Florida State, but Murray will give them a rude reception at Fairgrounds Stadium.

Other games:

Eastern 21, Youngstown 13 Tennessee Tech 27, Northeast Mo. 7 Austin Peay 20, James Madison 7

## **Tops hoping to end Akron jinx**

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

Going into the 1980 football season, Western ranked fifth among the nation's Division I-AA powers in all-time winning percentage...no thanks to Akron.

The Hilltoppers took a 61-year record of 330 wins, 186 losses and 28 ties into the current season, good for a flashy .632 percentage, but those figures drop all the way to .000 against Akron. In six meetings between the two teams since 1965, the Hilltoppers show an 0-4-2 mark.

"We haven't had a whole lot of success against Akron in the past," noted Western coach Jimmy Feix. "We'd like nothing better than to go up there and win our first one against those folks particularly now that the game is so crucial in our conference race."

Akron is competing for the Ohio Valley Conference title for the first time this fall, and kicked off its quest for league honors last Saturday night with an impressive 21-10 win over Eastern's defending Division I-AA national champs.

The Zips are hoping to repeat that performance Saturday night (6:30 p.m. CDT) in the Rubber Bowl, where a near-capacity crowd of 35,000 is expected for the early-season showdown of OVC contenders. Both teams bring 2-0 records into the contest, with Western still waiting to be tested after easy wins over Evansville (40-18) and Kentucky State (30-8).

"We must get our feet back on the ground," said Akron coach Jim Dennison, "but there's no question that our win over Eastern was a big one—our first in the OVC."



The week before, Akron had opened its 1980 campaign with a 31-7 romp past Northeast Missouri that left Dennison unimpressed despite the lopsided score. But after the Zips' big win over Eastern the past weekend, he was all smiles.

"We showed definite improvement over our initial performance of the season," he said. "Our work habits and concentration were very good, and we'll need a similar performance against Western this Saturday night."

Western, meanwhile, would probably settle for a performance similar to last week's Kentucky State game. It was supposed to be the Hilltoppers' first test of the young season, but Western dominated every phase of the game and shut out the Thorobreds until the final 30 seconds.

Senior quarterback John Hall completed seven of 13 passes for 118 yards and two touchdowns, giving him five scoring passes after only two games, while junior fullback Troy Snardon turned in the best game of his career with 84 yards on 17 carries including a 17-yard touchdown run.

KSU had battled Eastern to the wire before dropping a 24-21 decision the week before.

"We've been playing well and we're going to give it our best shot Saturday night," said Feix, "but that Rubber Bowl is a tough place to play. We'll need to be 100 percent mentally and physically. A team just doesn't beat an outfit like Eastern 21-10 without a lot of talent."

Most teams don't beat Eastern by running right over them, either, but that's exactly what the Zips did last week. Junior tailback Dennis Brumfield (6-0, 205) carried the ball 44 times (an OVC record) for 186 yards, breaking the old mark of 43 carries by Alfred Thompson of Eastern against Morehead in 1973.

Eastern jumped out to an early 10-0 lead in the

## Akron wants 'Ohio' in OVC

#### **Associated Press**

Akron has a chance this weekend to put Ohio back into the Ohio Valley Conference football race.

For years, the OVC has been a Kentucky affair with Eastern, Western and Murray taking turns wearing the league's football crown. But Akron, in its first year of league competition, has a chance to change that state of affairs Saturday night when the unbeaten Zips entertain Western.

The Western-Akron game is the only conference contest Saturday. In



other games, Murray, 2-0, is at Louisville, Eastern, 1-1, entertains Youngstown, Tennessee Tech, 1-0, is at Northeast Missouri, and Austin Peay, 0-1, hosts James Madison. Morehead, 1-1, and Middle Tennessee, 0-2, are idle.

The unwritten rule in the OVC has been that any team with title aspirations must dispose of Eastern and Western. Akron took care of the Colonels with a 21-10 victory last weekend, but the Zips might find things a bit more difficult against Western, simply because WKU coach Jimmy Feix knows what to expect.

"We have to blunt their aggressive offense, play with a great deal of consistency and play hard-nosed football," said Feix.

The key for Western will be the effectiveness of quarterback John Hall, who has thrown for five touchdowns so far. He had two TD tosses in last week's victory over Kentucky State. game, but Akron roared back with two secondquarter touchdowns set up by an interception and a fumble recovery.

Dennison expects the Zips' defense to be severely tested by a Western offense that has piled up 901 yards in two games, although he doesn't necessarily think the Hilltoppers' passing game will make or break either team. Instead, he thinks a key will be stopping Snardon and tailback Nate Jones on the ground.

"A lot of people think that since Hall is such an excellent passer that we must be ready for an aerial barrage," he explained. "I disagree. First, we must stop the run. If we don't, we'll be in for a long evening."

In other games involving OVC teams this weekend, Murray gets a shot at Louisville, Eastern entertains Youngstown State, Austin Peay hosts James Madison and Tennessee Tech travels to Northeast Missouri.

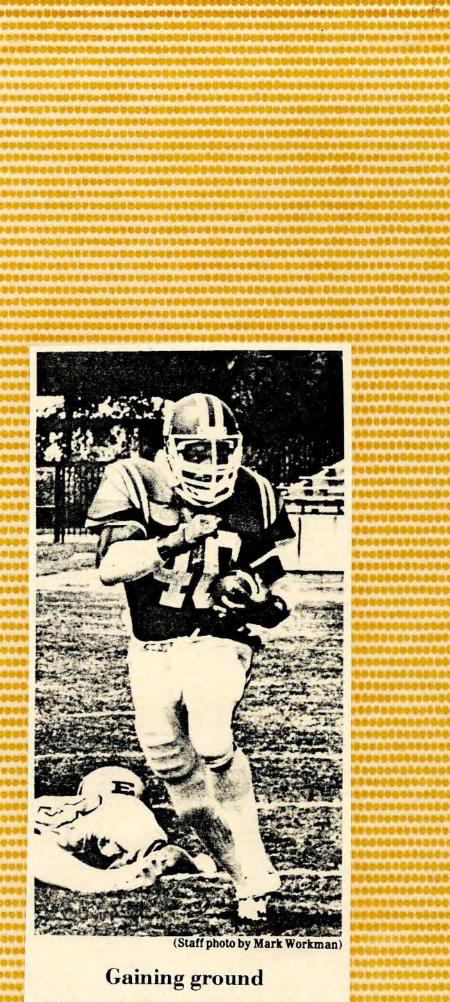
While Western and Akron take care of some league business, Murray has a chance to earn some prestige for the Division I-AA conference when the Racers visit Division I-A foe Louisville, 0-2. Murray comes to the game off a 24-6 win over Youngstown that featured a pair of touchdowns by the Racers' league-leading defense

by the Racers' league-leading defense. Louisville, meanwhile, will attempt to pick up the pieces from last week's 52-0 rout at Florida State.

For those who might think that "major college" Louisville should win routinely, it would be wise to refer back to Louisville's last brush with the OVC. Western Kentucky invaded back in 1975 and dispatched the Cardinals 21-17.

Louisville last met Murray in 1960, when the Cards won 12-6 to take a 7-5 margin in the series.

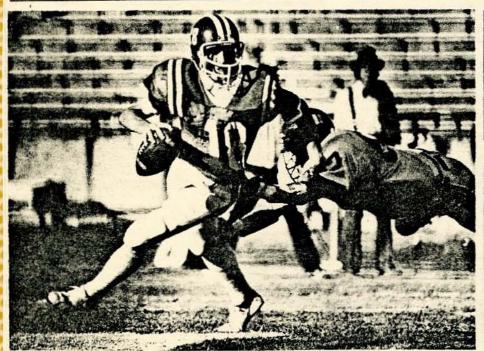
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SE—Jerry Flippin (82)	5-8		Jr.
TE-Ricky Gwinn (88)	6-2		Sr.
T-Phil Rich (70)	6-4		Sr.
G-Pete Walters (68)	6-3		
C-Greg Gallas (55)		225	
G-Mark Blackburn (64)	5-10		
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T-Donnie Evans (50)	6-4		Jr.
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OLB—Greg Barnes (32)	6-1		1000
CB-Lamont Meacham (28)	6-0		
CB-Davlin Mullen (20)	6-1		So.
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FS—Barry Bumm (19)	6-0	175	Jr.
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TB-Dennis Brumfield (22)	6-0		Jr.
FB—Jim Leichliter (39)		220	
F-Pat Snow (15)	6-1		Jr.
SE—Steve Popovich (6)	6-0		Sr.
TE-Bruce Bigach (86)	6-4		Jr. Sr
T-Mike Voight (70)	6-2	230 220	Sr. Sr.
G—Ed Szabo (63) C—Juan Pope (59)	6-2	220	Sr.
G-Reece Peery (61)	6-3	235	So.
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NG-Jim Tawse (94)	6-2	235	Sr.
T-Joe Myers (95)	6-3	235	So.
OLB-Bob Baumbick (83)	6-1	220	Jr.
OLB-Jamie Warburton (64)	6-3	200	Jr.
LB-Brad Reece (38)	6-2	225	Jr.
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TROY SNARDON (40) of Western breaks loose for big yardage during the Hilltoppers' 40-18 romp past Evansville here two weeks ago. The junior fullback also was the leading rusher in last week's 30-8 win at Kentucky State, picking up 84 yards on 17 carries.

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#### All-OVC performer

JOHN HALL (18), shown here sidestepping a would-be tackler, is hoping to become the first three-time All-Ohio Valley Conference quarterback in the history of the league this fall. Hall was the OVC offensive player of the year in 1979.

#### **Talent in reserve**

RALPH ANTONE (11) saw only limited action at quarterback for Western last season as a redshirt fresman, but the highly-touted signal-caller from McMurray, Pa., is expected to be in the thick of the battle for the starting job this fall.

#### Western at Akron

Time: 7:30 p.m. (EDT).

Location: Rubber Bowl, Akron, Ohio.

Coaches: Jimmy Feix, Western; Jim Dennison, Akron.

Records: Western 2-0; Akron 2-0.

Radio: WBGN, 1340; WKCT, 930; WDMS-FM, 98.5

**Notes:** Western has been impressive in its first two games, scoring 70 points and averaging 450.5 yards. Quarterback John Hall ranks second in the OVC in passing, with 374 yards and five touchdowns. Akron stands second in the conference in total offense, averaging 26 points and 312.5 yards a game. The Zips have the league's top rusher in Dennis Brumfield, who has gained 287 yards in two games. Brumfield set an OVC record last week against Eastern with 44 carries for 186 yards.



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## Youngstown's Narduzzi expects no relief while facing Eastern

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Bill Narduzzi sat at his desk, looking at a drawing of a beaten-up old football, replete with bandages, that hung on his wall. The lettering below it read: "Ohio Valley Conference. We compete in a tough league."

"Boy, did we find that out," Narduzzi said with a laugh.

As a former assistant coach at the University of Kentucky, Narduzzi knew what he was getting into when his Youngstown State team was admitted to the OVC last summer. Then, Murray State confirmed his fears last Saturday by belting Youngstown 24-6 in the Ohio team's opener.

At 2 p.m. EDT today, Youngstown plays at Eastern Kentucky. "I hate to that finished second in the league and was national champion," Narduzzi said. "It doesn't sound like it's going to get any easier."

Eastern lost last week at Akron 21-10, but Narduzzi still worries. "We looked at their film against Akron. Coach (Eastern's Roy) Kidd spoke to our news conference by telephone and made a statement that I have to disagree with. He said, 'We're not physical enough.' My gawd, they looked like they were killing Akron physically."

Narduzzi hopes Eastern isn't as good as Murray. "That's about as tough an opener as I ever want to get involved with," he said. "They're so doggone quick. They didn't give us time to breathe.

"They give you so many population problems at the point of attack. We were expecting an eight-man front all day, when in fact, we lined up for the first play and they're playing nine people up there. So, we were rather ill-prepared for them."

Youngstown continues as a Division II team until next year, when it becomes eligible for the OVC title. Thus, it is 10 scholarships shy of the other OVC schools this year. "We had to drop five of them to compete in Division II this year," said Narduzzi, who is both head coach and athletic director

"I love playing good competition," he said, "but this season is something else. We're playing two national champions in Eastern Kentucky and Delaware, plus five Division I-AA teams."

Narduzzi left Kentucky for the Youngstown job in 1975, and he has compiled a 37-17 record there. Like another new OVC team, Akron, Youngstown benefits from being located in an outstanding recruiting area.

"I think we've got an advantage in that the population is so much greater here," Narduzzi said. "From where

## COLLEGE



Youngstown coach Bill Narduzzi knows the Ohio Valley Conference football is tough. His team lost to Murray last week and faces Eastern Ken-tucky today at Hanger Field.

80 miles from Cleveland. If you struck an 80-mile radius from Youngstown, you would include cities like Erie, Akron, Massillon, Canton, Steubenville and Wheeling.

"That's a great deal of population, which makes it different than any one 80-mile area of Kentucky. Since Akron and Youngstown have been accepted as members, we've felt a little more heat recruiting-wise from the OVC schools. We had Morehead up here for a couple of years. Western and Eastern came in here quite heavily recruiting last year. They will travel to northeastern Ohio to recruit, but we would not travel from Youngstown all the way to Kentucky to recruit, as a general rule."

Eastern has had a consistent running attack this season, but Colonel quarterbacks have completed only 11 of 32 passes with four interceptions. Bolstered by a 51-yard touchdown run last week, tailback Alvin Miller leads Eastern with 162 yards in 26 carries. Fullback Dale Patton has 74 yards in 14 tries.

But, Eastern's best offensive weapon has been place-kicker David Flores, who has connected on his last we sit we're 80 miles from Pittsburgh, nine field-goal attempts over two sea-

sons. That's one shy of the NCAA Divi-sion I-AA record held by Middle Tennessee's Gerald Robinson.

Flores also is within four points of breaking the OVC record for most points by a kicker. He has 194, four fewer than former Tennessee Tech kicker Murray Cunningham.

Impressed by Akron's win over Eastern last week, Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix hopes the law of averages, if nothing else, will help Western beat the host Zips in a 7:30 EDT game tonight. Western has four losses and two ties in its series against Akron.

'We're a much better football team than we were last year at this time,' Feix said. "That game at Akron is more meaningful to us than the others before, now that they're in the OVC. I hope we'll play harder against them than we have at other times.

Western has rolled past its first two opponents, whipping Evansville 40-18 and Kentucky State 30-8. In each case, the Hilltoppers have been led by All-OVC quarterback John Hall, who last week tied his coach for third place among school leaders in pass completions. Hall has 256 and needs only 33 more completions to set the Western record.

Before beating Eastern, Akron blitzed Northeast Missouri 31-7. Akron hasn't won its first three games since 1971, Western hasn't done so since 1975

Other OVC games today include James Madison at Austin Peay, and Tennessee Tech at Northeast Missouri. Morehead and Middle Tennessee have open dates.

Among other Kentucky colleges, Kentucky State will be at Hillsdale for a 1:30 EDT game, Georgetown plays host to Franklin at 1:30 and Washington & Lee is at Centre at 1:30.



## **Tops rally past Akron**

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

AKRON, Oh .- Jimmy Feix had vowed that "the Big D" was back a week ago, but he wasn't really sure of it until about 9 p.m. Saturday

It was about that time that the Western coach and his players trotted off the field here at the Rubber Bowl with a hard-earned 8-2 win over homestanding Akron, the newcomers to the Ohio Valley who had bounced Eastern's defending Division 1-AA national champs 21-10 here last week.

Western had rolled past Kentucky State 30-8 last week, meanwhile, prompting Feix to make his declaration of defense. But the veteran coach admitted he wasn't really convinced until Saturday night.

"Now I can say it, for sure," he shouted over the den in a jubilant Western dressing room. "The Big D is back. About the middle of the third quarter, I started feeling awfully confident about our defense. I didn't know if we were ever going to score, but I was pretty sure they weren't.

Akron did wind up scoring on a safety late in the third quarter, but it later proved harmless when Western-after threatening time and time again in the first half-finally got on the scoreboard via a three-yard run by junior fullback Troy Snardon.

A 50-yard punt return by speedy sophomore Davlin Mullen had given the Hilltoppers the ball at the Akron 31, and Snardon bulled into the end zone eight plays later with exactly 10 minutes left in the game.

Western tacked on another two points with senior quarterback John Hall hitting Ricky Gwynn on the conversion play, and then turned things over to the defense which had dominated the Zips all evening long. In its last two possessions of the game, Akron never got past its own 30-yard line.

"We had a lot of trouble on offense, and Western had a lot to do with it," said a dissapointed Akron coach Jim Dennison after the game. "Their defense just dominated the game. We've got a pretty good offensive line, but they manhandled it.

"I have said all along that Western had a much better team than Eastern." he added, "and its going to take a fine football team to beat them. I don't really know if anybody can.'

The Hilltoppers limited Akron to just 156 yards in total offense, some 30 yards less than tailback Dennis Brumfield had gained by himself last week against Eastern. Brumfield managed only 61 yards in 20 carries, while junior quarterback Tom Freeman completed only two of 18 passes for a meager 56 yards.

"We were keying on Brumfield," said big Tim Ford, a junior defensive end. "We were ready for him. We are a lot stronger against the run than we were last year, and when they started passing we knew it was coming."

It was Western's first victory ever over Akron in seven tries, and left the Hilltoppers 1-0 in the OVC and 3-0 overall. Akron dropped to 1-1 in league play, and 2-1 in all games.

Western need only two plays after the opening kickoff to prove it could move the ball, with Nate Jones sweeping right end for 14 yards and Hall hitting flanker Ron Hunter for 23 more one play later.

But it eventually became the first of many first-half threats to fizzle, with Akron taking possession after a missed 34-yard field goal attempt by Ronnie Fishback.

The Hilltopppers marched to the Akron eight later in the period, but stalled again and saw another Fishback attempt miss from 33 yards out two plays into the second quarter. But the deepest cut of all came late in t he first half when Western pushed all the way to the Akron one-inch line, and still came away empty-handed.

It all boiled down to a fourth-and-goal situation with the nose of the ball almost touching the goal line. Junior tailback Barry Skaggs-the Hilltoppers' short-yardage specialist-got the call, and was met in midair by Akron linebacker Tony Philpott.

"We just tried to do what we do best," said Feix, "and they stopped us at it. We had gotten a little fancy the first time we got the ball down there, and they stopped us then too.

As a result, Western led only in statistics at the half. By intermission, the Hilltoppers had piled 203 yards and 11 first downs compared to just 83 yards and two first downs for Akron.

It became a game of field position in the third quarter, with the Zips getting the upper hand. They also wound up putting the first points on the board, when Western punter Ray Farmer was tackled on his own end zone while trying to quick kick the Hilltoppers out of a hole.

"I just didn't have room to get the ball off," explained the senior punter afterwards.

Farmer didn't make it to the goal line, needless to say. He was smothered by big Scott Miller (6-1, 245) to put the Zips ahead 2-0, but Western roared back moments to take the lead for good.

The Hilltoppers return home next Saturday for another OVC test against Austin Peay.

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First downs	15	6
Rushes-yards	60-179	39-100
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## Snardon's late touchdown lifts Western

#### Special to The Courier-Journal

AKRON, Ohio - Troy Snardon scored on a two-yard run with 10 minutes to play as Western Kentucky remained unbeaten by posting an 8-2 Ohio Valley Conference victory over previously unbeaten Akron last night. only two of 18 tosses.

With the Hilltoppers trailing 2-0 early in the fourth period, Western's Davlin Mullen returned a punt by Akron's Andy Graham 50 yards to the Akron 31-yard line to set up an eight-play drive that ended with the game's only touchdown.

Western quarterback John Hall, who completed seven of 10 passes for 99 yards, passed to Ricky Gwinn for the two-point conversion.

Akron had three possessions after

Western's touchdown, but the Zips couldn't advance the ball deeper thanthe Western 35-yard line.

The final Akron drive ended when Mullen intercepted a pass by quarterback Tom Freeman, who completed

Akron had taken a 2-0 lead with 28 seconds left in the third quarter when junior defensive tackle Scott Miller tackled Western's Ray Farmer in the end zone. Farmer, a Louisville senior and Western's punter, entered the game to try a second-down quick kick, .

Akron - Safety, Scott Miller tackled Ray Farm-er in end zone; Western Kentucky - Troy Snardon, 2 run (Ricky Gwinn pass from John Hall).

but he was tackled before getting the kick off.

Akron had pinned Western on its one-yard line on Graham's 40-yard punt.

The crowd of 23,506 saw Western ron up 203 yards in the first half and limit the hosts to 83, but the Hilltoppers couldn't push the ball across the goal line. Western had first-half drives stall at the Akron 15- and one-yard lines.

The Western defense, led by senior linebacker Bryan Gray of Louisville with eight solo tackles and six assists, allowed Akron to cross midfield only once in the first half.

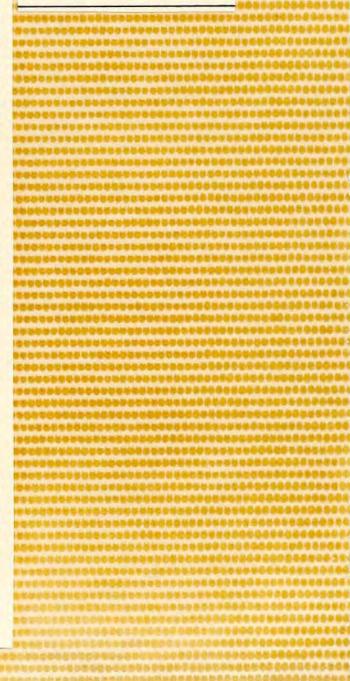
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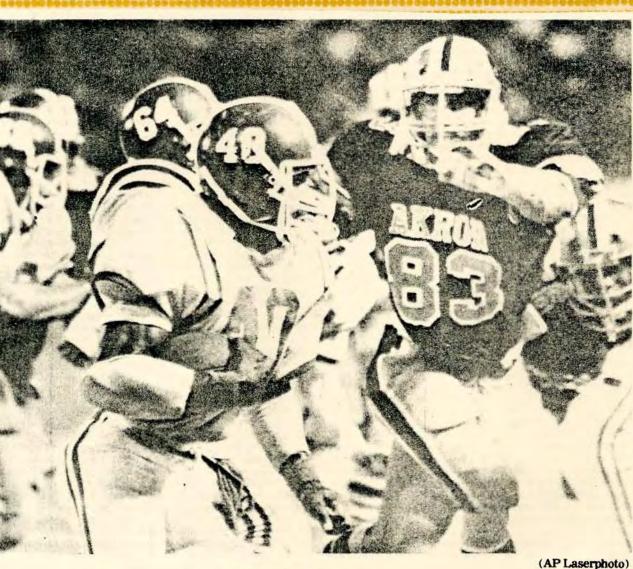
Snardon had a game-high 93 yards on 20 carries for Western, which improved its overall record to 3-0 by winning its OVC opener. Nate Jones added 61 yards on 17 rushes for the winners.

Akron fell to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Western will entertain Austin Peay State in an OVC game next Saturday while Akron will visit Indiana State for a non-conference game.

	Akron	WKU
First downs	6	15
Net yards rushing	100	179
Passes	18-2-1	10-7-0
Passing yards	56	99
Fumbles lost by	0	0
Yards penalized	47	42
Punts	10-42.7	6-43.2





#### **Tough yardage**

TROY SPARDON (40) runs a sweep around right end during first quarter action against Akron Univ. in Akron, Ohio. Bob Baumbick (83) made the tackle.

Western won 8-2 and Spardon scores the only touchdown of the game the fourth quarter.

## Penalty Costs K-State; Western Wins

#### Staff, Wire Dispatches

An offsides penalty proved costly to the Kentucky State Thorobreds yesterday

Rick Vear kicked a 22-yard field goal with 19 seconds remaining to lift homestanding Hillsdale College to a 10-7 victory over Kentucky State in Hillsdale, Mich.

Vear had attempted a 27-yarder on the previous play and missed. However, the Thorobreds were offsides and gave Vear another chance.

Hillsdale set up the score with a drive of 50 yards in seven plays.

Kentucky State scored first on a 2-yard pass from Victor Rice to Anthony Hardy with 13 seconds to go in the half and Mark Stoute added the extra point for a 7-0 lead at intermission.

Hillsdale came back in the second half, driving 60 yards in 12 plays to set up a 2-yard scoring run by Ross Robinson. Vear added the conversion kick for a 7-7 tie.

Rice, a junior from Birmingham,

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Ala., had his best performance as a Thorobred. He completed 13 of 25 passes for 157 yards. Rice's leading receiver was Darryl Cook, who caught five passes for 99 yards.

Ron Clark led Kentucky State rushers with 14 carries for 54 yards, while Bill Eberhart had 97 yards for 13 carries for Hillsdale.

Both teams had 14 first downs. Hillsdale rushed for 213 yards to Kentucky State's 126, but the winners had just 99 yards in the air. The Thorobreds were penalized 93 vards to Hillsdale's 29.

Kentucky State, now 0-3, hosts Knoxville College at 2 p.m. Saturday. Hillsdale is now 1-2.

Western Ky. 8, Akron 2 - Trov Snardon's 2-yard run with 10 minutes left in the game gave Western Kentucky an Ohio Valley Conference victory over Akron in the Rubber Bowl.

The Hilltoppers, 3-0, won their first Ohio Valley Conference game of the year. Akron fell to 2-1 overall and 1-1 in the conference.

Snardon's score came eight plays after a 50-yard punt return by Davlin Mulen moved the ball to the Akron 31vard line. Snardon also was the leading rusher with 90 yards in 23 carries.

Akron's only score came on a safety with 28 seconds left in the third quarter as Scott Miller tackled Western Kentucky punter Ray Farmer in the end zone.

The Zips earlier had stopped the visitors on the 1-foot line.

Ronnie Fishback attempted field goals of 33 and 34 yards for the Hilltoppers in the first quarter, but both misfired.

The Hilltopper defense held Akron quarterback Tom Freeman to two pass completions in 18 attempts for 56 yards. One Freeman pass was intercepted.

## Western defense is no longer giving Feix gray hairs

#### By STAN SUTTON

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At that point, Feix's graying process

stopped, if indeed it ever started, In three of its next four games, Western vielded fewer than eight points and went on to salvage a 5-5 season. That was like a squirt of Greeian founger than ever now that his defea-tive unit has recovered from the key defeation of the salvage of the fember. How far back it has come was vient Saturday night, when Western thwarted Obio Valley Conference con-tive that the salvage of the salvage of the start of the salvage of the salvage of the first downs. Akron, which had scored to salvage of the salvage of the salvage of the score of the salvage of the salvage of the score of the salvage of t cross half.

half. A week earlier, the Hilltoppers had limited Kentucky State to 218 yards in a 30-8 victory. In its opener, Western thumped Evansville 40-18, allowing

three touchdowns when the outer oc-cupants of its bench were in the game. In fact, Western's defense has yet to allow a point in the first three quar-ters. Akron got a safety late in the third period when punter Ray Farmer was tackled while attempting to quick kick.

NCR. "We didn't execute it at all," Feix said. "One of the backs was supposed to pull up into the line, and he didn't. Farmer couldn't even get his leg up. Fortunately, he took the sack. He didn't kick it up there where they could get six points out of it." That play put Western in a 2-0 hole, but didn't leave Feix especially wor-ried.

ried. "The two points didn't concern me too much. I feit it would take a touch down to win," he said. "I was almost

glad to get away from our end zone to keep them from getting a touchdown." While the Western defense had nothing to do with Akron's only score, one of its stalwarts played a big part in Western's lone touchdown. Sopho-more cornerback Davlin Mullen returned a punt 50 yards to Akron's 31-yard line to set up the score by full-back Troy Snardon. Against Kentucky State, Mullen had returned a punt 27

Mule Mullen had returned a punt 27 yards to set up a score. "Mullen has done an awfully good job the last couple of games. Our sec-ondary is playing together better, and the two cornerbacks (Mullen and La-mont Meacham) are playing better each game." Feix said.

Akron quarterback Tom Freeman completed only two of 18 passes Satur-day night. "I thought maybe he'd be

more effective," Feix said. "We were lucky on passes a couple of times, but I'd like to think we put a little pres-sure on him ion". sure on him, too." Feix is tentative about overpraising

Feix is tentative about overpraising the Western defense. "We've got to stay healthy," he said, "If we can keep playing the same II or I2 play-ers, we'll be OK. "Akron didn't have a lot of outside speed. They're a comeatyou type of football team. I'm a little concerned about our speed. Our defense is pro-gressing well, but we have to stay healthy because we don't have any depth." depth." Western's offense hardly was inept

Western's offense haroly was inept at Akron, which the Hilltoppers beat, for the first time in seven attempts. The Hilltoppers gained 203 yards in the first half without scoring. "I was pleased that we played tough

the whole ballgame." Feix said. "When we dida't get points we should have gotien early in the game, we didn't let down. The first time we threatened, we got sacked on a sec-ond-and-nine. Latter, it was a deiny-of-game penalty. We had a tricky play we were trying to call, and we uldn't get everybody on the field in time. I hurt us there.

"The next time we didn't do ney thing but shoot our best barrel, and they just threw us back. We ran our best backs in there and got nothing."

Feix believes Akron, which defeat ed Eastern Kentucky Sept. 13, is still threat to win the OVC in its first sea son. "It's hard to judge this early, but picked them to be one of the best teams in the league. I think they just-fied that," he said.



# In distress

## Feix considered sending an 'SOS' to Curnutte

It was perhaps the biggest game of the year for Western, but coach Jimmy Feix-in his mind, at least-was several hundred miles away

'I couldn't help but wonder if Mike Curnutte was home listening to the game on his radio," said Feix, referring to his field-goal kicker who was sorely missed during the Hilltoppers' 8-2 win over homestanding Akron on Saturday night before a Rubber Bowl crowd of 23,506.

Western's first-string placekicker didn't even make the trip to Akron the past weekend because of a torn quad muscle in his thigh, and that put freshman Ronnie Fishback in the hot seat.

A rookie from Shelbyville, Tenn., Fishback had earned the job of kicking off a couple of weeks earlier by showing a stronger leg than Curnutte, a sophomore from Greensburg. But the more accurate Curnutte still had the field-goal job, until being sidelined by an injury that may keep him out of this week's home game against Austin Peay

It didn't take the Hilltoppers long to miss their kicking specialist.

Less than four minutes into the game, Western's first scoring threat of the night went down the drain when Fishback missed badly on a 34-yard field goal try. Two plays into the second quarter, the youngster who was actually recruited as a defensive back missed again from 33 yards out.

'I just told him to hang in there," recalled Feix, "and I wouldn't have been afraid to let him try again if the situation had called for it."

The situation didn't. Western was stopped on downs at the Akron one-yard line later in the first half, but finally scored on a two-yard run by junior fullback Troy Snardon with 10 minutes left in the game after a



50-yard punt return by budding sophomore Davlin Mullen. \* \* \*

Without a doubt, Saturday night's convincing win over the Zips put Western in the driver's seat of this year's Ohio Valley Conference title chase.

Three more OVC road games await the Hilltoppers, but only the Nov. 22 season finale at Murray figures to be as rough as the trip to northeastern Ohio. Western's other remaining road tilts are at Tennessee Tech on Oct. 18, and at Morehead on Nov. 1.

We've still got some tough road games ahead of us," noted Feix, "but I doubt if any of them can be tougher than this one. Trouble is, everybody's going to shooting for us now."

Just like old times, in other words,

Chances are, it will be about a month before we learn much more about this year's OVC race. It looks like a case of the "haves" vs. the "have-nots" until Oct. 25, but then batten down the hatches for two big shootouts the same day-Eastern at Western, and Akron at Murгау

A week later, Murray goes to Eastern in another

game which will help determine the OVC champion.

As far as snakes in the grass are concerned, keep your eye on Tennessee Tech. The resurgent Eagles already have doubled last year's win total with non-conference victories over Western Carolina and Northeast Missouri, and quarterback James Aaron-a transfer from the Air Force-may become John Hall's stiffest challenger in his quest to become the league's first three-time All-OVC quarterback.

Akron coach Jim Dennison had big plans for his 1980

team, but Saturday night's setback probably cost the Zips any chance of making the Division I-AA playoffs.

With a win at Murray next month, Dennison's club might wind up claiming a share of the OVC title. But the Zips' overall record doesn't figure to be as good as either Western's or Murray's, thanks to three games against Division I-A teams.

Western knows a little bit about wading in over its head, thanks to last year's ill-fated games against UT-Chattanooga and Lamar.

Akron plays at Indiana State of the Missouri Valley Conference this weekend, entertains Eastern Michigan of the Mid-American Conference two weeks later and then travels to independent power Temple-a Top 20 team last fall, no less-on Oct. 18.

How big were Akron's plans going into 1980?

Well, nobody's mentioning any names but one OVC coach voted for his own team to win the league title in this year's preseason poll at Louisville back in August. You can draw your own conclusions, but it's probably no small coincidence that it happened during Dennison's first year to participate in the voting.

After all, all the other coaches knew they weren't allowed to vote for their own teams.

# LEXINGTON HERALD Sports Racing Obituaries

## **OVC Football Teams Are Something to Brag About**

#### By Mike Johnson Assistant Sports Editor

Some notes, quotes and ruminations from Week No. 3 in Kentucky college football:

"Our league has become a powerhouse league in Division I-AA. I sincerely feel our teams can play with a lot of teams anywhere in the country and I'm not just talking about I-AA teams either."

Murray State coach Mike Gottfried said that back in August when he was surrounded by his coaching coharts at the Ohio Valley Conference preseason luncheon, before any team had stepped on the field. In the first three weeks of the season, the OVC has done nothing to discredit such braggadocio. In fact, Gottfried showed he knew what he was talking about when his team defeated Louisville last Saturday, 13-9.

OVC teams have a combined record of 15-6 thus far. In non-conference games, the OVC is 12-4, including 2-1 against Division I-A teams. Middle Tennessee, at 0-2, is the only team in the conference under .500.

Now, that the preliminaries are out of the way, the conference race opens up in force this weekend. Murray is still the favorite, but no one around the league expects the confernce championship to be decided until the final weekend of the season. "I still feel it's gonna be a great race," Gottfried says. "It may be the best race we've ever seen in the OVC. We've got a tough, tough football league, that's all there is to it."

The last two OVC champions, Murray last season and Western Kentucky in 1978, went through the league undefeated. However, Akron is eligible for the championship this season, that means playing six league games instead of seven, and the prospects of an unbeaten champion seem unlikely.

Akron has been involved in the only two conference games played this season. The Zips beat Eastern Kentucky 21-10, but lost to Western 8-2. That gives Western something of an edge, with a victory over another contender on the road.

"That was a big win for us in a lot of ways," admits Western coach Jimmy Feix. "Not many folks are gonna go up there and beat that team. I feel mighty good that we got out of there with a victory.

"Beating a contender on the road is one of the requirements for winning a conference championship. The other requirement is not to lose to any of the other contenders at your place.

"Akron would've been in awfully good shape if they could've beat us. Their loss (Turn to FLORES, C-5)

## Flores Sets OVC Record For a Kicker

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was much more significant for them than our victory was for us."

Eastern's 45-0 victory over Youngstown, although admittedly aided by seven turnovers provided by the defense, was a big boost for the Colonel offense, which had been soundly criticized.

"We didn't let the talk bother us," said offensive guard Danny Hope. "We knew we hadn't been doing well, nobody had to tell us that. We also knew that we have the talent, it was just a matter of getting the job done."

There had been talk too that Eastern might consider changing quarterbacks, lifting junior Chris Isaac for sophomore Tuck Woolum. Hope, though, never expected that to happen.

"We know what Chris can do," he said. "He's got tremendous talent. Just because you have a couple of bad games doesn't mean you're not any good any more. We hadn't been giving him a lot of help either."

Eastern coach Roy Kidd figured Isaac would come through once he relaxed. "That's what I told him all week," Kidd said. "I told him just to go out there and be Chris Isaac and forget about everything else. I said, 'We know you can throw it, so go throw it."

Eastern's David Flores put his name in the OVC record books against Youngstown when he booted a field goal and six extra points.

Flores now has scored 203 points as a kicker, breaking the conference career record of 198 set by Murray Cunningham of Tennessee Tech from 1973-76.

Flores missed a chance to tie a Division I-AA record for consecutive field goals when he missed a 35-yard attempt against Youngstown. Murray's David Tuck matched the record of 10 straight when he booted an 18yarder against Louisville. However, he failed to break the record when he missed a 34-yard try.

Since Akron does not play Morehead State and Tennessee Tech this season, the OVC has designated Eastern Michigan and Youngstown as conference games for the Zips.

The Youngstown game will count as Morehead's other conference game and Troy State has been designated as Tennessee Tech's seventh league game.

#### \* \* Tuesday, September 23, 1980



Mike Gottfried

Jimmy Feix

## LEXINGTON HERALD SPORTS Racing Farm

#### \*\* Wednesday, September 24, 1980

## High School Star Evans Glad He Wound Up at Western

#### By Mike Johnson Assistant Sports Editor

Back when Donnie Evans was a virtual one-man wrecking crew at Franklin-Simpson High School, Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix made the short trip down Interstate-65 to Franklin, Ky., quite often for the sole pleasure of watching Evans play football

What Feix saw, he says, was sometimes almost beyond belief.

"He was so fast and quick for a man his size," Feix recalls. "I mean I was just amazed that a high school player could do the things he did."

During his numerous visits to Franklin, Feix kept bumping into other coaches from places like Ohio State, Kentucky and Tennessee. Evans, the lineman of the year in Kentucky in his senior season, was what coaches commonly call a bluechipper, a can't-miss prospect. Feix, however, uses another term.

"He was what we call a 90 percenter," the Western coach explains. "That means we got a 90 percent chance of not getting him. When they're that close to home and that good, though, we got to recruit 'em.

"The surprising thing is that when we got right down to the end I think the final choice was between Western, Tennessee and Ohio State "

Donnie Evans is at Western now, starting defensive end for a team that has opened the season with three straight victories. Evans has played steadily and sometimes spectacularly.

"We really kept things on a low profile when he came here," Feix says. "Our fans we really excited, but we've never had a player come in here that we called the franchise. That puts too much pressure on them. "Heck, Donnie Evans has been

super. He's done as much as anybody could expect from a player."

Evans did not arrive in Bowling

Green in the conventional manner, however

First there was a recruiting battle that became a nightmare, a bad experience with a national magazine and then a season spent in limbo,

"The recruiting thing got totally out of hand," Evans says now. "Ev-erybody wanted to tell me their opinion. There were all kinds of rumors about where I was really gonna go and when I had to tell people that wasn't true, well, I got told off pretty good sometimes."

Evans, in fact, became such a hot property that a recruiting trip by Tennessee coach Johnny Majors to visit Evans in Franklin was featured in Sports Illustrated. If that sounds glamorous, Evans can tell you it isn't. "I couldn't believe it when I read it," he says. "We're farmers. We've got a little dairy farm and the guy that wrote the story said that the house smelled like raw sewage

"I'd just come in from the barn, I don't know what he thought I'd smell like. He said my dad had a pointed head and glasses the size of a windshield. My dad does wear glasses, and so does my brother, but so what?

"I read that article again the (Turn to WESTERN'S, B-9)



Evans: Amazed WKU's Feix

## Western's Feix Glad High School Star **Evans Wound Up Playing for Toppers**

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other day, and I still don't like it."

Still, Evans decided that he could not pass up a chance to give big-time college football a shot.

Donnie Evans never played a single down for Tennessee. Hobbled by injuries, he became frustrated and bitter.

"I haven't regretted leaving Tennessee for one minute," he says now. 'There was a lot of pressure on coach Majors. I thought it was a madhouse,

"I had a sprained ankle, had a pinched nerve in my shoulder and a sprained wrist. The coaches kept pushing me, telling me I could do it. I felt like I was being mistreated.

"I had a long talk with my dad and told him I just didn't want to be treated like an animal and I went home.'

Evans figured his brief college career was over. As the summer wore on, however, he realized he missed not playing football and he gave Feix a call at Western. Feix offered Evans a scholarship with the understanding that he could quit after the first year without any hard feelings.

"I just didn't want to put any pressure on him," Feix says. "I told him to come on and get back in school and just not think about football for a

#### while."

The temptation is to suggest that maybe Evans just couldn't make it in big-time football. Evans expects that. He answers the charge simply.

"I like it here," Evans says. "The atmosphere is a lot more relaxed. That doesn't mean it's easy. We've got pressure on us here to win and we work hard. I've worked harder for this season than I ever worked at Tennessee."

Evans began last season at outside linebacker for Western, but after an inauspicious debut in a 41-28 loss to UT-Chattanooga, he moved to defensive end, his high school position.

"People around here were expecting a lot from me in that first game and I had five touchdown runs on my side," Evans recalls, "When they moved me back to end, it was like coming home. I mean I knew that stuff. I hadn't played the position for almost three years, but things started coming back to me on the first day. I made more tackles in one game on the defensive line than I did the entire time I was at linebacker.'

If Evans managed to get his game together, however, Western struggled through a season of injuries to a 5-5 record. That was a real blow to the "Red Pride" Jimmy Feix often talks about

"That was tough last year."

Evans says. "That's the first time I'd ever played on a team that had lost two games in season. We were playing our third game, still hadn't won and we'd given up 99 points. It was

This season has been vastly different. Western is 3-0 and the defense has allowed only 28 points in three

"I'm pleased with the way I've played, too. I know I can be better, but I've done thing things people expect me to do," Evans says.

Even that may not be as easy it sounds when you've been a high school All-America with your name splashed across the pages of Sports II-

"There's a guy down at Murray who's been wanting to get me since I was in high school," Evans says.

"There are a lot of players around the league that know I went to Tennessee and know about Sports Illustrated. I hear a lot of stuff.

"A guy will hit me and when we get up, he says 'You're not so tough. Why were you in Sports Illustrated? That kind of stuff's not much fun."

Donnie Evans smiles when he hears the talk, now. He answers it the same way he did when Jimmy Feix was watching him from the stands at Franklin-Simpson High School - on the field.

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## For an encore...

## After banner week, HRS goes with Tops again

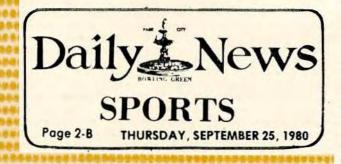
Coming off its best weekend in three years, the peerless Hanes Rating System has installed Western as a two-touchdown favorite in Saturday's game with visiting Austin Peay.

Unless our crystal ball has clouded up some time between last week's forecast and this one, that means the Governors from Clarksville, Tenn., might as well stay south of the border this weekend. The HRS was a perfect 5-for-5 in the Ohio Valley Conference last week, and 8-for-8 in the Southeastern.

In fact, last week's forecast correctly picked 42 winners in 47 games for a blistering .894 percentage. We were able to count last week's wrong picks on the fingers of one hand, in other words, which is the only way we know how to count anyway.

One of the HRS' correct selections was taking Western to get past Akron for the first time ever, and it all came true when Hilltopper fullback Troy Snardon scored the only touchdown of the game with 10 minutes remaining to highlight an 8-2 victory.

It made sense to go with Akron a week ago. Not only had Western never defeated the Zips going into Saturday night's game at the Rubber Bowl, but Akron was coming off an impressive 21-10 drubbing of





Eastern's Division I-AA national champions the week before.

However, the HRS had picked up a little inside information. Rumor had it that the Akron guarterback wasn't much of a passer, so we fed this to our computer (H2-R2-S2) and got the following response:

Akron offensive line big and strong, but same can be said for Western defensive front. Stop. As a result, Akron to be forced to put ball in air whether quarterback can pass or not. Stop. Quarterback without passing arm about as useful as cable TV without Louisville stations. Stop. Pick Western. Stop."

The rest is history. Akron was unable to run the ball with any authority, unior quarterback Tom Freeman hit only two of 18 passes and Bowling Green apparently is going to get stuck with a cable TV system that has about as much to offer as Phyllis Diller.

Last week's forecast raised the HRS' overall percentage to .831 on the season, not bad by any stretch of the imagination.

Our forecast also whipped Major Amos B. Hoople in four of five "contested" games, putting the HRS up by a 7-5 count going into this weekend. We differ with the Major this week by picking Tennessee over Auburn, Baylor over Texas Tech, Southern Mississippi over East Carolina, Kansas over Louisville ... and Ohio State over Arizona State.

That's right, Hoople-perhaps in an attempt to steal the show from the HRS this week-is going out on a limb with Arizona State. Here's hoping something breaks his fall.

The forecast:

OVC Western 24, Austin Peay 10: Unlike Akron, the Governors don't mind putting the ball in the air. Speedy receiver Steve Puthoff terrorized the Hilltoppers' secondary last fall, but Western still came out on top (24-20) and will do it again Saturday. Other games:

Middle Tennessee 17, Morehead 16 Murray 24, Tennessee Tech 3 Indiana State 20, Akron 14 SEC

Kentucky 27, B. Green (0.) 7: The Wildcats' other open date this season falls on Oct. 11, following a road trip to Alabama and preceding a two-game homestand against LSU and Georgia. Enough said.

Alabama 44, Vanderbilt 3: This will give Bear Bryant 299 career victories, and guess who figures to be his 300th victim next Saturday in Birmingham? Enough said.

Other games: Tennessee 23, Auburn 21 Mississippi 31, Tulane 30 LSU 26, Rice 14 Georgia 27, TCU 7 Florida 23, Mississippi St. 14 OTHER MAJORS

Ohio St. 27, Arizona St. 7: Those frustrated travel agents among us were able to see the powerful Buckeyes in person last week, what with Columbus being only a couple of hours down the road from Akron. It was worth it, and the HRS still says Ohio State is the best team in the country.

Penn St. 14, Nebraska 10: Even coach Tom Osborne of Nebraska is picking his own team to win this one, but don't be surprised if the Cornhuskers pay the price for rolling up the score (42-17) on Penn State last year in Lincoln.

Oklahoma 37, Stanford 14: It took the Sooners three quarters to get going against Kentucky two weeks ago. but look for coach Barry Switzer to have that situation remedied by game time Saturday.

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## Eastern's Tony Braxton Honored by Conference

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#### Staff, Wire Dispatches

Eastern Kentucky's Tony Braxton rushed for 100 yards and a touchdown to win the Ohio Valley Conference's Offensive Player of the Week honors for last week.

Western Kentucky's Bryan Gray had nine solo tackles and dropped three runners behind the line of scrimmage to share Defensive Player of the Week honors with Johnny Walker of Austin Peay.

Braxton, a junior tailback from Cincinnati, carried the ball seven times in the Colonels' 45-0 win against Youngstown State Saturday.

Gray, a senior linebacker from Louisville, Ky., also posted 10 assists in the Hilltoppers' 8-2 win over Akron.

Johnny Walker, a sophomore from Memphis, came up with 12 tackles, four assists, an interception and a fumble recovery in the Governors' 21-3 win against James Madison.

The OVC commissioner's office selected Marvin Mc-Clennon of Tennessee Tech as Rookie of the Week. He rushed for 51 yards and two touchdowns in nine carries in the Golden Eagles 28-20 win against Northeast Missouri.



sports digest

## Three straight Tops' linebacker honored by OVC

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

For the third week in a row, a Western player has been selected as an Ohio Valley Conference player of the week.

This time, it was Bryan Gray's turn. A senior linebacker from Louisville, Gray was the top headhunter in the Hilltoppers' 8-2 come-from-behind victory Saturday night at Akron and finished with 14 total hits.

A former prep standout at Lou. Manual, Gray (5-11, 200) made nine individual tackles over the weekend at the Rubber Bowl and tacked on assists. All of which was good enough to give him a share of this week's OVC defensive player of the week award, with Austin Peay linebacker Johnny Walker being co-named by the league for the same distinction.

"I thought I might have a shot at it this week after I saw how many tackles I had," admitted Gray shortly before practice Tuesday afternoon, "but I had heard that the other guy had had a great game, too."

Walker, whose team will be coming to town Saturday to provide the opposition for Western, logged 12 tackles, four assists, a pass interception and a fumble recovery in the Governors' 21-3 win over James Madison the past weekend.

Meanwhile, Eastern running back Tony Braxton was named the OVC offensive player of the week after rushing for 100 yards in only seven carries during the Colonels' 45-0 shellacking of Youngstown.

Western quarterback John Hall had been cited as the OVC offensive player of the week following his threetouchdown performance against Evansville two weeks ago, and cornerback Davlin Mullen had been selected as the defensive player of the week last week after a strong showing in the Hilltoppers' win at Kentucky State.

Besides sharing this week's defensive honor with a

player from Austin Peay, Gray also said part of the prize belonged to the Western coaches.

"Let's give credit where it's due," he explained. "Our coaches told us exactly what Akron was going to try to do last week, and they were right. They just came straight at us, and I don't know if anybody is going to be able to do that this year."

"They're still running a Power-I offense," he added, "and about all you can do is try to run over the other team."

Going into last week's early-season OVC showdown, the Hilltoppers knew they would have to stop Akron's hard-nosed rushing game...and tailback Dennis Brunfield, in particular. The week before, the 200pound junior had plowed for 186 yards on a record 44 carries in a 21-10 win over Eastern.

"We were saying 'let's get Brumfield' all week long," recalled Gray. "We knew if we could stop him, we'd force them to pass."

It worked like a charm, with Brumfield gaining only 61 yards in 20 carries, and the Zips had to reveal an inept passing game. Junior quarterback Tom Freeman hit only two of 18 aerial attempts for 56 yards, and was way off target at times.

In his defense, however, Gray & Company were chasing him out of the pocket with regularity.

"Maybe we're more determined to win this year than we were last year," said the Western tri-captain, referring to last season's disappointing 5-5 mark. "That might be it, but we could've had a lot better record last year if we'd gotten a couple of breaks."

"We've got some debts to pay," he added, "but first we've got to worry about Austin Peay. They always seem to get up for us, and I guess everybody will be as long as we stay undefeated."

Western will put a 3-0 mark on the line Saturday (1 p.m.) at Smith Stadium, while Austin Peay will bring a 1-1 record to town.

## **Murray rated first**, **Tops eighth in poll**

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) - Murray State's football victory over Louisville last weekend has provided the Ohio Valley Conference with a double dose of glad tidings

The win itself, a 13-9 road victory over a Division I-A team, was sufficiently satisfying for the Division I-AA conference. But the league got another boost Tuesday when unbeaten Murray, 3-0, was voted the No. 1 team in the Division I-AA poll.

Another OVC school, Western Kentucky, was picked eighth in this week's poll after winning its third consecutive game of the season.

That (ranking) speaks well of our program and is a tribute to our players," Murray Coach Mike Gottfried said after hering of the latest poll. "They strive to be the best. This is one indicator of where we stand at this point

"However, you have to keep it in the proper per-spective," he warned. "They don't give trophies for being ranked No. 1 the third week of the season. The rankings are something that come out each week and we look at them, get a charge and that's it

Murray earned the No. 1 spot on the combined basis of this year's 3-0 mark and the Racers' reputation from last year. Murray won the OVC title last year with a 9-1-1 regular season record and finished the year ranked second in the I-AA poll. Among the Racer victims last year was Eastern Kentucky, which later won the Division IAA championship.

Murray received 45 points to edge Connecticut and South Carolina State, which shared the second spot with 40 points. Each team is 3-0.

Delaware was fourth and Alcorn State was fifth, followed in order by Nevada-Reno, Boston University, Western Kentucky and Northwestern Louisiana. Three Boise State, Portland State and teams -Massachusetts - were tied for 10th.

While Murray basked in the glory of its ranking, Louisville's football team tried to shake off the shattering effect of losing to a school from a lower division.

The comment from linebacker Eddie Johnson typified the feeling of many Louisville players.

'OVC team. That really makes us look bad," Johnson continued. "Here we are trying to build a program, and Murray is trying to build one, too. We feel our program is more established than theirs, but they come in and beat us. It's like us beating Alabama."

Farmer, NCAA's No. 1 punter, is no longer a secret

#### By STAN SUTTON

Unfortunately, within moments he realized that, unlike the planes over Pearl Harbor, he had been detected and was about to be shot down.

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that put Akron ahead 2-0 late in the that includess third quarter. Western had the ball on its own one-yard line. "I got sent into the game as a tailback to quick-kick on second down," said Farmer, a senior from Louisville Waggener High. "Every-body was pretty well confused be-ciause it was second down. We were expecting to do it on third down, and we were supnosed to sneak me into we were supposed to sneak me into the game.

"But I heard Akron's defensive line-By STAN SUTTON coverier-Journal Sports writer Ray Farmer felt like a Japanese pi-lot as he attempted to sneak unnoticed into enemy territory last Saturday Unfortunately, within moments he er?" Farmer said by telephone yes-terday. "So, I kind of put my hands on my knees and said, 'Quick kick.'" It was like I was talking to the turf. John Unfortunately, within moments he (quarterback John Hall) called quick ealized that, unlike the planes over kick, but everybody was still kind of earl Harbor, he had been detected confused, and when I stepped up to and was about to be shot down. Farmer is Western Kentucky's putt-one of their guys met me head-on."

the nation among Division I-AA toppers rallied for an 8-2 victory that schools. His entrance into last week's kept them unbeaten through the other exciting moment in a lifestyle that includes shooting television newsreels, spelunking and maintaining a friendship with Mr. Savings and Loan,

Nutt, a regular on television's Hee Nutt, a regular on television s nee-Haw, got Farmer interested in photog-raphy. He got his start in kicking from his father, Ray Sr., a former player at the University of Louisville. "My dad and I used to go out in the street near our house, and he'd kick to me," said the younger Farmer.



"There were these big, tall sycamore trees in our neighbor's yard, and the ball seemed like it got as high as those sycamore trees. Dad was a good punt-er; he was the one who got me started.

"I started kicking for a team at St. Matthews Elementary when I was in the eighth or ninth grade. I remember our physical education teacher brought me out one day to kick for coach (Dave) Peak. That kind of startled me a bit. I guess I impressed him. I don't know

That sort of, ah, kicked off Farm-er's career. As a freshman at Western he led the nation in punting for a cou-ple of weeks. Now in his fourth year with the Hilltoppers, he has increased his average each season. His 45.7 mark is a yard per kick better than the Division I-AA runner-up, Tom Spadafore of Boise State.

His best career kicks were a 75yarder against Tennessee Tech and a 73-yarder against Morehead State. But, as coach Jimmy Feix points out, he has had to battle to become consistent, a fight he apparently is winning.

Farmer's improved consistency was a major factor in Western defeating Kentucky State 30-8 two weeks ago. Farmer's assignment — and he chose to accept it — was to punt everything away from Kentucky State's Rod Hill, a distinguished kick returner. He had five punts in the game, averaging 48.2 yards, and only once did Hill get his hands on the ball.

Farmer's efforts have not gone un-noticed. "There was a scout from

Green Bay here today. He was taking some hang times and stuff like that," Farmer said. "I'd love to try the pros. I don't feel I could turn down the chance. But that's not the only thing that I think I can do."

One of those things is television, where athletes often wind up in front of the cameras. Farmer, however, likes to be on the other side. "I was a photography intern in the news de-partment of WHAS," he said. "I learned a million things. I got sent to a couple of fires and stuff like that. I was shooting something about every

day. "I guess I got interested in photography because of Grady Nutt. He used to live on the next street over from us, and he kind of got me interested. He was the first one to get me in a dark-room, and then I took it up as a hob-by. It kind of progressed from still photography to cinematography and news photography."

Apparently enthralled by working in the dark, Farmer took up another hobby: spelunking. The thought of his

punter's leg being crushed by a boul-der was not comforting to Feix, so Farmer is selective about his explora-

"We try not to do teo much of that during football. It's kind of danger-ous," Farmer said. "Around Bowling Green is supposed to be the largest cave area in the world. Me and Pete Walters — he's an offensive guard down here — well, two summers ago down here — weit, two summers ago we went into a cave around here. I'd say we were in it 6½ or seven hours. We were up to our chests in water the whole way, and we were going through those little openings. "We decided we'd better get going back because our flashlights were get.

back because our flashlights were get ting dim. We had about three or four flashlights, and even the spare ones were going dim. That was sort of scary, because it got real cold and we couldn't see the openings." Fearless as he may be in the depths

of caves, or aiming his camera at rag-ing fires, Farmer wants no part of one thing: barefoot kicking. "I'm afraid it might burt my foot," he said.

# **Toppers** expect

# struggle from Peay

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

Although Western holds a convincing 21-3-1 edge in its football series with Austin Peay over the years, the Hilltoppers have had their hands full more times than not in recent years.

With a break here and there, in fact, the visiting Governors could be taking a four-game winning streak against Western into Saturday's 1 p.m. game at Smith Stadium.

Western squeaked past the Governors 12-7 in 1976 with the help of a 96-yard pass play in the closing minutes, and dropped a 21-3 decision to Peay the following season in Clarksville. Western then bounced back to win both in 1978 and 1979, but only by margins of 17-13 and 24-20.

"We've had our problems with Austin Peay recently," agreed Western coach Jimmy Feix, "but they've been fielding some good teams. I know I picked them as one of the OVC's top teams this year, and from what I've heard about them so far I was right."

With just about everybody back from last year's surprising 7-4 squad, the Governors had high hopes going into their second season under coach Watson Brown. They dropped a disappointing 24-20 decision to UT-Martin in their opener, but roared back last week to whip James Madison 21-3.

Meanwhile, Western goes into the game Saturday brandishing a perfect 3-0 record and the No. 8 ranking among the nation's Division I-AA powers. The Hilltoppers coasted past nonconference foes Evansville (40-18) and Kentucky State (30-8) in their first two outings, and then made believers of what few skeptics remained by toppling Akron (8-2) on the road last weekend.

Akron took a 2-0 lead late in the third quarter when Western punter Ray Farmer was sacked in his own end zone, but the Hilltoppers came back with the only touchdown of the game early in the fourth quarter on a two-yard run by junior fullback Troy Snardon.

"We had a number of people play well at

Akron," noted Feix, "but our defensive squad was just super. After that safety, I knew we had to get on the board to win it. But the way our kids were hustling out there, I was confident that one score would put it away for us."

Western's defensive unit limited the proud Zips, 21-10 winners over Eastern the week before, to just 100 yards rushing and 156 yards in all. Akron quarterback Tom Freeman connected on only two of 18 passes.

However, the Hilltoppers figure to see a much stronger passing team this weekend in Austin Peay. Senior quarterback Sonny Defilippis has put the ball up some 45 times in only two games so far, and wide receiver Steve Puthoff is averaging 30 yards per catch.

Still, it was the Governors' defense—led by big tackle Richard Wozniak (6-5, 240)—that sparked their first win of the young season last Saturday night.

"We played with much more enthusiasm on defense than we did the previous week at UT-

Martin," observed Watson, "and it payed off. That's the way our defense has got to play every week for us to win, because we're simply not big enough to manhandle anybody."

"Our whole team will have to play much better than it has so far for us to have a chance against a very physical Western team," he added. "They've beaten us two straight years, so we have to find out what we're made of."

have to find out what we're made of." Saturday's game will feature both of this week's Ohio Valley Conference defensive players of the week-senior linebacker Bryan Gray of Western, and sophomore linebacker Johnny Walker of Austin Peay.

Gray earned a share of the weekly award by turning in an eight-tackle, 10-assist performance last Saturday night at the Rubber Bowl. Included among his totals were three tackles for loss, giving him a total of five sacks on the season.

Walker, meanwhile, was credited with 12 main tackles, four assists, one interception and a fumble recovery in the Governors' win.

The starters							
★ Western		*					
OFFENSE ("I")							
PosPlayer (No.)	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.				
QB-John Hall (18)	6-0	185	Sr.				
TB-Nate Jones (43)	5-10	185	Sr.				
FB-Troy Snardon (40)	6-0	205	Jr.				
F-Ron Hunter (86)	5-11	185	So.				
SE-Jerry Flippin (82)	5-0	165	Jr.				
TE-Ricky Gwinn (88)	6-2	220	Sr.				
T-Phil Rich (70)	6-4	260	Sr.				
G-Pete Walters (68)	6-3	255	Sr.				
C-Greg Gallas (55)	6-1	225	Jr.				
G-Mark Blackburn (64)	5-10	215	Jr.				
T-Steve Catlett (65)	6-1	230	So.				
DEFENSE (3-4-4)							
T-Tim Ford (80)	6-4	245	Jr.				
NG—Tony Wells (54)	5-9	195	Jr.				
T-Donnie Evans (50)	6-4	240	Jr.				
ILB-Bryan Gray (58)	5-11	200					
ILB-Tom Tussey (53)	5-11	210	So.				
OLB-Brad Todd (85)	6-2	215	Sr.				
OLB-Greg Barnes (32)	6-1	195	So.				
CB-Lamont Meacham (28)	6-0	170	Jr.				
CB-Davlin Mullen (20)	6-1	170	So.				
SS-Reginald Johnson (37)	6-2	205	So.				
FS—Barry Bumm (19)	6-0	175	Jr.				

#### Austin Peay

#### OFFENSE (Multiple)

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PosPlayer (No.)	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
QB-Sonny Defilippis (12)	6-1	185	Sr.	
TB-Floyd Jones (22)	5-8	161	Fr.	
FB-Donald Brown (24)	5-11	185	Jr.	
F-Ondra Woods (15)	5-8	160	Fr.	
SE—Steve Puthoff (23)	6-2	185	Sr.	
TE—Andy McCollum (83)	6-1	210	Sr.	
ROT-Jeff McMillan (79)	6-3	265	Jr.	
G-Mike Hudson (56)	6-0	220	Jr.	
C-Clinton Bell (54)	5-11	228	Sr.	
G-Greg Baugh (64)	6-1	230	Fr.	
T-Charles Tucker (78)	6-5	228	So.	
<b>DEFENSE (5-2-4)</b>				
E-Brett Williams (63)	6-2	225	Sr.	
T-Richard Teague (75)	6-6	220	Jr.	
NG-Kenny Durden (71)	6-1	251	Sr.	
T-Richard Wozniak (74)	6-5	240	Sr.	
E-Mark Daniel (89)	6-1	205	Sr.	
LB—Danny Brock (60)	6-0	190	Sr.	
LB-Johnny Walker (61)	6-2	200	So.	
CB-Mike Troutman (28)	5-11	175	Jr.	
CB-Dexter Freeman (39)	6-1	180	Sr.	
SS—Michael Shelton (40)	5-10	200	Fr.	
FS-Michael Owens (20)	5-11	185	So	
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#### Austin Peay to test Western

## nings are looking 'Love-ly' for Murray

#### By STAN SUTTON -Journal Stalf Writer

Now that Murray State has raged through Louisville, what other good things can happen for an encore?

Well, to start with, Terry Love will be back in action today. Love is the guy Murray fans were talking about when they said, "We beat U of L and we didn't even have our best player." Love, an intimidating tackler from his safety position, injured a thumb on Aug. 27 and was to be out four to six weeks. "He practiced yesterday," said Murray coach Mike Gottfried in a telephone conversation Thursday. "We'll use him sparingly this week and totally next week. We want to give him a little longer to get his legs in shape.

That's bad news for Tennessee Tech, which plays host to Murray at 8:30 EDT tonight in Cookeville, Tenn. It's also bad news for Morehead State,

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which meets Murray next week in Morehead. Gottfried hadn't counted upon Love's services until the game against Tennessee-Martin on Oct. 11. On paper, at least, Murray State doesn't appear to have missed Love, a 6-foot-4, 205-pound senior who was the Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year in 1979. The Rac-ers moved All-OVC cornerback Greg Evans to safety and put tailback Lind-sey Hudspeth in the secondary. The result is that after three games

the Racers' defense still hasn't al-lowed a touchdown. Opponents are averaging only 94 yards rushing and 80 passing.

In the last two games, Murray hasn't allowed a yard in punt returns, although Louisville had the nation's top punt-return average going into last

week's 13-9 loss to Murray. From his new position, Evans leads the team in tackles. Hudspeth, who scored nine touchdowns on offense last year, had returned one intercep-

"I think everybody filled in kind of admirably," Gottfried said. "I think (secondary coach) Ron Zook did a good job of piecing them together. Now, it gives us a little depth."

The depth will come from Hud-speth, who Gottfried says "will be-come the OVC's first two-way player." The senior from Murray will continue to play on defense, but he will also share the tailback duties with Nick Nance, according to Gottfried.

Before the season, Gottfried ap-peared to take a low-key approach to the game against Louisville, the only Division I-A team on Murray's sched-ule. And, while Murray's players seemed to strike an emotional high against the Cardinals, Gottfried said

against the Cardinals, Gottfried said that wasn't necessarily so. "They've played pretty consistently all the way," he said. "We try to tell them good teams play consistently. Good teams don't have peaks and val-leys. Even though they were fired up against Louisville, I think they prob-ably were the same way the week be-fore. And I'm hoping they'll be the

by white the same way the week be-fore. And I'm hoping they'll be the same this week." With Tennessee Tech being the pre-season choice to finish last in the OVC, Murray might have reason to fear a letdown. However, the Racers will be seeking to hold the No. 1 national ranking in Division I-AA. Mur-ray also can win its 12th consecutive ray also can win its 12th consecutive fins throws. regular-season game, which would be Austin Peay trails 21-3-1 in the se-the school's longest winning streak ries between the two schools, but it since the 1932-34 teams posted 12 wins has played Western tough in recent in a row. meetings. Western won 12-7 in '76, 17-



season, will see his first action of the season tonight at Tennessee Tech. He's been sidelined since Aug. 27 with a thumb injury.

Western Carolina 26-10 and Northeast Missouri 28-20. Tech quarterback James Aaron leads the conference in total offense and has completed 28 of 43 passes for 406 yards. Running back

Reggie Bazel leads the league in pass receptions and teammate Brad Millice is second. Bazel is the OVC's second-leading rusher.

"They know they're playing a good football team," Gottfried said of his team. "Tech came out of the gate fast.'

Western Kentucky also left its post position early and will take a 3-0 rec-ord against Austin Peay today in Bowling Green (2 p.m. EDT).

"I know they'll play us tough. We're neighbors, only 65 miles away," said Western coach Jimmy Feix. "What we see out there Saturday won't be anything like what we've been seeing on the film."

Austin Peay defeated James Madi son 21-3 last week in its home opener, but lost its season opener to Tennessee-Martin 24-20. Austin Peay is led by quarterback Sonny Defilippis, who is second in the league in total offense. He'll duel Western quarterback John Hall, who has completed 65 percent of his throws.

Tennessee Tech has been the sur-prise team of the league, beating won 21-3 in 1977.

"I know I picked them as one of the OVC's top teams this year, and, from what I've heard about them so far, I

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was right," Feix said of the Gover-

was right, Feix said of the Gover-nors. The co-winners of the OVC's Defen-sive Player of the Week honor will be involved in this game. Western's Bryan Gray had nine tackles and 10 as-sists, while Peay's Johnny Walker was in on 16 stops, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble. Gray is a senior linebacker from Louisville Manual

"We played with more enthusiasm "We played with more enthusiasm on defense than we did the previous week," said Peay coach Watson Brown. "That's the way our defense has got to play every week for us to win, because we're simply not big enough to manhandle anybody."

Morehead State has been savoring its 21-18 victory over James Madison for two weeks, but the Eagles will re-turn to action at 7:30 p.m. EDT today at Middle Tennessee. Morehead is 1-1, having lost to Marshall 35-8, and Mid-dle is 0-2 dle is 0-2.

Middle has had a rough start, losing to North Alabama 36-0 and Tennessee-Chattanooga 32-7. But Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg fears a wolf

"They battled them both down to the last whistle," Lichtenberg said of Middle. "They probably played as tough a pre-season schedule as any-body in the league. Chattanooga was picked to win the Southern Conference, and North Alabama is still unbeaten.

"They're young, like us. They made mistakes of youth. They like to throw the ball, and they're quick." Middle coach Boots Donnelly has

reinstated three players who were sus-pended for the Chattanooga game: starting quarterback Brown Sanford, starting defensive end William Thomas and reserve defensive end Reggie Gough

In other games today involving OVC teams, Akron steps out of the league to play Indiana State at Terre Haute, and Youngstown State, eligible for league honors next season, is home to Northern Michigan following sound defeats at Murray and Eastern Kentucky. Eastern has this week off be fore playing at Austin Peay a week from tonight.

In other games involving Kentucky colleges, Washington & Lee marches into Danville to play Centre at 1:30 EDT, Georgetown is at Dayton at 7:30 and Kentucky State is home against Knoxville at 2 p.m.

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Player, team	G	Att.	Rush	Pass	Yds.	YPG
James Aaron, Tennessee Tech	1 2	53	.9	406	397	198.5
Sonny Defilippis, Austin Peay		69	68	295	363	181.5
John Hall, Western Kentucky		49	-14	473	459	153.0
Dennis Brumfield, Akron		87	348	0	348	116.0
Gino Gibbs, Murray	3	62	50	245	295	98.3
Brown Sanford, Middle Tenn.		28	3	91	94	94.0
Don Reeves, MoreheadState .		38	2	180	182	91.0
Reggie Bazel, Tenn. Tech	2	41	163	0	163	81.5
Alvin Miller, Eastern Ky	3	38	221	0	221	73.7
	PASS	SING				
Player, team	G	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	
John Hall, Western		34	22	2	473	.647
James Aaron, Tenn. Tech		43	28	4	406	.651
Don Reeves, Morehead		24	12	2	183	.500
Tom Freeman, Akron		34	8	1	253	235
Gino Gibbs, Murray		35	13	2	245	.371
Sonny Defilippis, Austin Peay		45	20	2	295	444
Brown Sanford, Middle Tenn		22	8	2	91	.363
Chris Isaac, Eastern		28	10	2	120	.357
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## **Unlisted** player **Griffiths gets kick** out of Western win

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - There were 65 names on the Western Kentucky roster when the program was printed for yesterday's college football game against Austin Peay. They ran from Ralph Antone to Jack Woodruff, but the names did not include Jim Griffiths.

Griffiths will be listed in the next program, you can be sure. Wearing No. 36, he'll be between Eddie Battle (No. 35) and Reginald Johnson (No. 37) on the numerical roster. On the depth chart, he'll be No. 1 among place-kickers.

Griffiths, a sophomore from Maryland, dressed for his first game as a Hilltopper yesterday. He also won it, kicking field goals of 39 and 38 yards as the unbeaten and heavily favored Toppers struggled past Austin Peay 20-14 for their fourth consecutive victory.

The glory was a fresh experience for Griffiths, who never had kicked a field goal from longer than 29 yards before yesterday. Despite two seasons at Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland, he never had tried a collegiate field goal before yesterday. All

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his kicking had been in high school and flag league football.

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"He (coach Jimmy Feix) wanted to get me in the game if it got out of hand," Griffiths said after the game.

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## Unlisted player Griffiths kicks Western past Austin Peay

#### **Continued** from Page One 'I don't think they expected them to

be that tough." But Austin Peay was tough, and the But Austin Peay was tough, and the Governors weren't out of contention until the final play of the game, when quarterback Sonny Deflippis had a pass from his own 42-yard line inter-cepted by Western's Tom Tussey. For Griffiths, the Austin Peay game will be something to remember. For his teammate, Nate Jones, the game's already was something to remember.

already was something to remember. Last year against the Governors, Jones injured his knee and was out for

club, having two guys gel more than loo yards, 'said Feix. 'Our fullbacks carries, but kicker Rusty Dyer had his cover to carry that much. If he got yards it's a tough 100.'' Tor Western, it was tough, but it started out ridiculously easy as West-ern scored on its second play of the second play, then took a 57-yard game's first play, then took a 57-yard me's first play, then took a 57-yard set first play, then took a 57-yard set for Mostern, a reverse on the set start out hall for a touchdown on the second. Mike Curnuite missed the point. Must reverse on the second play of the under the second guarter, West-record against Western, applied pre-start in the second start second play the touchdown pass that led to a 7-6 carry in the second guarter, West-ern went ahead to stay. Starting from the Austin Peay. Early in the second guarter, West-ern went ahead to stay. Starting from the Austin Peay's Dig the Austin Peay's Dig the Austin Peay's Dig the Austin Peay's Dig the second at the the Austin Peay's Dig the kick was furnbled by Western's 12, Dyer the kick was furnbled by Davitin Mullen, who also head gotten a hand on Dyers previous the the second at the governors' the kick was furnbled by Western's 12, Dyer the day and the gotten ability of the second the second at the governors' the kick was furnbled by Western's 20, Dyer the kick was furnbled by Davitin Mullen, who also the the second at the governors' the the second second the governors' the the second second the governors' the the second the governors' the the second second the governors' the the second the gover

massed attempt. With the score shill 14-7, Griffiths first entered the game at 7:16 of the third quarter to try a 46-yard field goal. "It was about three-feet off," said Western's newest hero.

Six minutes later, he got another chance and made it from 39 yards. Ten seconds into the fourth quarter, Griffiths put Western ahead 20-7 when he converted from 38 yards. Feix said Griffiths had earned the

No. 1 job, but said he has a stable of kickers if he needs them. "We've tried

No. 1 job, but said he has a stable of kickers it he needs them. "Weve tried three of them, and I've got two more that I can try if I have to. But, I don't think I'll have to, now." Defilippis, who completed only nine of 29 passes with three interceptions, nonetheless marched Austin Peay to an 80-yard score with 405 left in the game. He either ran or passed on 11 consecutive plays and got the touch-down himself from the one. The big play was a flea-flicker pass in which Puhoff took the throw and lateraled to Floyd Jones for a 21-yard gain. Western tried to put the game of of reach with 1:91 remaining, but Griff-fihs barely missed a 39-yard kick. "It looked like it was about five yards in-side the upright, but as it got closer it started curving." Griffiths said. Western's All-OVC quarterback John Hall hit on eight of 17 passes, but

had two intercepted and yielded to sophomore Ralph Antone for several series of downs. Antone, who also has been playing behind Marty Jaggers, completed three of five.

"I was disappointed that we didn't throw more effectively," Feix said. "I went to Ralph because I feit we need-ed some new blood. Ralph has looked good in practice. I'm committed to us-ing all three quarterbacks."

Defillippis was 9 of 29 despite often having plenty of time to set up. "When you're only rushing three men, it's hard to get to him," said Feix. "They were sending out four or five receiv-ers, and we decided that we had to help the secondary. We had to call off our pressure."

Western's Ray Farmer, the nation's leading Division 1-AA punter entering the game, averaged 44.6 yards for five

kicks, a yard below his season aver age. He booted a 59-yarder, a 5-yarder and a 45-yarder that Austit Peay couldn't return. His other two kicks were successfully aimed at the corner, one of them covering only 2, yards but going out of bounds at Ade-tin Peay's 10-yard line. Western, ranked No. 8 by the NCA/ in Division I-AA, has an open date thi-week before playing host to Y-ung-town State Oct. 11.

Jones injured his knee and was out for the rest of the season. "I wanted to have a good game," said Jones, who ran for 183 yards in 25 carries. "I've got a mark on my knee that'll be there for life, I owe it to my line. They knew I wanted to my line, they knew I wanted have a good game. I couldn't have done it without them: Phil Rich, Pete Watters, Greg Gallas, Mark Black burn, Steve Callett. Fortunately for Western, its line didn't limit its blocking to Jones, Full-back Troy Snardon had 109 yards in 19 carries. "That's very unusual for a Western



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Western head coach Jimmy Feix let his feelings be known yesterday during his team's 20-14 victory over Austin Peay.

## Unknown Kicker Boots WKU Over Peay 20-14

#### By Mike Johnson Herald Assistant Sports Editor

BOWLING GREEN — They should do something to preserve Western Kentucky's 20-14 victory over Austin Peay yesterday in L.T. Smith Stadium. Perhaps reserving a spot in Ripley's Believe It Or Not would be appropriate.

That Western won was not unexpected. The Hilltoppers, after all, are now 4-0 on the season and stand alone at the top of the standings in the Ohio Valley Conference at 2-0. How Western won was another matter.

Strangest of all was the way Western came up with those six points that provided the margin of victory. They came on a pair of field goals by sophomore kicker Jim Griffiths, who booted two second-half field goals of 38 and 39 yards. At the time, the two field goals put Western in front 20-7 and enabled the Hilltoppers to withstand Austin Peay's fourth-quarter threat.

The two field goals were also the first of Griffiths' college career. For that matter, they are the longest field goals he's kicked, period. The

#### Surprise Hero

Austin Peay ...... 7 0 0 7 — 14 Western Kentucky 6 8 3 3 — 20 WKU: Flippin, 57 pass from Hall (kick failed) AP: Puthoff, 42 pass from Defilippis (Dyer kick)

WKU: Snardon, 11 run (Hall pass to Gwinn) WKU: Griffiths, 39 field goal

WKU: Griffiths, 38 field goal

AP: Defilippis, 1 run (Dyer kick) Att: 15,500

Peay	WKU
First downs	24
Rushes-yards	60-297
Passing yards151	151
Return yards0	62
Passes	11-22-2
Punts	5-45
Fumbles-lost	1-1
Penalties-yards	9-108

previous best was a 29-yarder in flag football.

Griffiths came to Western as a walk-on from Anne Arundell Community College in Maryland. He missed Western's first game after a preseason injury and then sat on the sidelines while Mike Curnutte did the kicking in the next two.

"I've got a stable of kickers and just keep trying and trying until I (Turn to WESTERN, C-4)



on Pair of Field Goals

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find one that can do the job," said Western coach Jimmy Feix, explaining Griffiths' sudden stardom.

"We almost lost a game last week (an 8-2 victory at Akron) because we missed some field goals," Feix continued. "So Monday, I had a little field goal scrimmage and he did the best job. He's the third one I've tried and I've got two left. After the way he kicked today, though, I guess I can quit looking for a while."

Griffiths got his chance after Curnutte had missed a 29-yard try right at the end of the first half with Western leading 14-7. That he wound up at Western to even get that chance was something of a surprise.

"I was supposed to go to Towson State this year and everything fell through at the last moment," Griffiths said. "I had talked to coach Feix earlier and he had told me he needed some kicking help. I had seen pictures of the school in a brochure and I liked what I saw so I decided to come as a walk-on."

Griffiths wasn't the only surprise that Western had waiting for Austin Peay. Putting its precision passing game on the shelf, Western ran the ball 60 times, piling up 297 of its 448 total yards on the ground.

Tailback Nate Jones led the charge with 183 yards rushing on 25 carries, while fullback Troy Snardon picked up 109 yards on 19 attempts.

"I can't remember the last time we've had two backs with 100 yards in a game. We're supposed to be a passing team," Feix said with a laugh.

"We thought we'd have to throw the ball on them to win the game. They just played our pass so well that we had to run the ball to get anything. Really, I'm disappointed that we didn't throw the ball against them any better than we did, because it probably cost us a touchdown or two."

The way the game began, it looked as if the two teams might break the stadium scoreboard.

Western took the opening kickoff and scored in two plays, using up only 50 seconds. The touchdown came on a 57-yard pass from John Hall to Jerry Flippin, but Curnutte missed the conversion kick.

Austin Peay stormed right back, marching to the Western 4, but the drive stalled and Rusty Dyer missed a 21-yard field goal try.

The Governors got a second chance when Dexter Freeman intercepted Hall's pass at the Western 44. Austin Peay scored three plays later when Steve DeFilippis hit Steve Puthoff with a 42-yard touchdown pass. Dyer's conversion kick gave Austin Peay a 7-6 edge.

Western jumped in front in the second quarter, marching 40 yards in four plays after a short Austin Peay punt. Jones put Western in scoring position with runs of 17 and 9 yards and Snardon got the touchdown with an 11-yard blast up the middle. Western went for two points and got it when Hall hit tight end Ricky Gwinn with a pass.

That set up Griffiths' field goals, and Austin Peay's last gasp at victory in the fourth quarter.

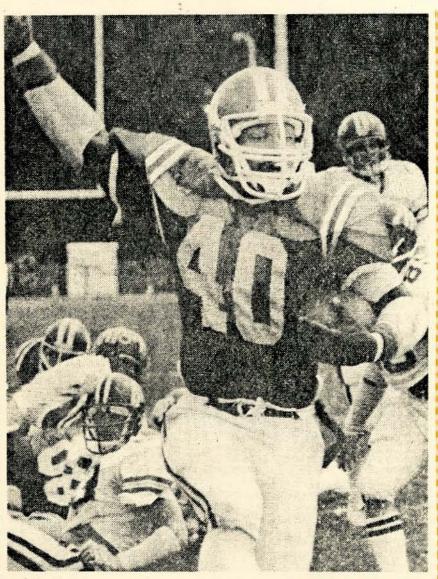
The Governors made it 20-14 with an 80-yard, 10-play drive capped by Defilippis' 1-yard sneak for the touchdown with 4:05 to play.

Western countered by marching down to the Austin Peay 22 and using up all but the game's final minute of play, forcing Austin Peay to use all of its time outs. Griffiths missed a 39-yard try

when the drive stalled, but Austin Peay could get only to its own 42yard line before the game ended when Tom Tussy intercepted Defilippis' desperation pass.

Austin Peay, now 1-2 on the season and 0-1 in the OVC, entertains Eastern Kentucky next week.





Staff Photos by Keith Williams

#### Breaking loose

Troy Snardon (above) crossed the goal line after a 10-yard run for Western Kentucky's second touchdown in its 20-14 victory over Ohio Valley Conference rival Austin Peay yesterday at Bowling Green. Later, Western flanker Ron Hunter (right) broke away from Austin Peay's Michael Shelton (40) after catching a pass. The victory was the fourth for undefeated Western. 4

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# **Overlooked?**

### **Kicker overshadows Hilltopper backs**

In most cases, your unsung hero is the offensive tackle who consistently makes the holes that his glorified teammate-the running back, of courseruns through.

However, Saturday was the exception. Almost overlooked in Western's narrow 20-14 win over Austin Peay the past weekend at Smith Stadium were the performances of running backs Nate Jones and Troy Snardon, thanks to the Cinderella story of walkon kicker Jim Griffiths.

A sophomore from Glen Burnie, Md., Griffiths suited up Saturday for the first time this year and provided the margin of victory for the Hilltoppers with field goals of 39 and 38 yards.

"We don't even have a locker for him yet," said Feix after the game, pointing out that Griffiths had been using a locker in the managers' quarters. "I think we'll be able to find one for him after today, though. If we don't, he can just move into my office with me."

But Feix was also grateful to both Jones and Snardon, who ran over, around and through the opposition when Western took control in the second half.

Jones, a senior from Madisonville, finished with 183 yards in 25 carries while Snardon, a junior from Todd Central, wound up with 109 yards on 19 carries. Western amassed 448 yards



in total offense, including a surprising 297 on the ground.

"We thought we'd have to throw the ball to move it on them," noted Feix afterwards. "I can't remember when we've had two running backs gain over 100 yards in the same game.

Jones, in particular, felt like he had a score to settle with the Governors.

"They hurt me down there last year," he explained, referring to a knee injury he sustained in last year's 24-20 win at Clarksville. "It put me out for the rest of the year, and left me with a scar for life. I've been telling myself all summer it was a tattoo Austin Peay was going to pay for."

Pay they did. Jones was the workhorse of a Western offense that controlled the ball some 12 minutes and 38 seconds of the third quarter.

The former prep All-Stater averaged better than seven yards per carry on the afternoon, and may become Western's fourth OVC player of the week in as many weeks. Senior quarterback John

Hall was cited for offensive honors in the Hilltoppers' season-opening win over Evansville (40-18), sophomore cornerback Davlin Mullen got the defensive award the following week against Kentucky State (30-8) and senior linebacker Bryan Gray shared defensive honors last week for his performance in the 8-2 win at Akron.

Saturday's game was a tale of two placekickers-Griffiths of the Hilltoppers, and Rusty Dyer of Austin Peay.

A former high school standout at Warren Central playing both football and baseball with the Governors, Dyer missed on a couple of field goals Saturday that might have turned him into the hero of



game."

### Eagle linebacker honored

the day instead of Griffiths.

Neither of the misses was

really his fault, but he took

fumbled the snap on the

first one," he recalled, "but

I still should've made it. On

the second one, I just took

After Western scored in

two plays following the opening kickoff, Austin

Peay marched all the way

to the Hilltoppers' four-yard

line. But the visitors came

up empty-handed when Dyer's 21-yard field goal

attempt hit the right side of

the goal, and fell har-mlessly into the end zone.

second quarter, a 29-yard try by Dyer was blocked by

the aforementioned Mullen.

Dyer refused to hide behind,

he also went into Saturday's

game with a bum leg. He

had pulled a muscle during

the first days of fall prac-

tice, and was still less than

"It was hurting pretty bad," he conceded, "but

that's still no excuse. If I

had made those field goals,

we might have won the ball

100 percent this weekend.

Besides those two excuses

Midway through the

"The holder kinda

the blame for both.

too much time."

Linebackers Gary Carmichael of Morehead and Brett Williams of Austin Peay were named OVC co-defensive players of the week.

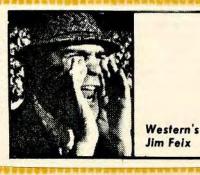
Carmichael, a senior from New York, turned in 14 tackles, one assist, two tackles for a loss and a fumble recovery in Morehead's 17-10 win over Middle Tennessee.

Western's Nate Jones, a senior tailback from Madisonville, was named offensive player of the week for his 183 yards in 25 carries in the Hilltoppers' 20-14 win over Austin Peay.



FOILCCALL FOOTBALL OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE – Named Western Kentucky senior tail-back Nate Jones of Madisonville Of-tensive Player of the Week after he gained 183 yards in 25 carries against Austin Peay State. SOUTHEAST – Jeff Olszewski, jun-for quarterback at Tennessee, was named Offensive Back of the Week by the Associated Press. Jim Burt, senior middle guard at Miami (Fia.), was named Defensive Lineman of the Week by The Associated Press. MIDWEST – Minnestoa linebacker Player of the Week by The Associated Press. Indiana quarterback Tom Clif-ford was named Offensive Player of the Week after completing 11 of 14 pases for 345 yards and five touch-downs in the Hoosiers' 49-7 victory our Colorado. MENTAT FALCONS – Announced that linebacker Fulton Kuykendeil will undergo surgery to correct a separa-tion of the Aflanta Braves, who was cred-that Minatha Braves, who was cred-the with saves in all three games in which as appeared last week, was named Player of the Week. MENTAL EAGUE – Nick Camp of the Aflanta Braves, who was cred-ti cooper of the Milawaukee Brewers in Die Clippers – Waired

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### Western Kentucky, Murray teams on collision course

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# sports OVC title collision?

### Hilltoppers, Racers could meet for conference title Nov. 22

Western Kentucky and Murray State's football teams seem to be on a collision course this ceason Impact should be Nov. 22 in Murray; the effect could be a second straight NCAA Division 1-AA grown for a Kentucky school.

So far in 1980, the Hilltoppers and the Racers each sport 4-0 records overall and undefeated states in the Ohio Valley Conference. Both are rated in the top 10 of the latest 1-AA poll.

Reached by telephone Tuesday each head oach - Jimmy Feix at WKU and Mike d'eco Gottfried at Murray - said they've liked what they've seen this season.

We feel really good about the progress," said Gottfried that we know we've gotquite a few games left

Feix, a Henderson native, said, "We've been real pleased with the progress and the attitude. Of course, the winning helps the attitude and the attitude helps the winning.

The Racers, 1-0 in the conference, are defending their first OVC crown in 28 years. They are coming off a 9-2-1 record in the 1979, including a perfect mark against conference

Gottleted's squad pulled off one of the bigger upsets in the country this year when they shockert division 1-A member Louisville 13-9 Sept 20 at the Fargrounds Stadium in



Louisville

"No, not really," Gottfried answered when asked if he was surprised at the win over the Cardinals. "I thought we could. We felt very good about our chances." The key was "we didn't make any big mistakes.'

Mistakes were lacking in the Racers' 10-3 win Tennessee Tech Saturday night in over Cookeville, Tenn. That win should retain Murray's No. 1 ranking in the national poll. Meanwhile in Bowling Green, pinpoint passing and rugged defense have led the Hilltoppers to

their best start since 1975 and an eighth-place ranking nationally

The Akron University game Sept. 20 has to be



Feix

Gottfried

rated as the top game for Feix's squad. The Zips had thrashed defending 1-AA champ Eastern

But thanks to the defense, Western shut down EKU 8-2 in the Rubber Bowi.

Quarterback John Hallhas to be rated as the

top offensive performer in 1980. "It's really great that he's gotten off to such a great start," said Feix. "He's usually a slow starter and it takes awhile for him to get some good statistics."

The 1979 conference offensive player of the year has connected on over 58 percent of his

passes for 603 yards and six touchdowns. Nate Jones is leading Western in rushing with 391 yards on 65 attempts - an average of six yards a carry. His performance against Austin Peay last Saturday earned Jones player of the week honors in the OVC.

'Nate has had trouble realizing his potential," Feix said. "It's the little things that get him. Last year he had to have knee surgery after the third game.

"...It's been the combination of Hall's effectiveness and the running of Jones and (Troy) Snardon." said Feix of the offensive "We do have an offensive line which success. enables both the running and passing" to operate.

Injuries plagued Western in 1979 but that hasn't happened this season save for one player - former Henderson County star Barry Skaggs.

Last year a sore foot hindered "Bang Bang's" performance; this season it's been a tender right knee.

"It's a stretched ligament on the outside of his knee," Feix said. "He doesn't have the power to drive: that's his strength .... We need a healthy Barry Skaggs.

For Murray, the offense hasn't been a highscoringmachine; the Racers have averaged only 16 points a game

But Gino Gibbs, a junior college transfer, has stepped into the breach left by the premature departure of last season's starting quarterback Ricky Ray.

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The 10 other offensive players have made the adjustment from Ray to Gibbs. "They're feeling more comfortable with him." said Gottfried. "He (Gibbs) is more of a run-pass type guy. "If you concentrate on the run, he'll burn you

on the pass, and if you concentrate on the pass,

Defense is the Racers' forte. Witness the 24 points surrendered - all coming on field goals.

thumb, some said Murray could be had by the pass.Not so said Gottfried.

Lindsey Hudspeth - normally a running back -

Both Gottfried and Feix said their teams are not looking ahead to the probable Nov. 22 showdown at Stewart Stadium.

"I've been talking with them," Feix said. " Each game has a uniqueness about it that lets

the Western game. "We can't afford to look down the road because then we will and we'll lose a

he'll run on you

With all-American safety Terry Love out of the lineup for the first three games due to a broken Greg Evans was moved into Love's spot while

filled in at the Evans' cornerback position.

me get the team to concentrate on that game." "We don't even talk about it," said Gottfried of

game.

## Western has weekend off after 4 wins

Western Kentucky University's football squad takes a breather this weekend after downing Austin Peav 20-14 in last Saturday's home contest. The win kept Western atop the Ohio Valley Conference with a 2-0 mark.

The Hilltoppers will attempt to chalk up their fifth straight without a loss October 11 when they host Youngstown State at 1 p.m. (CDT)

An innovative Austin Peay offense surprised the Hilltoppers, as the visitors claimed a 7-6 first quarter lead. It was the first time this season that Western's defense had allowed a score prior to the fourth quarter.

When I saw them line up in a wishbone, I thought, 'What in the world is going on," said Western coach Jimmy Feix. "Then the quarterback would bark and they took off like a covey of quail in all kinds of formations. It really confused us early, but we reorganized by the middle of the first quarter and things got better.

Feix's eighth-ranked gridders had some surprises of their own. Instead of opening with the usual run up the middle, Western's first possession featured a Jerry Flippin reverse, and a 57-yard John Hall-to-Flippin pass, for a two-play, 72-yard touchdown drive.

The game remained close, however, and the Hilltoppers needed one more surprise. It came in the form of walk-on kicker Jim Griffiths. The sophomore transfer provided Western the final margin of victory, booting a pair of second half field goals.

Nate Jones became the fourth Hilltopper in as many weeks to earn Ohio Valley player-of-the-Conference week honors with his 183yard rushing performance. Fullback Troy Snardon added 109 more to give the pair a 292-yard total.

Only twice before in Smith Stadium's 13 years have duos from the same team put together 100-plus rushing efforts in the same game. Each time the feat has occured in late September, but the most recent occasion

racked up the most yardage. Dickie Moore and Ike Brown ran for 261 yards September 21, 1968, and Clarence Jackson and John Embree rolled up 240 yards on September 23, 1972, against an earlier Austin Peay team.

Although he's in his third year with the Hilltoppers. Snardon has not always been doing what he does best-busting up the middle.

"We wasted two years trying to put him on

defense," said Feix. "He has great lower body strength. and I'll bet 100 of those 109 yards came after initial contact. He and Jones were really pumped up for the Austin Peay game

On defense for Western Davlin Mullen had another outstanding game with two blocked kicks and one deflected pass, while Bryan Gray was credited with eight tackles

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Sonny Defilippis, Austin Peay	3	113	124	447	571	190.3
John Hall, Western		72	-49	603	554	138.5
James Aaron, Tennessee Tech	3	73	-53	449	396	132.0
Don Reeves, Morehead State		54	4	309	313	104.3
Dennis Brumfield, Akron	4	105	398	0	398	99.5
Tom Freeman, Akron		65	83	311	394	98.5
Gino Gibbs, Murray		88	102	292	394	98.5
Nate Jones, Western		65	391	0	391	97.8
Brown Sanford, Middle Tenn	2	60	37	136	173	86.5
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James Aaron, Tenn. Tech 3			31	4 449	.554	127.4
Gino Gibbs, Murray 4		15	17	2 292	.377	98.0
Tom Freeman, Akron 4		4	13	2 311	.295	89.1
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#### Southeastern Conference statistics

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Olszewski, Tennessee	42	31	1	420	73.8	176.6
Risher, LSU	37	25	1	311	67.6	159.5
Alatorre, Tennessee	17	8	2	175	£.1	
Jacobs, Alabama	19		ī	175	42.1	143.7
Jenkins, Kentucky	73	4		630	60.3	
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Fourcade, Mississippi	112	64		892	57.1	130.4
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### State College Rushing Leaders

Player, School G	ames	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Nate Jones, Western Kentucky	4	65	391	97.8
Randy Brooks, Kentucky	4	84	338	84.5
Nick Nance, Murray	4	85	334	83.5
Troy Snardon, Western Kentucky	4	67	323	80.8
Terry Henry, Kentucky		44	203	69.7

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Going fast

### Classic tickets becoming scarce as season nears

Less than 100 chair seats remain for the first Wendy's Basketball Classic set for Nov. 28-29 at Diddle Arena.

That's the latest from Western ticket manager Bobby Houk, who plans to begin mailing out the tickets for the tournament early this week. Joining host Western in the classy tournament field will be Vanderbilt, South Carolina and Iona.

Vandy will meet Iona in the tourney opener Friday night, followed by Western vs. South Carolina. The finals are set for Saturday night, following a consolation game.

Tickets for the tournament are good for both nights, and a priced at \$16 for chair seats (what few remain), \$12 for permanent bleachers and \$8 for the rollaway bleachers on the top concourse. Tickets may be purchased at the Western ticket office, located in the Diddle Arena lobby, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

According to Houk, tickets for the Hilltoppers' regular season are also moving well. His office has received what he termed "a sizeable number of new applications" for season tickets.

The season tickets will be good for a total of 11 home games during the 1980-81 campaign, seven games against Ohio Valley Conference competition plus four non-league contests with Alabama-Huntsville (Dec. 1), Evansville (Dec. 13), District of Columbia (Jan. 3) and Northern Iowa (Feb. 23).

Western closes out the upcoming regular season on the road against Louisville's defending national champions Feb. 28, and the OVC tourney is set for Mar. 6-7 at the site of the regular-season champion.

Considering the fact that it falls, between the Hilltoppers' OVC finale at home against Eastern (Feb. 21) and their regular-season finale at Louisville, that



game against Northern Iowa looks a little on the anticlimactic side.

However, steps are being taken to remedy the situation.

In the "for sure" category, there will be a preliminary game that night between two of the top junior college teams in the area—Lindsey Wilson of Columbia, and Cumberland of Lebanon, Tenn. Last year's part-time assistant coach at Western, Roger Schnepp, is the new head coach at Lindsey Wilson.

In the "maybe" category, meanwhile, is a possible 10-year reunion of the 1970-71 Western team that went to the Final Four in the Astrodome.

Clarence Glover, one of the stars of that Hilltopper squad that dropped a double-overtime decision to Villanova in the NCAA semifinals, is helping get the thing off the ground. A former high school standout at nearby Caverna, Glover is now an assistant to former Western coach Gene Keady at Purdue.

Many of the players off that team (Jim Rose, Rex Bailey, Jerry Dunn, Jerome Perry, Chuck Witt and Gary Sundmacher, to name a bunch) have wound up settling in Louisville, while former All-American Jim McDaniels currently resides in Los Angeles.

If it all comes off, Northern Iowa might be wondering

what it did to deserve such a turnout.

Speaking of Cumberland Junior College, that's where one of Western's recruits the past spring has wound up.

Ben Franklin, the 6-4 prep star from Oneida Institute who signed with Western in the spring, has opted instead for two years of junior college ball. The decision was made with the encouragement of the Western coaches, who felt that Franklin would benefit more from playing on the juco level the next two years than riding the bench at Western.

Franklin was actually the Hilltoppers' first of five signees last spring, after being named the top player in the 13th Region three years in a row. The 6-4, 190-pound forward averaged 24 points and 20 rebounds a game during his senior season.

Meanwhile, sophomore Percy White could also be put in the no-show category—that is, 37 pounds of him. That's how much is missing from last year's 6-6, 245pound freshman from DeMatha Catholic.

White checked in at a little less than 210 pounds this fall, but his shoulders are as broad as ever. Needless to say, he figures to play a prominent backup role behind a probable front line of 6-7 sophomore Tony Wilson, 6-8 senior Ricky Wray and 6-9 junior Craig McCormick.

### Sports shorts

### Tops rated fifth

Despite an open date the past weekend, Western's football team climbed from sixth to fifth place in this week's Division I-AA rankings.

Murray, after holding down sole possession of the No. 1 spot in recent weeks, had to settle for a tie with South Carolina State in the top spot this week, while Massachusetts and Lehigh wound up tied for third place.

Next came Western, Weber State, Connecticut, Eastern, Idaho and a three-way tie for 10th between Delaware, Northwest Louisiana and Alcorn State.

While the Hilltoppers (4-0) had the weekend off, Murray punished crossstate rival Morehead 30-6 and Eastern moved into the Top 10 with a 23-10 win on the road against Austin Peay.

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### DAILY NEWS, BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

# HRS picks Tops to win fifth

Moral victories are okay, but there's no substitute for the real thing.

According to the Hanes Rating System, Youngstown will pick up a moral victory this weekend but Western will come away with the real thing. The two teams square off at 1 p.m. Saturday at Smith Stadium, where the host Hilltoppers will be gunning for their fifth win in as many starts.

Meanwhile, Youngstown is still looking for its first win of the season at 0-3-1 and the Penguins' offense is still looking for its first touchdown of the year.

Youngstown battled arch-rival Akron to a scoreless tie last weekend, after dropping three straight to Murray (24-6), Eastern (45-0) and Northern Michigan (10-7).

The Penguins got their six points against Murray on a pair of field goals, and their seven points against Northern Michigan when a blocked punt was recovered in the end zone. Look for the invaders from the North to punch one in for the first time Saturday, but only after Western is well on its way to another victory.

Despite correctly forecasting two games of equal difficulty last week (Western over Open Date U., and Alabama over Kentucky), the HRS slipped below the .800 mark on the season overall

Our forecast hit on 32 of 43 games for a respectable .744 percentage, but it dropped our overall mark to 163-42-2 for a percentage of .795. The HRS did win all three "contested" games against the Hoople forecast, moving out to a comfortable 14-6 lead on the year.

This week, our crystal ball differs with the Major by picking LSU over Auburn, Iowa over Illinois, UCLA over Stanford, Oregon over California and TCU over Rice.

#### OVC

Western 27, Youngstown 7: If it really turns out this way, it's doubtful that the Penguins will consider it a moral victory even if their offense does finally get a touchdown. However, you gotta start somewhere.

Other games: Eastern 31, Middle Tennessee 10 Austin Peay 21, Morehead 10 Murray 20, UT-Martin 0 Jacksonville (Ala.) 28, Tennessee Tech 21



### SEC

Alabama 21, Rutgers 9: Last week was a big game for the Tide, with the Bear getting his 300th career win in a 45-0 laugher over Kentucky, and next week is the annual shootout with Tennessee...so look for them to have trouble keeping their minds on the business at hand. Besides, Rutgers ain't all that bad.

Georgia 38, Ole Miss 20: Remember that ridiculous score (59-35, wasn't it?) of the Rebels' game with Alabama recently? Well, look for more of the same here. Ole Miss can score on anybody, but the same holds true for whoever they're playing.

Other games:

Tulane 31, Vanderbilt 14

Tennessee 30, Georgia Tech 7 Mississippi St. 16, Southern Miss. 14 LSU 21, Auburn 13

### OTHER MAJORS

Texas 28, Oklahoma 27: These fiercely-fought games usually turn into defensive struggles, but this year may be the exception. The Sooners often lead the nation in offense, but they also rank among the leaders in fumbles every year.

Notre Dame 20, Miami 17: The Hurricanes might be good enough to get a bowl bid this year, but they've still got a way to go before they start beating the Irish in South Bend.

Florida State 14, Pitt 13: With a little help from the weather, the Seminoles are hoping to give Pittsburgh a warm reception this weekend. This is a night game, but it still figures to be hot enough to give FSU the edge.

Louisville 20, Memphis St. 10: Unless they're still

celebrating that stunning 17-9 win over Kansas two weeks ago, the Cardinals should make it two in a row Saturday night at Fairgrounds Stadium. Other games:

Navy 17, Air Force 3 Army 24, Lehigh 14 Oregon 28, California 13 Clemson 16, Virginia 7 Colorado 23, Drake 7 Iowa 24, Illinois 13 Indiana 34, Wisconsin 10 Iowa S1, 20, Kansas S1, 6 Nebraska 28, Kansas 3 Penn S1, 16, Maryland 7 Michigan 30, Michigan S1, 14 Purdue 30, Minnesota 14 Missouri 26, Oklahoma S1, 17 N, Carolina 24, W, Forest 14

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1980

Raby plays for nation's eighth-ranked junior college

### Flippin leads Hilltoppers in pass receptions



The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers took a needed break last week, unbeaten in four and tied for the early lead in the Ohio Valley Conference at 2-0. Both of the conference wins were over contenders in Akron and Austin Peay. Defending champion Murray (there Nov. 22) and Eastern (at WKU Oct. 25) remain as major hurdles.

One of the big guns in the Hilltopper's

devastating attack is end.

and kickoffs.

former Frankin-Simpson ace Jerry Flippin, a 5-8, 165-pound junior split

Flippin leads the team in pass receptions, has a 15-yard rushing average, (one carry), owns two individual highs for this season and returns punts

with the Governors. On the first Topper play from scrimmage, he ran a reverse for 15 yards. On the next play, the speedster turned a pass catch and a brilliant run into a 57-yard t.d.

Converted from a tailback, the lightning fast

season records came in the rout of Evansville. He booked the most passes caught (5) and the most

Flip has one punt return for 20 markers and three Flip is the team's kickoff returns netting 74.

(148).

leading pass receiver in

four outings with 12 cat-

ches good for 297 yards

and two touchdowns. He

has averaged 24.8 markers

per catch and 74.3 per

Flip was also the "game-breaker" in the

tense battle (a 20-14 final)

Both of his individual

pass receptions yards

game.

He rates 10th in total offense and is tied for fourth in scoring.

It looks like the Big Red will need all its guns when they host Youngstown State (Ohio) at L.T. Smith Stadium at one o'clock Saturday afternoon. Last week the Penguins battle Akron to a 0-0 tie. The Tops had a struggle to get past the Zips 8-2 in the Rubber Bowl at Akron.

WFKN radio will carry a live report with Wes Strader on the play-byplay. \*\*\*\*

Starting offensive tackle Scott Raby (the guys you never hear about) continues to share the glory with his unbeaten Northeast Mississippi Junior College teammates (5-0).

To make things even better, the Tigers are now ranked eighth in the nation among junior colleges and won a big game last week that should enhance that lofty ranking. Scott, another former

Franklin-Simpson gridder making his mark, is a

second-year player at 6-2, 235-pounds.

Also deserving a high rating in loyalty are Scott's parents, Ronald and Anna May Raby. They haven't missed a game yet which means they are driving nearly 1,000 miles a week, to Mississippi and back.

They also catch all of the F-S games to see younger son, Sid, play as a 5-6, 147-pound junior tackle.

Counting the trip to Owensboro Friday night. that's logging about 1,200 miles per weekend.

Harry "Pete" Booker, who died here last week at the age of 69, was a heck of an athlete.

He was a star halfback, first at old Franklin High and later at Western Kentucky University (then identified as a State Teachers College) lettering in 1931, 32 and 33. He gained national recognition when he was featured in a popular syndicated sports cartoon of the day. Pete also played profes-

sional football as a halfback with the Boston Shamrocks and the Ft. Knox Tankers.

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Allen County-Scottsville

was a mutual opponent

this season. The Dragons

had a struggle to win 21-13

(ACS is now 1-5) while the

Wildcats "went down to

His eldest son, Bill, followed in his footsteps as a running back and linebacker at Franklin-Simpson High School and WKU in 1958 through '61. He also won a tryout with the Boston Patriots of the old American Football League.

Pete was noted for a pixie-ish sense of humor and a lot of unconcealed exuberance. When Harry Booker made a good shot on the golf course he'd let out a yell that notified everybody on the links of the feat.

Pete was a great guy to be around.

In its second season against a 4-A schedule and with its second coach in as many years, Warren Central is struggling for grid respectability. First year coach Joe Hood has the credentials, but not the "horses" ... yet.

the water boy" in a 31-0 coached Louisville Butler to the romp. 4-A State championship last year before coming "home." (Butler is

A little additional math makes the Cats a 35-7 favorite. True, the Dragons have played a rugged sheedule ... but. Look for the B-W pass defense to be tested for the second straight week. Ahem, coff, coff, Last

week we had the Cats over the Eagles 28-14. The final. 27-14.

### **Tops entertain Youngstown**

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

Western coach Jimmy Feix admits he doesn't know a whole lot about Youngstown, but at least this way the Hilltoppers will be prepared for the unexpected Saturday (1 p.m.) at Smith Stadium.

That was anything but the case in Western's last game, a narrow 20-14 decision at home two weeks ago against an upset-minded Austin Peay outfit that had all sorts of tricks up their sleeves. Two weeks later, Feix is still having bad dreams about the way the Governors opened up.

"When I saw them line up in a wishbone," he recalled, "I started wondering what in the world was going on. Then the quarterback would start calling the signals, and they'd take off like a covey of quails in all kinds of formations.

"It really confused us early," added Feix, "but we

reorganized by the middle of the first quarter and things got better." The same can be said for Western's season as a

whole, compared to last year. After a disappointing 5-5 campaign in 1979, the Hilltoppers take a 4-0 mark and the No. 5 ranking among the nation's Division I-AA teams into Saturday's non-conference contest.

Youngstown, of course, is the newest member of the Ohio Valley Conference, but the Penguins won't become eligible for the league title until next fall.

Feix is a little worried about playing a non-conference tilt after two straight OVC early-season tests, and he never knows whether open dates help or hurt. However, he feels the Hilltoppers' lofty position in the national polls should keep their minds on the business at hand

"Sometimes we worry that we might come out stale after an open date," he explained, "but being ranked nationally helps. We know we have to win to move up in the polls. We can't look past anybody.

Otherwise, the tendency might be to look ahead to upcoming OVC showdowns at Tennessee Tech next weekend and at home against Eastern's defending national champions the week after.

After all, Youngtown is still looking for its first win of the season going into Saturday's game. Head coach Bill Narduzzi, the former UK assistant, guided the Penguins to the Division II national finals a year ago but his team has had trouble moving the ball this

Youngstown is 0-3-1 on the year, and its offensive unit has yet to score a touchdown in four games-losses to Murray (24-6), Eastern (45-0), Northern Michigan (10-7) and a tie last week against arch-rival Akron (0-0). The Penguins got their six points against Murray on a pair of field goals, and scored against Northern Michigan on a blocked punt.

But judging from the scores, Youngstown's defense is finally coming around. With junior linebackers Joe Schartner (5-11, 213) and Jeff Gergel (6-2, 210) leading the way, the Penguins never let Akron inside their 20-yard line last week.

"I was surprised by their tie with Akron," admitted Feix. "Our films show they're improving every week. Their defense is much stronger now-our offense will have its hands full."

If that's the case, it will be a first. Western's offensive unit is averaging 406.8 yards per game, behing the passing of All-OVC quarterback John Hall and the 1-2 running punch of tailback Nate Jones and fullback Trov Snardon.

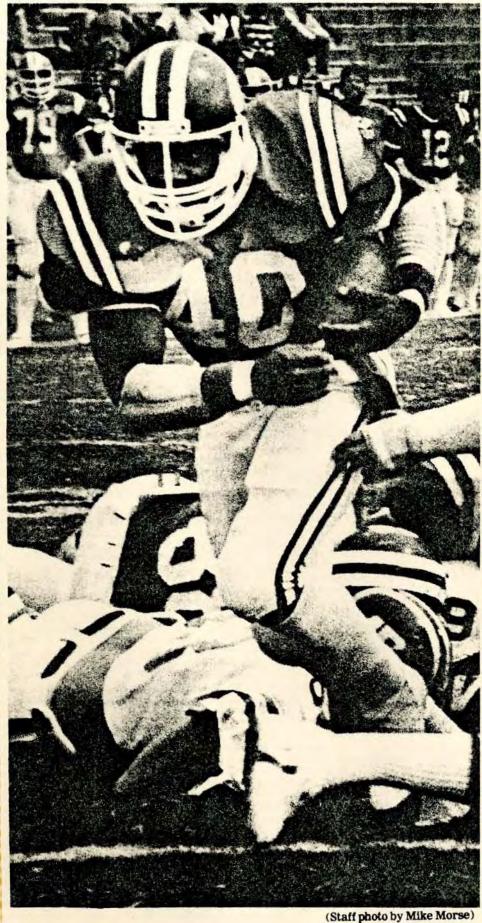
Jones rushed for 183 yards in the win over Austin Peay and was named the OVC offensive player of the week for his effort, while Snardon bulled for 109 more yards-many of which came on individual effort after he had been hit at or near the line of scrimmage.

"We wasted two years trying to put him on defense," noted Feix. "He has great lower body strength, and I'll bet 100 of those 109 yards came after initial contact. He and Jones were really pumped up for the Austin Peay game.

Saturday's game will be the first between Western and Youngstown since 1958, when the Penguins rolled to a 20-6 victory.







Up the middle

### TROY SNARDON (40) of Western, a junior fullback from Allensville, breaks through the middle of Austin Peay's defense for big yardage during the Hilltoppers' recent 20-14 Ohio Valley Conference win. Snardon will be looking for his second 100-yard in a row Saturday against Youngstown.

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### Murray defense ready for UT-Martin star

#### By STAN SUTTON **Courier-Journal Staff Writer**

Two weeks ago the Ohio Valley Conference's total-offense leader, James Aaron of Tennessee Tech, showed his statistics against Murray State and ended the game with his day's achievements listed in red ink.

Later, a Murray spokesman was asked how Aaron had looked in the game. "He looked scared to death," was the reply.

Today, Murray will see if another highly touted quarterback scares easily. Tommy Overton of Tennessee-Martin, which visits Murray at 2:30 p.m. EDT, completed 13 of 14 passes for 176 yards and three touchdowns last week in a 30-28 loss to Tech. As the nation's No. 2 defensive team, Murray is eager to challenge the UT-Martin star.

Overton's challenge will come at Roy Stewart Stadium, the site of the Racers' first home game in four weeks.

"It's great to be home, but we might just drive around town in a car Friday



road," Murray coach Mike Gottfried said this week.

Murray's unbeaten and top-ranked Racers will be welcomed home in style, the pre-game activities including a bed race from downtown to the stadium.

"At our place a football game is a happening right now," said Gottfried. "The town really gets into it. We've had two crowds of 15,000 and should have another one. It's great."

Murray is ranked No. 1 nationally in Division I-AA. Western Kentucky, which is home today against Youngstown State, is No. 5. Western coach Jimmy Feix would like nothing better than to have Nos. 1 and 2 at stake when the archrivals play Nov. 22 at Murray.

"I don't know what Murray will do, but we're going to have to struggle and fight," said Feix.

Western once figured it wouldn't night to get the feeling of being on the have to struggle too much against

Youngstown, which lost to Eastern Kentucky 45-0 three weeks ago. Then, Youngstown played a scoreless tie last week against Akron, which had beaten Eastern and lost only 8-2 to Western.

"I was surprised when I got that score," Feix admitted. "It shocked me. Youngstown's a vastly improved team. You can see it on film how they're getting much stronger."

Early this season, their offense was a rumor. "But on film you can see them searching for an offense," Feix said. "It looks like a different one every game."

The national ranking makes nonconference games more important, Feix said. "We try to play up the ratings for a game like this. We emphasize that they've got to win every game if they're going to stay up there. The non-conference games are just as vital as conference games."

The NCAA national rankings help determine which teams get post-season berths in the Division I-AA playoffs, won by Eastern Kentucky last season.

Today, Eastern plays at home against winless Middle Tennessee State. The Colonels are a game behind Western and Murray in the OVC standings and must play without outstanding place-kicker David Flores, who will be out from two to six weeks after an appendectomy this week.

"I not only hate it for our team, but I hate it for David," said EKU coach Roy Kidd. "Here he is kicking so great and setting records."

Flores is one field goal short of the OVC career record.

Kidd expects freshman Jamie Lovett to kick today in the 2 p.m. EDT game. He hasn't been used since stubbing his toe on the Astroturf at Akron several weeks ago.

Flores' return from the appendectomy will be slowed by the fact that he is a soccer-style kicker. "I would be shocked if he played against Western (Oct. 25)," Kidd said. "If he kicked straight-on, his chances might be better.

Injuries also have depleted Eastern's offensive line, and three freshmen now are running second-string. "It's a hard position for a freshman to play," Kidd said.

National champion or not, Kidd said he is afraid Eastern might be the underdog in at least four of its final five games this season. Those opponents include Western, Murray, Tennessee Tech and East Carolina. "And we don't know how far Morehead will come by then," he added.

"But right now, all we've talked about is Middle," Kidd said. "I think they're better than last year, and we're not as good as last year. They've played some pretty good teams.'

After losses to North Alabama (36-0) and Tennessee-Chattanooga (32-7), Middle lost to Morehead State 12-10 and to Western Carolina 24-10 in its last two outings.

Neither Morehead nor Austin Peay figures to win the OVC, but a winning season is a major goal for both of them as they square off at 8:30 EDT tonight at Clarksville, Tenn. Morehead is 2-2, Peay 1-3.

Austin Peay has had three consecutive winning seasons, and the school never has had four straight. Against Eastern last week, Peay outgained the Colonels 364-292 but threw three interceptions. Meanwhile, Morehead's Don Reeves appeared anything but frightened as he passed for 185 yards against Murray's touted defense.

Other games involving Kentucky. colleges include Butler at Georgetown at 1:30 EDT, Lincoln (Mo.) at Kentucky State at 1:30 p.m. and Principia at Centre at 1:30 p.m.

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### Youngstown at Western

### Time: 2:00 p.m. (EDT).

Location: L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green, Ky.

Coaches: Bill Narduzzi, Youngstown; Jimmy Feix, Western.

Records: A game of contrasts. Youngstown has struggled all season and played to a 0-0 tie last week with arch-rival Akron. Youngstown's biggest problem is its offense, which has produced just 13 points in four games. Western, however, has the No. 1 offense in the OVC, averaging better than 400 yards and 24 points per game. Western quarterback John Hall leads the league in passing and tailback Nate Jones is second in rushing. This is the first meeting between Youngstown and Western since 1958. The series is tied 2-2.



# **Tops romp past**

Youngstown 42-17

### By CLARK HANES **Daily News Sports Editor**

After scoring only two plays into their last game, Western's merry band of big-play artists decided that wasn't good enough.

Instead, sophomore speedster Davlin Mullen fielded the opening kickoff of Saturday's game against visiting Youngstown at his own two-yard line and took it back all the way for a near-record 98-yard touchdown to propel the Hilltoppers to an easy 42-17 romp before a sun-drenched crowd of 12,500 at Smith Stadium

Ranked fifth among the nation's Division I-AA powers going into the game, Western raised its record to 5-0 on the year. Meanwhile, Youngstown slumped to a puzzling 0-4-1 mark after a banner 11-2 campaign in 1979.

As it turned out, Mullen's run was the second-longest kickoff return in Western history. During the Hilltoppers' perfect 1973 regular season, John Embree took one back some 99 yards while Appalachian State was falling by the wayside 42-7

According to Western coach Jimmy Feix, Mullen's game-opening dash was no accident.

"We had noticed in our films of them that they always kicked off from one hash mark or the other," he explained, "and then they tried to pinch you in on that side of the field. We put in a special blocking pattern to get us to the other side, and they just didn't have any coverage left when we got over there."

Mullen did have to break one tackle shortly

after hauling the kick in, but after that it was off to the races

Western went on to grab a commanding 21-7 lead by the end of the first quarter, settled for the same margin at intermission and piled up 21 more points in the third stanza before clearing the bench in the fourth.

Averaging more than 400 yards per game in total offense going into Saturday's nonconference clash, the Hilltoppers finished with only 271 total yards on the afternoon. But Feix admittedly took it easy on the Penguins once the outcome was no longer in doubt, making a believer out of Youngstown coach Bill Narduzzi.

"I think they compare very favorably with both Eastern and Murray," said the former Kentucky assistant, whose team had the dubious honor of opening the 1980 campaign with back-to-back road trips to Murray and Eastern. "They're as physical as Eastern is, and they seem to have as many skilled players as Murray does. They may have the best team overall because they mix it up so well.

"The game really went about the way I expected it to," he added. "Western is a big, strong football team, and we just can't say that about ourselves yet."

After the kickoff return by Mullen and the first of six straight extra-point kicks by walkon placement specialist Jim Griffiths, Western upped its lead to 14-0 late in the first quarter on an eight-yard keeper by senior

#### quarterback John Hall.

A Youngstown fumble at the Penguin 19 set up the score, with Bryan Gray pouncing on a muffed pitchout by quarterback Les Pakalnis.

The visitors answered back with a sevenyard scoring pass from Pakalnis to tight end Joe Koken moments later after a Western fumble, but Hilltopper fullback Troy Snardon broke loose on a 75-yard touchdown run in the final seconds of the quarter to put the home team in command for good.

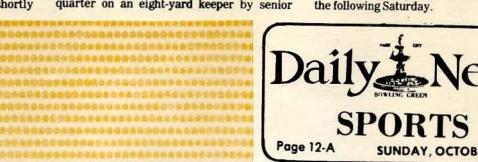
A junior from Allensville, Snardon finished the day with a staggering 159 yards and two scores on just 12 carries.

"Troy had an outstanding game," noted Feix. "Man, he broke a couple of long ones today. I knew he had good speed when he got to the outside, but I didn't know he would run off and leave their whole team behind like that.'

Shortly into the second half, Snardon again broke loose on a sweep to the left side and sped 54 yards for his second score of the game.

Although the Penguins are actually the newest members of the Ohio Valley Conference, the game did not count in the league standings and Youngstown won't begin OVC play until 1981. Western returns to the OVC wars next weekend at Tennessee Tech, before returning home against arch-rival Eastern on





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### **Undefeated Murray** Bops UT-Martin 20-6

### Staff, Wire Dispatches

Gino Gibbs ran for a touchdown on the second play of the game and David Tuck added a pair of field goals as unbeaten Murray State stopped visiting Tennessee-Martin 20-6 yesterday.

Tennessee-Martin, 1-5, attempted an onside kick to start the game, but the ball was recovered at the Martin 46. Two plays later, Gibbs circled right end for the only touchdown needed by Murray, 6-0 and ranked No. 1 in the NCAA Division I-AA poll.

Tuck added a 37-yard field goal later in the first period and, in the third quarter, booted a career-best 49yarder as Murray rolled to a 20-0 advantage

Martin avoided a shutout with 2:51 left in the game when Tommy Overton ran into the end zone from 2 yards out.

Murray's defensive unit, rated one of the best in Division I-AA, limited Martin to 187 offensive yards, including only 58 rushing yards in 40 attempts.

Kentucky State 20, Lincoln 0 -Victor Rice passed for one touchdown and ran for another during a secondperiod explosion that lifted Kentucky State to victory over Lincoln in the Thorobreds' homecoming game in Frankfort.

Kentucky State evened its record at 3-3 with the victory.

As the first quarter ended, Kentucky State was on the Lincoln 9 after driving from its own 42. Rice passed 9 yards to Herman Lowery on the first play of the second quarter for the Thorobreds' first score.

Lincoln could not drive and punted, but punter John Taffi fumbled at the Lincoln 26 and running back Ronald Clark recovered for Kentucky State at the 14.

Kentucky State scored again in three plays with Rice running it in from the 1 for the score.

Two unsportsmanlike conduct calls against Lincoln helped Kentucky State close out the scoring.

The Thorobreds started on their own 11 and a Rice pass to Lowery got them to their 23, when Lincoln was slapped with the penalties on its / bench to give Kentucky State a first down at the Lincoln 42. The victors drove from there, with Charles Francis passing 10 yards to Darryl Cook for the score.

Lincoln, now 2-4, was held to 66 total yards, 45 rushing and 21 passing, while Kentucky State totalled 292 yards, 202 rushing and 90 passing.

Clark led Kentucky State rushers with 79 yards on 17 carries.

### Ky./OVC Roundup

Western 42, Youngstown 17 -Davlin Mulien returned the opening kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown and Troy Snardon added scoring runs of 75 and 54 yards as Western Kentucky romped to victory over visiting Youngstown State.

Mullen's TD romp in the opening seconds launched a 21-point opening period that gave Western, 5-0, all the points it needed in defense of its No. 5 ranking in the NCAA Division I-AA poll.

Snardon, who ran for 159 yards in 12 carries, broke loose for 75 yards only nine seconds before intermission to give Western a 21-7 halftime edge over Youngstown, 0-4-1. Snardon struck again with 8:22 left in the third period when he rolled 54 vards for another touchdown and a 28-7 Western advantage.

Youngstown managed to cut Western's lead to 28-14 when Robby Robson ran 11 yards with 2:30 left in

the third period. But the Hilltoppers were back in the end zone just over a minute later when Jerry Flippin ran 34 yards on a flanker reverse with 1:13 left in the third quarter.

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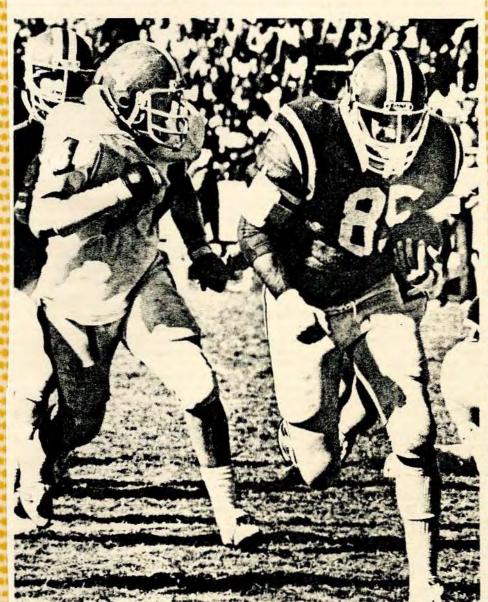
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(Staff photo by Mark Workman)

### Making the exchange

MARTY JAGGERS (12), Western's reserve quarterback behind ace John Hall. prepares to hand off to fullback Kelly Key (41) in fourth-quarter action of Western's 42-17 win over visiting Youngstown State out of Ohio. The Hilltoppers used big plays in gaining their fifth win in as many outings.

YNG-Koken 7 pass from Pakalnis

### **Mullen and Snardon ignite Western**

#### Special To The Courier-Journal

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - Western Kentucky, led by Davlin Mullen and Troy Snardon, came up with the big plays yesterday as the Hilltoppers remained undefeated by beating Youngstown State 42-17.

Before the estimated 12,500 fans settled in their seats, Mullen - a sophomore defensive back from Clairton, Pa. - broke down the right sidelines and returned the opening kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown.

Snardon, a junior fullback from Todd County Central High in Kentucky, then added the finishing touches to Western's fifth victory under coach Jimmy Feix this season.

Snardon scored on runs of 75 and 54

yards, his final tally increasing West-ern's lead to 28-7. The 6-foot, 205-pounder gained 159 yards in 12 car-first downs and a 339-271 edge in total ries in the game. He now has scored six TDs this season and gained 482 yards rushing.

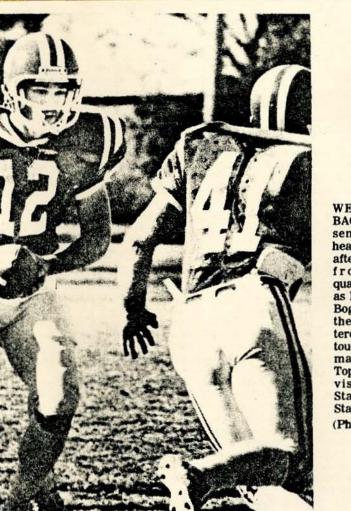
"Troy had an outstanding game once again for us," Feix said. "He's just having a great year when you get right down to it. He showed today he right down to it. He showed today he season, Youngstown lost to Eastern can run outside as well as inside. He Kentucky 45-0 and to Murray State 24has tremendous speed for a back his 6. size."

ley Conference quarterback for Western, played only slightly more than one half, completing six of seven passes for 50 yards. Tight end Ricky Gwinn and split end Ron Hunter each

yards, the Ohio school's record fell to 0-4-1.

Bill Narduzzi, the Youngstown coach and a former assistant at the University of Kentucky, was impressed by Western. Earlier in the

"Western is as physcial as Eastern John Hall, a two-time All-Ohio Val-and as skilled as Murray State, in my conference quarterback for West- opinion," Narduzzi said. "Western did as well as anybody in controlling our defensive line. Their offensive line is just tremendous. They controlled the line of scrimmage all day long."



### Heading home

WESTERN BANDIT BACK Brad Todd (85), a senior from Sonora, heads for the goal line after intercepting a pass from Youngstown quarterback Gary Fritz as Penguin defender Bob Bogner (74) tries to make the stop. Todd's in-terception return for a touchdown was one of many big plays the Toppers used to down visiting Youngstown State 42-17 at Smith Stadium Saturday.

(Photo by Mark Workman)



# **Ball control**

### Kids return kick three blocks before turnover

For a while Saturday, it looked like the only thing Western might lose was the football.

Walk-on placekicker Jim Griffiths booted five straight extra points for the Hilltoppers, including three that not only cleared the uprights but also sailed over the fence running along Center Street-Russellville Road. All of which set the stage for an entertaining sideshow during Western's easy 42-17 win over visiting Youngstown.

Griffiths' first kick that left the premises was promptly returned to a manager waiting on the inside of the fence, but not the second

Instead, it was fielded on the bounce by a high school youngster who then turned and sped in the opposite direction—with a friend leading the blocking, no less. The manager took out after the pair, while the Smith Stadium crowd of 12,500 roared its approval of the amusing diversion.

Butch and Sundance had gotten a big head start, and the manager returned empty-handed a few minutes later. But a campus cop finally corralled the two near Wendy's on the by-pass, and confiscated the goods.

The officer let the kids go after getting them to hand over the ball, apparently deciding they had learned their lesson of the day. So had the Western manager, who afterwards waited OUTSIDE the fence for the extra-point kicks.

While junior fullback Troy Snardon couldn't compete with Buich and Sundance for the longest run of the day.



he was a close second ... and third.

In the final seconds of the first quarter after Youngstown had pulled to within 14-7, the 205-pounder with deceiving speed broke loose through the left side of the line and raced 75 yards down the far sidelines to put Western back in command.

Early in the third quarter, Snardon did it again. This time from 54 yards out, the former prep All-Stater at Todd Central swept left end and again walked a tightrope along the sidelines while dodging the last would-be tackler near the 20-yard line.

For the day, he finished with 159 yards and two scores on just 12 carries...and sat out the entire fourth quarter. That might be good enough to make him Western's fifth OVC player of the week in as many games, but not without a little competition from Austin Peay quarterback Sonny Defilippis.

In a 23-21 win over Morehead over the weekend,

Defilippis ran for two touchdowns and passed 69 yards to Ondra Woods for another.

A couple of additional notes on Saturday's game... First of all, you might have noticed that several players were wearing different numbers this weekend. For instance, freshman linebacker Walter York—the former prep standout at Warren Central—was No. 35 instead of No. 56.

York hasn't been demoted, of course. In fact, he's seeing a lot of action in his first year at Western.

A couple of days prior to the Youngstown game, about a half dozen Western jerseys got a little too well done in a dryer at the campus laundry. Charco-broiled might be a better way to describe them, but replacements are on their way.

Secondly, you might NOT have noticed the bit of irony provided by the Western cheerleaders near the end of the game.

While the Hilltoppers' second-team offense was making plans in the huddle, the cheerleaders broke into a chant of "Hey, it's time to push across that line."

It was good advice, and Western's reserves should have been listening. Instead, they got called for delay of game.

Speaking of cheerleaders, this year's squad is a bumper crop for those of you who bring your binoculars to the game to appreciate all the aspects of college football. At least, that's what my cohorts in the pressbox tell me.

### Western is still in the hunt

### for its first perfect season

### By STAN SUTTON

Courier-Journal Staff Writer The fact that Western Kentucky has won its first five football games this year hardly is a new experience for coach Jimmy Feix. Under Feix, Western won its first six in 1975, its first five in 1968, its first four in 1974 and its first 12 in 1973.

But despite its rich football tradition - earlier this season Western scored its 10,000th point in 62 seasons -Western Kentucky is still looking for its first unbeaten, untied season. Of course, the 1913 team went 1-0 by beating Elizabethtown High School 20-0, but against collegiate competition the best the Hilltoppers have done is 10-0-1 in 1963.

Like all coaches, Feix insists he is playing them "one at a time," which means that now it is time to play Ten-

nessee Tech, the 'Toppers opponent Saturday in Cookeville, Tenn. If Western gets its sixth victory there, it still faces a road full of nails before it can go unbeaten.

The biggest tests are expected to be Eastern Kentucky on Oct. 25 in Bowl-ing Green and Murray State Nov. 22 in Murray. Other obstacles are Morehead State, which beat Western last year, and Middle Tennessee State, which almost did.

"I don't think we'll have any trouble getting ready for Tech," Feix said. "It's their homecoming, and they always play with a lot of emotion. It's awfully tough to play at Cookeville."

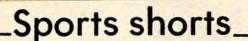
Western's play has been exciting, as well as effective. Davlin Mullen had a 98-yard kickoff return in last Saturday's 42-17 win over Youngstown State. Fullback Troy Snardon had runs

of 75 and 54 yards during a 159-yard day. "We had the ball for 42 plays, and they had it for 90," Feix said. "When we got it, we'd score in two plays."

Because it has been scoring on both kick returns and fumbles Brad Todd scored on the latter Saturday -Western has been throwing less often. All-Ohio Valley Conference quarter-back John Hall passed only seven times against Youngstown.

A year ago, Hall had to throw fre-quently because Western's tailbacks, Nate Jones and Barry Skaggs, missed most of the season with injuries. "Having those people healthy has made a lot of difference," Feix said. "Plus, we're quite versatile on offense."

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### Tops move to fourth

Western has climbed to fourth place in this week's Division I-AA national rankings, while Murray continues to share the No. 1 spot with South Carolina State

Both the Racers and South Carolina State finished with 45 points in this week's poll of the NCAA selection commmittee which will pick the I-AA playoff teams next month, followed by Lehigh with 39 points, Western with 36, Weber State with 33, Delaware with 30, Eastern with 27, Connecticut with 25 and Boise State with 20.

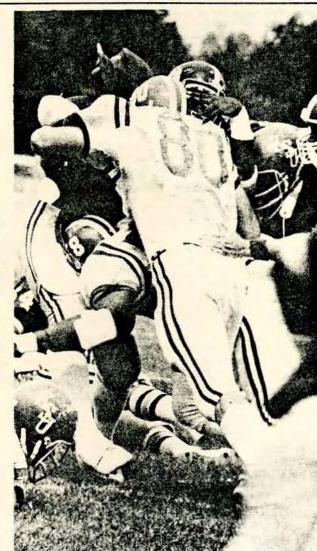
Rounding out the Top 10 in a tie for 10th place were Northwest Louisiana, Alcorn State, Boston University and Massachusetts, all with 18 points apiece.

Meanwhile, Western fullback Troy Snardon failed in his bid to become the Hilltoppers' fifth straight OVC player of the week despite his 159-yard rushing effort Saturday in a 42-17 romp past Youngstown. Instead, Austin Peay quarterback Sonny Defilippis was named offensive player of the week after running for two touchdowns and passing for another in the Governors' 23-21 win over Morehead.

Eastern tackle Mark Willoughby was named defensive player of the week. The Colonels shut out Middle Tennessee 24-0.

### **Top tackler**

TIM FORD (80) of Western, shown here meeting a Kentucky State running back head-on during a recent game in Frankfort, is the Hilltoppers' leading tackler five games into the 1980 season. The 6-4, 245-pound defensive end was All-Ohio Valley Conference last year as a junior.



# Ford had a better

### idea-transfer

Anytime a high school football player is talented enough to earn All-American honors, it's a good bet that he will be recruited by a number of top colleges.

The ultimate decision as to which college to choose rests entirely on the player's shoulders and can, at times, turn out to be the wrong decision. That was the case of Tim Ford.

After finishing a brilliant prep career at Lou. Stuart, Ford, now a 6-4, 245 pound defensive end, was indeed heavily recruited by colleges and universities throughout the south and eventually decided to play his collegiate football at the University of Tennessee.

But during the course of his freshman season (1977) things did not work out as well as he had hoped, and the dream of playing football in "Big Orange Country" grew sour.

"It was just a situation that didn't work out for me," said Ford of his brief stay at the Knoxville campus. "There were a number of things that influenced my decision to leave Tennessee and I have no regrets about it." Ford, as a matter of fact, wasn't the only player to become disenchanted at UT that season. Donnie Evans, another prep All-American from Franklin-Simpson, also chose to look for another place to play college football and, ironically, both chose Western.

It has proven to be the right decision for both Ford and Evans. Both players earned starting positions at Western's two defensive end spots early last season and have been mainstays of the Hilltoppers' revitalized defensive unit that has sparked WKU to an unblemished 5-0 mark thus far on the 1980 season.

"The decision to come to Western has been a good one for me, and I believe Donnie feels the same way. We've been given the opportunity to play and that's what it's all about," said Ford. "I feel fortunate to be able to be a part of a football program like we have here at Western. It's first class all the way."

"Sometimes people have the tendency to label a person a 'quitter' if he decides to transfer, but I feel that it takes a strong person to make a decision like that if he feels that it's best for him," he continued. "When I sat out during '78 I continued to work hard and persevere. I gained about 25 pounds on the weights, and that had me strong and ready to go by the time I was eligible to play last season."

The hard work paid off for Ford.

Through the midway point in the '80 season Ford leads his teammates in the tackle department with a total of 55, or 11 per game. He has been credited with 15 solo stops and, with his ability to react so quickly, a team-leading 40 assisted tackles. With numbers like these couples with the Hilltoppers' current success on the gridiron, he seems a good bet to repeat as a member of the Ohio Valley Conference allleague team.

Last season, his first on "the Hill," he was voted first team All-OVC after running up 73 total tackles over the course of that campaign. But Ford's initial season on "the Hill" was not all roses.

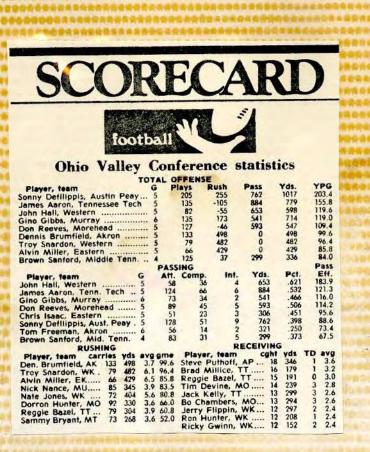
Late in the year he suffered a knee injury

against Northern Iowa that required surgery which cast doubt on his collegiate football future. The injury also knocked him out of the season finale against arch-rival Murray State.

The good news, however, is that Ford rehabilitated the knee during the off-season and reported that it felt stronger than ever as the 1980 grid season unfolded.

Despite some minor problems with the injury early in the current season, Ford appears to be on his way to yet another banner campaign and accepts the aches and pains as the price one pays for playing football.

"I have some problems with the knee now and then, but overall I feel like I've bounced back real well from surgery," Ford explained. "You've got to expect injuries if you play this game. Nobody ever said it was easy to play a sport as physical as football and it isn't. But I'm real happy here at Western because football can be enjoyed...it's fun.



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# HRS tabs Tops, Tennessee

#### Talk about a wasted trip.

Tennessee Tech coach Don Wade sent his scouts to Bowling Green last weekend to get a good look at Western, particularly on offense, and one would think they got an eyeful judging from the 42 points the Hilltoppers put on the board against outmanned Youngstown.

Trouble is, if they blinked a couple of times they probably missed everything.

While it's true that Jimmy Feix's undefeated warriors (5-0) did roll up their highest point total of the year, they didn't waste any time with long drives. Instead, their scores came on 98-yard kickoff returns (Davlin Mullen) and 75-yard fullback sprints (Troy Snardon).

In fact, Western never even had to unveil its vaunted passing game. All-Ohio Valley Conference quarterback John Hall put the ball in the air only seven times, completing six for an even 50 yards.

All of which means Hall should be raring to go this weekend at Cookeville, Tenn., where he may wind up in a passing showdown with Tech quarterback James Aaron at Overall Stadium. Both are hitting on 59 percent of their passes going into the 1:30 p.m. contest, with Aaron leading the OVC in passing yardage (785) while Hall ranks second (603).

However, it says here that Hall will come out on top because of a superior supporting cast.

The Hanes Rating System was a perfect five-for-five in the OVC last week, and missed only one of six games involving Southeastern Conference teams. In fact, last week's mark was 36-7-1 overall for a lofty .837 percentage and raised our season mark to .802 (199-49-3).



The HRS did lose three of five "contested" games with the Hoople forecast, but still holds a big 16-9 edge on the season as a whole. This week, we differ with the Major by picking Ole Miss over Florida, SMU over Houston, Texas Tech over Rice, Maryland over Wake Forest, TCU over Tulsa and VPI over Virginia.

On to the scores of games yet to be played:

OVC Western 20, Tech 7: Bidding to become the first three-time All-OVC quarterback in the history of the league, Hall might be due for a banner day after a subpar showing against Austin Peay, an open date and last week's runaway

Murray 28, Middle Tenn. 0: The undefeated Racers have given up only two touchdowns in six games, and Middle (0-5) doesn't have the horses to do anything about it.

Other games: Eastern 21, East Tennessee 20 Nicholls St. 24, Austin Peay 17 Temple 37, Akron 7

#### SEC

LSU 17, Kentucky 13: The Bayou Bengals usually freeze up when they play in Lexington every two years-they're used to night games, but not in chilly weather. This year, UK is too banged up to take advantage of the autumn air.

Tennessee 23, Alabama 17: Johnny Majors is an emotional coach, and the Vols are an emotional team. Remember what they did to Notre Dame last year (40-18), only a week after losing to unheralded Rutgers?

Other games: Ole Miss 35, Florida 31 Miami (Fla.) 23, Mississippi St. 10 Auburn 24, Georgia Tech 13 Georgia 42, Vanderbilt 10

#### OTHER MAJORS

Louisville 27, Indiana St. 7: The Cardinals proved their recent win over Kansas wasn't a fluke by destroying Memphis State (38-14) last Saturday night.

Obio St. 37, Indiana 14: Because Purdue is missing from their Big 10 schedule, the Buckeyes face only two teams in league play good enough to stay on the field with them. Indiana is one of them, but only for a half.

Other games:

Notre Dame 41, Army 7 Baylor 24, Texas A&M 20 California 41, Oregon St. 14 Clemson 24, Duke 7 Missouri 55, Colorado 14 Purdue 23, Illinois 7 Jowa 24. Northwestern 7 Purdue 23, Illinois 7 Iowa 34, Northwestern 7 Iowa 35, 17, Kansas 10 Oklahoma 38, Kansas 51, 6 Maryland 17, Wake Forest 13 Michigan 27, Minnesota 21 Michigan 51, 26, Wisconsin 14 Nebraska 34, Oklahoma 51, 7 North Carolina 28, NC State 7 Southern Cal 21, Oregon 10 Penn St. 31, Syracuse 13 Pitt 35, West Virginia 17 Rutgers 34, William & Mary 7 Stanford 30, Washington 24 TCU 14, Tulsa 13 VPI 24, Virginia 14 Navy 20, Villanova 7 Tulane 35, Air Force 10 Arizona 28, Washington St. 20 Florida St. 34, Boston Coll. 7 SMU 24, Houston 21 Texas Tech 21, Rice 20 S. Carolina 42, Cincinnati 0 Southern Miss. 31, Arkansas St. 7

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### Western's Hall will just have to pardon Mr. Snardon

#### By STAN SUTTON enal Staff Weite

For trivia buffs, who was the first-team Ohio Valley Conference quarter-back when Phil Simms was a senior at Morehead State?

It wasn't Simms, now a pro star. It was John Hall of Western Kentucky, who won the same honor again last year.

year. Western still has Hall in its back-field but is using him the way Don paringly. Haltway through the sen-son, Hall has thrown the ball only been. And if Hall is getting tired on Troy Sardon. Troy Sardon. Troy Sardon. Tardon explains "The reason John-hasn't been throwing in smuch is bill than't been throwing in smuch is blue the continues his present jac-the continues his present jac-tion of the ground and movel that's what we're going to do." Shardon is a 205-pound junior fulli



backs, Western called Snardon's number only 76 times. The 358 yards that be gained already has been surposed by his 482 yards in 79 carries this season. The best blocking out the contention has done was knocking out the contention the coulduit run. "I finally convinced the coaches that I could help the telephone. Thirde to prove my point list year." Snardon's second game of the said. "I kept thinking I was going to the coaches that I could help the telephone. Thirde to prove my point list year." Snardon's second game of the said. "I kept thinking I was going to the coaches that I could help the telephone. Thirde to prove my point list year." Snardon's second game of the said. "I kept thinking I was going to the coaches that I could help the telephone. Thirde the point list year." Snardon's second game of the said. "I kept thinking I was going to the goal the said defines." Feix said of his fullback. "He blocks well and he runs well inside. Against Akron he gained 90 yards in 19 carries, then romped for 109 yards was the eighth-high the st total in school history, and only three Western backs have had bigger the said game and the said store and the s by his 482 yards in 79 carries this sea-son. The best blocking Snardon has done was knocking out the contention that be coaches that I could help the team inter by running than by just block-it, the to prove my point last year, and it finally got across this year. Snardon's second game of the sea-son, against Kentucky State, was his for the search of things to come. He carried 17 times and gained 84 yards, against Akron he gained 90 yards in 32 acries, then romped for 109 yards in 90 carries against Austin Peay, Tail-back. Note Jones had 183 yards against wery nunsual for a Western fub, having two guys get more than 100 yards," said Western coach Jim ya Feix. "Our fullbacks don't get to

"I think I was recruited mostly for defense," he said. "I liked it, but I just wanted to get somewhere where they wouldn't move me and I could adjust to my position."

Not only did Weslern delay using Shardon as a runner, it also was slow to use him on offense. Two years apo he was a sitong safety. "I think I was recruited mostly for defense," he said. "I liked it, but I just wanted to get some where where it has a full back at 4,900 yards after breaking into wouldn't move me and I could adjust

The coach from the high school in fact, when he was moved to full-back a year ugo Shardon had mixed feelings. "I wasn't too thrilled about it be cause I was just beginning to learn to the coach from the high school is the coach from the coach from the high school is the coach from the high school is the coach from the high school is the coach

"I wasn't too thruled about it be cause I was just beginning to learn defined for the second starting fulback had or defense, and then they moved me back on offense. Our starting fulback had graduated, and they were looking for a big back." So Snardon tried, and his memory of being a 170-pound eighth-grade tail-back playing against bigger, older kids still is vivid. "It hurt," he recalls.

### **Toppers tangle with Tech in OVC road test**

By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor Even after last year's disastrous 1-8-2 record at Tennessee Tech, head football coach Don Wade still has his sense of humor.

Wade still has his sense of humor. Contacted at his office Thursday in Cookeville where he has been the head honcho for some 13 years now, Wade was asked to provide a few pregame comments on Saturday's important Ohio Valley Conference shootout between his Golden Eagles and Western. "Oh, that's right," he chuckled. "We have a game Saturday, don't we? Who we playing, anyway?"

game saturday, bont we' who we praying, anyway". Wade, of course, knows full well that un-defeated and nationally-ranked Western will provide the opposition in Tech's 1:30 p.m. homecoming game this weekend. He also knows the Hilltoppers stand 5-0 on the season, and are ranked fourth among the nation's Division I-AA nowers.

powers. "It would be one of the biggest wins we've had here in a long time if we could just pull it off," he

'We're not talking about winning the OVC with "We're not talking about winning the OVC with his bunch of knuckleheads we've got this year," added Wade. "We're just worrying about whoever we happen to be playing on Saturday, and with Western that's a tall order." " However, Tech is easily the most improved team in the league this fail. The Eagles aiready have tripled last year's win total with a 3-2 mark



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overali, and battled top-ranked Murray down to the wire three weeks ago before finally suc-cumbing 10-3. Tech also managed just a field goal in last Saturday night's 7-3 loss to Jacksonville (Ala)

State, but has proven it can put points on the board in wins over Western Carolina (26-10),

Northeast Missouri (28-20) and UT-Martin (30-28)

28). "Tech is always a hard-nosed outfit," said Western coach Jimmy Feix. "Wade is a great coach, and he knows a number of ways to beat you. The films we've seen indicate that they can do a lot more offensively than they did against backconville."

The Eagles' main offensive weapon is junior quarterback James Aaron (5-11, 180), a transfer from the Air Force Academy. Aaron is hitting on 59 percent of his passes going into Saturday's itest, and is averaging 155.8 yards per game in total offense

Meanwhile, Western has a pretty good quar-terback of its own in senior John Hall. Hoping to become the first three-time All-OVC quar-terback in the league's history. Hall may be ready to break loose after being held back in the Hilltoppers' most recent outing—a 42-17 romp past Youngstown State. Baceuse his teammates inner fullback Troy

Because his teammates, junior fullback Troy Snardon in particular, were gobbling up big

yardage on the ground, Hall put the ball in the air only seven times last Saturday. Hall completed six of seven for a modest 50 yards, while Snardor bulled for 159 yards on 12 carries including touch down runs of 75 and 54 yards.

"They didn't show us a whole lot last week," observed Wade, "but they didn't have to. I think Felx may have his best team since the last bunch that used to Scarmente " that went to Sacramento.

Wade was referring to the 1975 edition of the Hiltoppers, who finished 11-2 overall including a heartbreaking 16-14 loss to Northern Michigan in the Division II national championship game at Sacramento.

With the 1390 Hill(oppers still undefeated at the midway point of the season, talk of returning to the playoffs is beginning to pop up in local barber shops and pool rooms. But for his money, Feix would just as soon keep things in perspective by calling Saturday's matchup a crucial league game...nothing more.

"It's an important OVC game for both of us," he pointed out. "I know they'll be ready for us, and we're going to try to get ourselves ready for them. If we can go down there healthy and in the right frame of mind, it should be a great game." Without saying it in as many words, Feix was hoping he could convince his players not to get caught looking past Tech to next week's annual gridiron showdown with arch-rival Eastern.

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#### Associated Press

Upstart Western Kentucky and defending champion Murray State attempt to keep pace with each other Saturday in the chase for the 1980 Ohio Valley Conference football title.

Murray, the top-ranked team in the NCAA Division I-AA poll, entertains Middle Tennessee. Fourthranked Western visits Tennessee Tech. The Racers and Hilltoppers, with victories, would build their respective OVC records to 3-0 and a one-game lead over third-place Eastern, the defending national champion which is 2-1 in conference play.

The Colonels, 4-1 overall and ranked seventh among I-AA powers. entertain East Tennessee in one of four non-league games on tap Saturday. In other games, Morehead is at Youngstown State, Austin Peay hosts Nicholls State and Akron calls on Temple.

Western coach Jimmy Feix isn't worrying about keeping up with Murray; he's got Tennessee Tech on his mind. Although Tech is 0-1 in conference play, the Bucs boast a 3-2 overall mark and are considered much improved from the 1979 club that was a 49-7 victim of Western.

### **OVC** preview

"Tech is always a very competitive ballclub," said Feix, "They're awfully tough at home. And it's their Homecoming, so I'm sure they'll be playing with even more intensity."

Tech is lead by quarterback James Aaron, a transfer from Air Force, who leads the OVC with 66 completions and 884 yards in 124 passing attempts.

While Western has been riding high behind an effective mix of offense and defense, Murray has remained unbeaten because its ironribbed defensive unit has overcome the fits and starts of the Racer offense. Murray leads the OVC in scoring defense (six points a game), rushing defense (69 yards a game) and total defense (172 yards a game).

If the Murray-Middle and Western-Tech games follow form, the league would once again be headed for an all-Kentucky first division. Heading into this weekend's action, the three Tennessee entries in the league have a combined conference record of 1-5.

The starters... Western OFFENSE ("I") Pos.-Player (No.) Ht. Wt. Yr. QB-John Hall (18) 6-0 185 Sr. TB-Nate Jones (43) 5-10 185 Sr.

FB-Troy Snardon (40)	6-0	205	Jr.
F-Ron Hunter (86)	5-11	185	So.
SE-Jerry Flippin (82)	5-8	165	Jr.
TE-Ricky Gwinn (88)	6-2	220	Sr.
T Phil Rich (70)	6-4	260	Sr.
G-Pete Walters (68)	6-3	255	Sr.
C-Greg Gallas (55)	6-1	225	Jr.
G-Mark Blackburn (64)	5-10	215	Jr.
T-Steve Catlett (65)	6-1	230	So.
DEFENSE (3-4-4)			
T Tim Ford (80)	6-4	245	Jr.
NG Tony Wells (54)	5-9	195	Jr.
T Donnie Evans (50)	6-4	240	Jr.
ILB Bryan Gray (58)	5-11	200	Sr.
ILB Tom Tussey (53)	5-11	210	So.
OLB Brad Todd (85)	6-2	215	Sr.
OLB-Greg Barnes (32)	6-1	195	So.
CB-Lamont Meacham (28)	6-0	170	Jr.
CB-Davlin Mullen (20)	6-1	170	So.
SS-Reginald Johnson (37)	6-2	205	So.
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FB-Sam Smith (25)	6-0	195	So
F-Paul Selesky (27)	5-10	170	So
SE-Jack Kelly (24)	5-9	160	So
TE—Brad Millice (81)	6-3	215	Jr
T—Dan Diesel (63)	6-2	235	Sr
G—Willie Jones (77)	6-1	220	Jr
C—Mike Chmela (54)	6-1	215	So
G-Joe Caldwell (61)	6-2	220	Jr
T-Ronnie Dyer (67)	6-2	220	Sr
DEFENSE (5-3-3)			
E-Gary Hawkins (74)	6-4	215	So.
T-Don Edwards (82)	6-3	225	Sr.
NG-Ronald Weaver (75)	6-3	225	So.
T-Kevin Elkins (72)	6-3	225	Sr.
E-Lance Amuso (45)	5-10	200	Jr.
LB-Mitch Holcomb (56)	6-0	200	Jr.
LB-Rod Demps (58)	6-2	225	Sr.
LB—Travis Boulware (39)	5-11	180	Jr.
CB-Danny White (20)	5-10	160	Sr.
CB – Billy Blaylock (22)	6-0	180	Sr.
S Tony Chapman (44)	5-11	185	Jr.

# still lead OVC race

# **Toppers get past Tech 28-17**

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Tech coach Don Wade thinks it's more than just a coincidence that Western started building its football program about the same time the Green Bay Packers started losing theirs.

"I think that's where Western has been doing its recruiting," cracked Wade after seeing his outmanned team drop a 28-17 decision to the undefeated Hilltoppers here Saturday before a homecoming crowd at Overall Field.

"No wonder the Packers aren't worth a damn anymore," added Wade. "Man alive, I've never seen so many big people on one football team. They just keep coming at you, and every one of them looks like he's nine feet tall and weighs 300 pounds."

It was Western's third win in as many Ohio Valley Conference outings, and left the Hilltoppers with a perfect 6-0 mark going into next Saturday's annual gridiron shootout at home against Eastern.

Meanwhile, Tech slipped to 0-2 in the OVC and 3-3 overall...but not before making things a little too interesting for the Hilltoppers for atmost three quarters.

With time winding down in the third period, Western found itself clinging to a precarious 14-10 lead and in possession near midfield. Things had been going so slow on offense, in fact, that senior quarterback John Hall had been benched in favor of sophomore Ralph Antone.

On a third-and-long situation at the Tech 47, Antone retreated after taking the snap, waited until he drew a crowd of defenders and then arched a little screen pass to teammate Elmer Caldwell.

The reserve fullback pulled the ball in on the near sideline, and raced untouched all the way down the field behind a convoy of blockers who had to go out of their way to find anybody to hit. That put the Hilltoppers ahead 21-10 going into the last 15 minutes, and gave them some breathing room for the remainder of the afternoon.

"They had excellent pass coverage on us all day," said Western coach Jimmy Feix afterwards, "so we had to try something different. That's why we started turning to screens and reverses."

The flanker reverse came later near the midway point of the fourth quarter, with junior Jerry Flippin zipping 31 yards to keep alive a convincing 93yard scoring drive that put things completely out of reach. Western wound up going the length of the field in 16 plays, with junior fullback Troy Snardon diving the last yard with less than five minutes to go in the game.

In the closing minutes, Tech freshman quarterback Tony Constantine marched his teammates 78 yards in seven plays against the Western reserves to make the final margin a bit more respectable for the old grads on hand.

"This is always a tough game for us down here," noted Feix. "We always have Eastern coming to our place the following week, and we have to keep our minds on beating Tennessee Tech. It's never easy, and it wasn't today."

"We had some trouble passing the ball today," he added. "Maybe we're turning into the power-oriented team I thought we'd be all along. With backs like Snardon and (Nate) Jones running behind our big offensive line, I don't know if we need to be putting the ball in the air that much anyway."

Not that he had any choice, especially in the first half. Although the Hilltoppers led 14-10 at intermission, Hall had missed on all four of his passing attempts.

Western had drawn first blood on a three-yard plunge by Snardon less than five minutes into the game, following a 38-yard punt return by Davlin Mullen to the Tech 31. But the Eagles came back to take a 10-7 lead on a 20-yard field goal by Wayne Anderson and a one-yard run by Marvin McClenon, the latter coming on the final play of the opening quarter.

The Hilltoppers regained the lead early in the second quarter on a twoyard run by Caldwell following a mishandled snap by Tech punter Mark Pemberton, and it stayed 14-10 until the Antone-to-Caldwell connection late in the third period.

"They were fired up for us," said Hall, who wound up with only one completion in eight tries for the day. "They stopped our passing game pretty well today, but they couldn't stop the run."

A point well taken. Western piled up 258 yards rushing, with Jones scooting 104 ards on 19 carries and Snardon plowing for 77 more on 18 attempts. Tech finished with 257 yards passing between starter James Aaron and Constantine, but managed only 46 yards on the ground.

Tech provides the opposition in Morehead's homecoming game next Saturday, while Western returns home to take on the defending Division I-AA national champions.

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Passing yards	66 257
Return yards	42 34
Passes	4-14-0 18-39-1
Punts	10-44 8-42
Fumbles-lost	1-0 3-1
Penalties-yards	7-56 2-27

### Western trips Tech

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. (AP) – Elmer Caldwell and Troy Snardon each scored a pair of touchdowns Saturday as unbeaten Western Kentucky struggled to a 28-17 victory over Tennessee Tech in an Ohio Valley Conference football game.

Caldwell put Western ahead for good at 14-10 in the second period on a 2-yard run, and in the third period extended the Hilltopper advantage to 21-10 when he took a 47-yard pass from reserve quarterback Ralph Antone.

Snardon, who opened the scoring with a 3-yard run in the first period, ensured Western's sixth consecutive victory of the season with a 1-yard run in the fourth period. The victory for Western, the No. 4 team in the NCAA Division I-AA rankings, kept the Hilltoppers tied with top-ranked Murray for the OVC lead. Each is 3-0 in the league.

Tech dropped to 3-3 overall and 0-2 in the OVC.

### OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE FOOTBALL Caldwell's move to tailback pays off as Western rolls

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

COOKEVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Tech quarterback James Aaron used to pass for the Air Force, but yesterday his passing game was somewhere out in the wild blue yonder.

Likewise for Western's John Hall, who entered yesterday's game as the leading passer in the Ohio Valley Conference, once notch above Aaron. In this game, however, the homecoming queen had better statistics. Hall completed one of his eight tosses, Aaron 11 of 30, as Western remained unbeaten with a 28-17 triumph.

'In amassing six straight victories, Western has resembled the Marines more than it has the Air Force, anyway, so the Hilltoppers really didn't need a big day from Hall. Led by tailback Nate Jones, Western outgained Tech by 212 yards on the ground (258-46) and didn't have a turnover.

Jones gained 104 yards in 19 carries, while fullback Troy Snardon accumulated 77 in 18 cracks. But Western's most valuable back may have been Elmer Caldwell.

Caldwell had been moved from fullback to tailback only last week in a move designed to benefit former tailback Barry Skaggs. Coach Jimmy Feix believed that Skaggs, suffering from a leg injury, could function better at fullback. At his new position, Caldwell gained 48 yards rushing and 50 on pass receptions, including a 47-yard screen pass from Ralph Antone that put Western ahead 21-10 late in the third quarter.

Caldwell is familiar with being a star. Last year against Eastern Kentucky, he rushed for 156 yards on a school-record 37 carries. He also had 153 yards in only 18 rushes against Northern Iowa.

Caldwell's role had been enhanced in 1979 by injuries to both Jones, now a senior, and Snardon, a junior. But until yesterday, he had gained only 54 yards all season.

"Elmer's content in that role," said Jones. "We're all brothers back there. NATE JONES Nets 104 yards as Western trips Tech



He knows that next year it'll be him and Snardon."

Hall didn't complete a pass until well into the third quarter, and Tech was making life miserable for the Hilltoppers at that point. Tech had taken a 10-7 lead after the first period and trailed only 14-10 at halftime.

Western got in lots of early trouble because of bad field position. The Hilltoppers took over the ball six times within their own 20-yard line. But the punting of Ray Farmer kept getting them out of trouble. Despite a short out-of-bounds boot and a fumbled snap on which he nearly kicked a ground ball, Farmer still averaged 44.4 yards for 10 punts. "Oh, golly, that was important," Feix said.

Tech quarterback Aaron had been in on every play at quarterback until he banged up his leg in the second half. He returned to action, but by then Tech coach Don Wade had seen enough of freshman backup Tony Cos-

WESTERN KENTUCKY 77777-28 TENNESSEE TECM 10 0 0 7-17 Western - Snardon 3 run (Griffith kick); Tennessee see Tech - Anderson 20 field goal; Tennessee Tech - McClennon 1 run (Anderson kick); Western - Caldwell 47 pass from Antone (Griffith kick); Western - Caldwell 47 pass from Antone (Griffith kick); Western - Caldwell 47 pass from Costantine (Anderson kick); A-11,600

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First downs	11	1
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Passing yards		25
Return yards		3
Passes		18-39-
Punts	10-44	8-4
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-
Penalties-yards		2-2

tantine to re-evaluate Aaron's future. Costantine completed seven of nine attempts, including a razzle-dazzle pass for a 32-yard touchdown in the waning moments of the game.

Fortunately for Tennessee Tech, the only interception of the day was one Aaron threw to defensive end Tim Ford. But there could have been others. "We had three inside linebackers all miss a pass, tipping the ball," Feix said.

The Western coach rationalized his replacement of Hall with Antone. "We wanted him to stay on the sidelines a little while and see what happened. The other boy is a fine quarterback."

Western had scored on its second series of the game, with Snardon running over from the three-yard line and Jim Griffiths kicking the point, but the hosts got back three points when Wayne Anderson hit a 20-yard field goal, his seventh straight successful attempt this season.

Two series later, Tennessee Tech started at its own 41 with a 39-yard romp by tailback Reggie Bazel. A 14yard pass from Aaron to Jack Kelley set up a one-yard scoring dive by Marvin McClennon that gave Tech a 10-7 lead.

Western took the lead for good at 10:07 of the second period after Tech punter Mark Pemberton had fumbled a snap and tried to run. Western took over at the hosts' 32, and Caldwell ran the final 12 yards.

Opening the second half, each team had three unproductive series before Western started a drive at its 23 and got to the Tech 47, where it was thirdand-nine. At that point, Antone dropped off a pass to Caldwell, who hit daylight almost at the line of scrimmage and went 47 yards down the left sideline for a touchdown to gave Western a 21-10 margin.

Snardon scored his second touchdown of the game at 4:51 of the fourth quarter after Western marched 93 yards. Jerry Flippin had a 32-yard run on a reverse that set up the one-yard touchdown. Page 2-B

### Sports shorts

### Todd out for year

Western senior linebacker Brad Todd (6-2, 215) has been sidelined for the rest of the season after undergoing surgery Tuesday for a knee injury suffered in the Hilltoppers' 28-17 win at Tennessee Tech over the weekend.

Todd was injured on the play where Western punter Ray Farmer bobbled the snap from center, and scrambled in the backfield before finally getting the punt off.

Todd was a pre-season All-Ohio Valley Conference pick this year, after ranking second on the team in tackles (115) a year ago as a junior. In the Hilltoppers' six games so far this fall, the former East Hardin prep standout had piled up 16 unassisted tackles and 44 assists for 60 total hits.

According to Western coach Jimmy Feix, Todd will be replaced at his outside linebacking spot by sophomore Tom Fox (6-4, 230).

Tops hold fourth

Western is ranked fourth again in this week's Division I-AA football poll and Murray continues to hold down the No. 1 spot, while Eastern has climbed to a tie for fifth in the latest standings.

Murray (7-0) holds down sole possession of the No. 1 spot this week with 45 points, followed closely by South Carolina State with 44

Next in the ratings are Lehigh with 39 points, Western (6-0) with 36, Eastern (5-1) and Connecticut with 31 each, Boise State with 26, Boston University with 24, Massachusetts with 21 and four teams tied at 14 points apiece-Delaware, Alcorn State, Grambling and Nevada-Reno.

Western entertains Eastern at 1 p.m. Saturday, Murray visits Eastern next weekend and Western is scheduled to travel to Murray in the regular-season finale for both teams on Nov. 22.

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# The game Say no more: it's Western-Eastern time again

Now for the big one.

Oh sure, this year's Ohio Valley Conference race may boil down to a battle of unbeatens between Western and Murray in the season finale Nov. 22. But as far as rivalries go, that one needs a few more years' worth of credentials before it comes anywhere close to Western-Eastern.

Even during slow years for both parties (there haven't been many, of course), the Western-Eastern game seems to stand out from the rest.

That's why Western stopped designating Eastern as its homecoming foe every other year. The game always comes close to sellout proportions anyway, so why not let all the old grads come to town for another game a couple of weeks later?

This week's game figures to sell out by Saturday's 1 p.m. kickoff, and also may wind up being regionally televised by ABC.

"I'm half optimistic about it," said Western athletic director John Oldham early today, "but we won't know anything one way or another until this afternoon. I felt like we had a good chance to get on if we both won this weekend, and we did.'

Western ran its record to 6-0 with a 28-17 win on the road against Tennessee Tech, while Eastern's defending Division I-AA national champs raised their season log to 5-1 with a 25-6 pasting of winless East Tennessee.

Should the call come from ABC, it would probably force a choice between money and exposure.

Prior to the start of the 1980 season, the national sports cable network (ESPN) offered the Ohio Valley Conference about \$3,000 for the rights to televise the



game nationally on a delayed basis. But if and when ABC gets into the picture, we're talking about something in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

'I've already signed a contract with ESPN," said Oldham, "but there's a clause in it that gives us an out. All we have to do is notify them that another network is going to televise the game live, and then they have the option of dropping us for another game if they want to."

"We're talking about 400 stations carrying us on cable," he added, "and the last time ABC carried us I think we were picked up by six outlets. But we're also talking a big difference in money, too.'

ABC carried the Western-Eastern game here two years ago, and had to be pleased with the turn of events. The broadcast from Smith Stadium came off without a hitch, and the Hilltoppers eked out a 17-16 victory on a last-second field goal by Kavin McGrath.

McGrath actually missed a 40-yard attempt as time ran out, but an Eastern lineman was called for roughing the kicker. Getting another chance from 15 yards closer, the walk-on from Louisville split the uprights the second time.

Just another dull chapter in Kentucky's fiercest intrastate rivalry.

If there is a rivalry in the OVC that comes close to equalling the lack of love lost between Western and Eastern, it's the one between a couple of schools south of the border-Tech and Middle Tennessee.

The winner of the football game between the two bitter rivals each year receives a traveling trophy called the "Shinny Ninny," which resembles an old totem pole more than anything else.

Middle's only win last fall was a 17-14 decision over Tech in the season finale, giving the Blue Raiders possession of the coveted carving until this year's game later in the season. But a few Tech students decided not to wait until the Nov. 22 game, and kidnapped the "Ninny" on the eve of Tech's homecoming game with Western.

Not to be outdone, some Middle students journeyed to Cookeville the next day and kidnapped Tech's mascot-the Golden Eagle-only a couple of hours before the game.

It was almost halftime Saturday by the time the mascot finally got to the game, after being rescued in Murfreesboro by some Tech cheerleaders.

About that same time, a plane flying over Overall Field started dropping leaflets into the stadium. Ac-tually, they were index cards bearing the MTSU insignia...not to mention instructions telling Tech where it could go after the game.

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STERN	KENTUCKY	VS. V	VESTERN	KENTUCKY	

Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky will meet for the 53rd time Saturday at 2 p.m. EDT at Bowling Green. Eastern won last year 8-6, but Western has beaten Eastern five consecutive times at home. Western is 6-0 and the Ohio Valley Conference co-leader at 3-0; Eastern is 5-1 and tied for third in the OVC at 2-1.

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Yeast	26	5.2	Elmer Caldwell 28	102	3.6
McPhaul	15	7.5	Jerry Flippin 3	81	27.0
Sutkamp 2	6	3.0	Jo-Jo Lee 14	42	3.0
Woolum 8	8	1.0	Craig Freeman 9	57	6.3
Isaac 56	-8	1	Barry Skaggs 23 John Newby 1	41	1.8
Armstrong 1	11	11.0	John Newby	24	24.0
Hairston 2	2	1.0	Kelly Key 6	17	2.8
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C-A-I	Yds.	Pct.	John Hall	658	.561
Isaac 31-66-3	409	.470	Ralph Antone 8-18-0	170	.444
Woolum 11-26-2	144	.423	Marty Jaggers 4-9-1	31	.444
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Parrish 8	120	15.0	Ron Hunter 13	213	16.4
Bird 5	78	15.6	RICKY GWIND	297	24.8
Patton 5	27	5.4	Jo-Jo Lee 2	44	22.0
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McPhaul	56	18.7	Elmer Caldwell 2	50	25.0
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# A real homer

### HRS sticks with Western to rally past Cols

What's all this fuss about a so-called showdown Saturday between Western and Eastern?

The game is already over. No wonder ABC opted this weekend to televise—instead of Western-Eastern, mind you—a rematch of last year's fiercely fought contest between Florida State and Memphis State, which FSU pulled out 66-17 in the final minutes.

Matter of fact, the last six Western-Eastern football games have been over before they started. Whoever gets to be home team on the scoreboard wins, and that's that.

Oh sure, most of the games have been close...but no matter. Not since 1973 has the visiting team won the annual Western-Eastern bloodletting, and that year it took a Hilltopper team good enough to post a perfect 10-0 regular-season mark to turn the trick in Richmond.

Look at what's happened since then:

1974—Eastern wins the OVC with a 6-1 league record, its only loss coming in a 34-24 offensive free-for-all at Smith Stadium.

1975—Western wins the OVC and goes all the way to the Division II national finals, but only after suffering a 13-7 setback in Richmond.

1976—Despite high hopes, Western struggles its way through a 4-5-1 season but salvages at least some respect by upsetting Eastern's league champions 10-6 in Bowling Green.

1977—Western suffers through its worst season on record at 1-8-1, including a 35-10 drubbing at Eastern.

1978—Western bounces back from a last-place finish the previous year to finish unbeaten in OVC play, including a regionally televised 17-16 win over visiting Eastern via a game-winning field goal with no time left on the clock.

1979—Eastern hangs on for an 8-6 victory over the visiting Hilltoppers, despite being whipped everywhere but on the scoreboard, and goes on to win the Division I-AA national championship.

1980-Two field goals by Jim Griffiths give Western



the early lead, but the Hilltoppers still find themselves trailing 14-13 late in the game. It winds up working to Western's advantage, however, because running backs Troy Snardon and Nate Jones put together a long drive that gives Western the lead again and Eastern too little time to do anything about it.

Any questions?

Okay, then let's move on. For those of you wondering why this week's column has not and will not make mention of Alabama's resounding 27-0 romp past upset-minded Tennessee last Saturday, check last week's predictions by the Hanes Rating System.

It's enough to make a guy change his name...almost. Fortunately, the HRS posted a respectable .738 percentage on the weekend as a whole and still takes a lofty .793 mark on the season into this weekend.

In fact, our crystal ball—after not just missing the boat but the entire waterfront on Alabama—cleared up in time to forecast a 17-13 win for LSU over faltering Kentucky. The final was 17-10, and the Wildcats' fieldgoal kicker has been dropped from our Christmas card list.

The HRS split six "contested" games with the Hoople forecast down the middle, and takes a 19-12 lead on the year into Saturday's games. This week, we differ with the Major by tabbing Pittsburgh over Tennessee, NC State over Clemson, Minnesota over Iowa, Oklahoma State over Kansas and Texas A&M over Rice.

We also are picking Alabama to win, and from this point on will continue to do so until Bear Bryant retires. On to another fearless forecast: OVC

### Western 20, Eastern 14: See above.

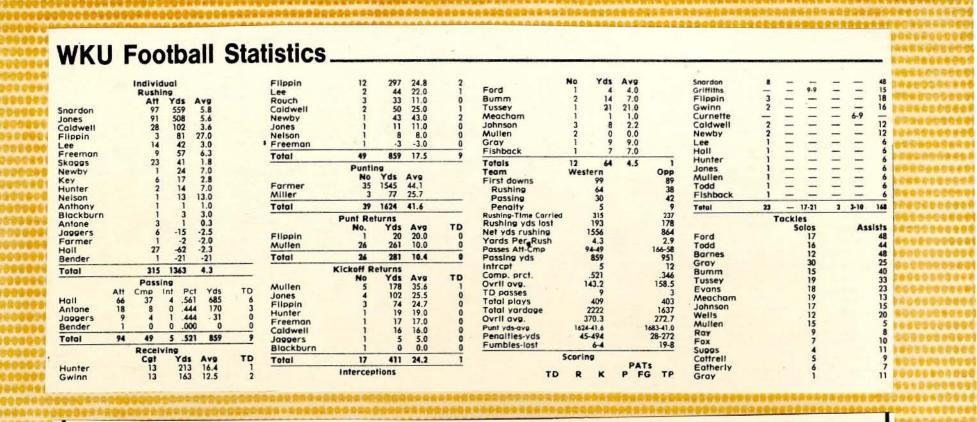
Murray 21, Akron 7: It's small and quick vs. big and slow in this one, with the top-ranked Racers' swarming defense doing a number on Akron's power-oriented running game. That is, if Murray doesn't get caught looking ahead to next week's game at Eastern.

Other games: Austin Peay 26, Middle Tenn. 17 Tennessee Tech 17, Morehead 16 SEC

Georgia 27, Kentucky 10: The Wildcats may have Georgia on their minds Saturday night at Commonwealth Stadium, but the Bulldogs have visions of Sugar Bowl plums dancing in their heads.

Florida 24, Louisville 10: UL has been playing just good enough in the last three weeks to make the Gators sit up (can alligators do that?) and take notice. Other games:

Alabama 28, Southern Mississippi 10 Mississippi St. 27, Auburn 24 Ole Miss 35, Vanderbilt 20 Pittsburgh 24, Tennessee 16



### Feix Retains His Zeal Through 12 Seasons at Western

### By Mike Johnson

Assistant Sports Editor

It is just after a Western Kentucky football game, a victory of course. Jimmy Feix, the Western coach is chatting with some friends, pausing now and then to give one of his players a congratulatory slap on the back, when one of the team managers arrives with Feix's traditional post-game chocolate candy bar.

Feix excuses himself just a moment to unwrap his candy. "Got to have my candy bar," he says. "Yes sir, can't do without it. It keeps me going."

Not that Jimmy Feix needs anything to keep him going. He is seemingly a man in perpetual motion. When his Western teams come onto the field, Feix is always running in front of them. He spends most of the game pacing the sidelines, clapping his hands, urging his players on.

Just talking to Feix makes it easy to understand why it would be easy to play for him. His eyes twinkle, his voice vibrates with enthusiasm.

"The man is amazing," says Bill Hape, who played for the first Western team Feix ever coached and who is now his defensive coordinator. "He's dedicated. It's easy to work for a guy when he puts in more hours (Turn to FEIX, B-3)



Jimmy Feix spends most of the game pacing the sidelines, clapping his hands ...

# Feix Not About to Slow Down Despite Five OVC Titles

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than you do. When the assistant coaches come in around noon on Sundays to look at films, he's already in the office. When we leave at midnight, he's still there."

#### **Only Way He Knows**

That is the only way he knows how to coach, says Frankie Feix, who met Jimmy Feix when he first came to Bowling Green and married him after he graduated from Western in 1958.

"Jimmy's just the type of person that does well at anything he does," she says. "He's just got a lot of pride and a lot of energy and it rubs off on everybody that's around him. He just doesn't stop until he's got the job done."

The job has been well done. In the 12½ seasons he has coached at Western, Feix has won 90 games, lost 37 and tied five. He has had only two losing seasons, won five Ohio Valley Conference championships and taken two teams to the Division II national championship game.

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Jimmy Feix came to Western in 1949 as a freshman quarterback from Henderson.

"I can't say that I'd dreamed about playing at Western," Feix admits. "Bowling Green seemed like the end of the world to a kid from Henderson. I got my first look at the school when I was in Bowling Green for a high school all-star game and I fell in love with the place.

"I had considered going to Georgia Tech, but I wasn't the greatest student in the world back then. Turner Elrod was my coach in high school and he came to Western the year before I graduated from Henderson. My dad died when I was nine and he had been just like my father from the time I was 14. When he told me he'd like me to come play for Western, I couldn't say no."

#### All-America Quarterback

Feix became one of the most successful quarterbacks to ever play for the Hilltoppers. In 1952, he guided them to a 9-1 record, an OVC championship and a victory over Arkansas State in the Refrigerator Bowl. Feix was named a Little All-America, and was drafted by the New York Giants. The Giants groomed him as the backup quarterback to All-Pro Charlie Conerly, but an injury ended Feix's pro career before it ever started.

Feix went from the Giants to the Air Force for three years. Then, in 1957, he got his chance to become a football coach. It was, says Frankie Feix, the only time she ever tried to tell her husband what to do.

"My philosophy has always been that as long as he was happy with what he was doing it was fine with me," she recalls. "But back then I guess I was more for him being a football coach than he was. I knew I didn't want him to make a career out of the Air Force."

Feix returned to Western as a

graduate assistant and then became a full-time assistant on Nick Denes' staff in 1958.

When Denes announced his retirement in 1967, however, Feix did not inherit the job immediately. It was no secret that he was less than pleased about that.

"Coach Denes announced his retirement at our banquet," Feix recalls. "It caught everybody off guard. We knew nothing about it. President Kelly Thompson said that the job would be open to all applicants. I didn't like the idea much then. I thought I should have just been promoted."

#### Throws Hat In Ring

Feix weighed the impending possibilities and went home and talked the situation over with his wife before he decided that he would throw his hat in the ring.

"It was a tough decision for us," Feix says. "We had to decide whether I should just remain as an assistant or go for it, knowing that if I didn't get the job we might wind up having to leave Bowling Green.

"We decided we'd take our chances and I applied for the job.

"I didn't understand the reasoning then, but I know now that opening the job up to everybody was the best thing in the world to do. It had to be a fair selection. I'd never been anywhere else to coach in my life except Western. It was a difficult situation. The people that knew me and knew what I could do were the same ones who had to do the hiring. "This way everybody got their say about it. Then one day President Thompson called me in and told me that he was recommending me to the board of regents for the job."

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For all the success he has enjoyed at Western, Jimmy Feix insists that he has never entertained thoughts of what it might be like to coach at a bigger school, before bigger crowds. The reason, he says, is obvious football is fun at Western.

"There have been contacts from other places, I won't deny that," he says. "I might have even talked to my wife about them and she always told me to do what I wanted to do. I've never wanted to leave.

"I'm disappointed when we don't have much of a team at Western, but I'm awfully glad that I'm not involved in football as a business. I don't want to see our football program at Western or the rest of the Ohio Valley Conference get in a situation where we need outside money and gate receipts to keep us going.

#### Football for Fun

"I've never worried about the fact that we play in front of 15 or 16 thousand fans instead of 50,000. We play football for fun. I like it that way.

"That doesn't mean there isn't any less pressure on me or Roy Kidd (at Eastern) as a football coach than there is on Johnny Majors (at Tennessee) or Bear Bryant (at Alabama). But there is less pressure on our players and our program and I'm glad about that." No other Western coach has come close to matching Feix's record. He has won 33 more games than Denes, Western's winningest coach until Feix arrived on the scene. Before Feix, Western had won only two OVC championships. Yet, Jimmy Feix shrugs all of it off.

"I teach a coaching class," Feix says, "and I've got a list of the three most important things it takes to be a good coach. In order, they're material (players), schedule and coaching. Anybody that thinks coaching is the most important thing won't get very far in this business.

"It used to be that one of the most important things to me was being the winningest coach that Western ever had," Feix admits. "Those things don't seem so important once you've got 'em. All you've got to do is live long enough, have enough good players and enough good help.

"I guess I've done just about everything that there is for me to do. Now the only thing for me to do is keep on going."

There has been talk, that Jimmy Feix may decide not to keep going much longer. They say that this will be his last season. Feix, 49, insists that is not necessarily the case, yet he leaves the door open.

"I haven't got any deadline," he says. "I know I've got an awful lot of good, young football players I'd hate to give up.

"When you're on the road at 1:30 in the morning coming back from recruiting or when somebody like Eastern is beating the daylights out of you, you migh catch yourself saying, 'What in the world am I doing here?' but I've got no plans to quit right now. That doesn't mean that I won't change my mind six months from now or that they might not want me here. I just know I don't want to do anything but coach."



# It's Western-Eastern time:

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

Now that we've gotten such insignificant matters as the World Series out of the way, it's time to forget all about the Philadelphia Phillies vs. the Kansas City Royals and concentrate on a game played for keeps.

Western vs. Eastern.

Tug McGraw, Pete Rose and George Brett won't be suiting up for Saturday's 1 p.m. game at Smith Stadium, where a sellout crowd is expected, but who needs them?

Instead of Tug McGraw pounding his heart after big plays, Western coach Jimmy Feix will be trying to hurl his latest Tom Landry hat into the stratosphere. Instead of Pete Rose diving for deflected pop flies, Eastern wide receiver David Booze will be lunging for every pass he can get his sticky fingers on. And instead of George Brett trying to put his pain behind him, if you'll pardon the expression, Western running backs Troy Snardon and Nate Jones will be trying to turn on some afterburners of their own.

"Western vs. Eastern is a season in itself," noted Feix, whose 13 years as the Hilltoppers' head coach have been highlighted by the annual shootout with Eastern more times than not.

"I just hope we're not too high for the game," he added. "I've always said emotion will get you beat if you don't have a little talent to go with it. That's what we have to guard against, because there are a lot of players who get so up for the game they can't hit the ground with their hat."

Even without all the tradition that has turned Western-Eastern into the state's greatest football rivalry, Saturday's game would be a biggie in anybody's book.

Western comes into the fray sporting a perfect 6-0 mark overall and a league-leading 3-0 record in Ohio Valley Conference play, not to mention the No. 4 ranking among the nation's Division I-AA powers. Eastern, on the other hand, is 2-1 in the OVC and 5-1 overall, and has climbed to fifth place in the latest national rankings after an early-season loss at Akron.

Western tuned up for the main event by drubbing Tennessee Tech 28-17 last weekend in Cookeville, while Eastern punished former OVC member East Tennessee 25-6 in Richmond.

"Our schedule changes very dramatically and we'll

have to be ready for the change," said Eastern coach Roy Kidd. "We've played teams the past two weeks who have not won this season, and now we're getting ready for two unbeaten teams."

After back-to-back wins over lowly Middle (0-6) and East (0-7) Tennessee, the Colonels take on both Western and Murray on consecutive weekends. Murray, of course, is ranked No. 1 in the nation and will provide the Colonels' homecoming opposition next Saturday in Richmond.

Trouble is, the Colonels need to upend Western here Saturday to keep from making next week's game a matter of pride and pride alone.

"If they can beat us and Murray in the next two weeks," observed Feix, "they'll be back in the thick of it. But if we're able to knock them off, it will definitely put them in a hole as far as the conference championship is concerned."

"I feel good about the game," he added, "but I wish we hadn't lost Brad Todd last week. If we still had him, I'd feel a lot better."

Western's top returning tackler from the 1979 season, Todd underwent surgery this week after going down with a knee injury during the win at Tennessee Tech. Replacing the senior outside linebacker will be sophomore Tom Fox (6-4, 230), moving from his backup role on the inside.

Otherwise, both teams are healthy going into Saturday's shootout...and that says a lot.

It means that two-time All-OVC quarterback John Hall of Western will be hoping to get back on track after a couple of sub-par showings, while the aforementioned Snardon and Jones will continue to give the Hilltoppers their best 1-2 running punch since anybody can remember.

It also means that slippery quarterback Chris Isaac of Eastern will be running the option with reckless abandon, handing off to hard-nosed backs Dale Patton and Alvin Miller and passing to speedsters Booze and Jerry Parrish.

To sum it up, it means that Western and Eastern will get together on the gridiron for the 54th time in a hotlycontested series dating back to 1914.

In fact, there are those who think it's more than just a coincidence that Western and Eastern started playing each other about the same time the first World War broke out.



Tug who?

### **Ohio Valley Conference statistics**

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### It's East vs. West as Kidd

### and Feix Renew Rivalry

### Eastern, Western ready for battle

#### By MICHAEL EMBRY Associated Press

The battle lines were drawn 66 years ago for the Eastern-Western football teams.

And, if anything, the annual rivalry between these two NCAA Division I-AA powers has intensified over the seasons. This year is no exception.

The Hilltoppers, fourth-ranked and unbeaten in six games, entertain fifth-rated Eastern, 5-1, in Bowling Green Saturday. Besides the usual emotions that accompany these squads when they meet, there is a lot more at stake.

Western is 3-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference and the Colonels are 2-1. A loss will certainly be critical, if not fatal, to either team's hopes of winning the conference title, especially with No. 1-ranked Murray setting the pace.

"It's awfully important to us," said Western coach Jimmy Feix, whose team holds a 33-18-2 lead in the series. "A loss might be critical in that sense."

While realizing the importance of the game, Feix isn't overstressing its significance on the season.

"It's the biggest game of the week," he said. "But no way can we approach it as the biggest game of the year."

Eastern coach Roy Kidd, whose teams have not won at Bowling Green since 1968, believes the Colonels will have to be more consistent on offense to win this weekend.

"We're still making mistakes which is hurting our offense's consistency," he said. "Our schedule changes very dramatically and we'll have to be ready for the change. We have played teams the past two weeks who have not won this season and now we're getting ready for two unbeaten teams."

Eastern entertains Murray in its homecoming game next weekend. Western gets a shot at the Racers on Nov. 22.

There is a full slate of conference games Saturday with Murray entertaining Akron, Tennessee Tech at Morehead and Austin Peay traveling to Middle Tennessee. Youngstown State, which is ineligible for the title, visits Eastern Illinois.

Murray will have its defense put to the test against Akron's groundoriented offense. Akron, 3-3-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the OVC, has the conference's leading rusher in Don Brumfield, who is averaging 101.7 yards a game.

Murray, meanwhile, is fourth in the nation in rushing defense, holding opponents to a mere 72.1 yards a game. The Racers are 7-0 overall and tied with Western for first place.

Morehead, 2-2 in the OVC and 3-3 in all games, takes on Tennessee Tech in homecoming festivities.

Morehead had a sterling performance from sophomore linebacker Dan Gooch in last week's 20-14 victory over Youngstown State. Gooch, who earned conference defensive player of the week honors for his efforts, had a school-record 19 solo tackles and tied the mark for total defensive plays with 23.

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### Expect Another Close One When Eastern, Western Meet Again

#### By Mike Johnson Herald Assistant Sports Editor

BOWLING GREEN - Western Kentucky football coach Jimmy Feix was standing on the field at L.T. Smith Stadium yesterday afternoon, a cold wind and drizzling rain whipping around him, as his team prepared for its final workout before today's game with archrival Eastern Kentucky

A fan walking past spotted Feix and hollered to him, "We're gonna beat 'em good coach." Feix smiled and yelled back, "I'll be mighty happy if it's just one point."

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Then Feix turned to a visitor, shaking his head. "That's the truth," he said. "The way this thing has gone the last couple of years, one point will be just about it." Jimmy Feix know what he's talk-

ing about.

In the last two years, Eastern and Western have put on quite a show. Western won two years ago in Bowling Green 17-16 by kicking a field goal in the final seconds. Western got a second chance at that field

goal after its first try sailed wide but Eastern was called for roughing the kicker.

Last year, Eastern won 8-6 in Richmond when Danny Martin Richmond when Danny Martin blocked a Western field-goal attempt that would've won the game for the Hilltoppers. That was after Eastern's Rodney Byrd had raced all the way across the field to make a game-sav-ing tackle on Western's Eddie Preston at the 1-yard line.

Although the weather forecast for today calls for cool temperatures, the Eastern-Western rivalry should be just as hot as ever. Western is undefeated in six games, tied

with Murray State for first place in the Ohio Valley Conference at 3-0 and ranked No. 4 in the country in Division I-AA. Eastern is 5-1, a game out of first in the OVC at 2-1 and ranked fifth.

"I don't think either one of us has played a team as good as the one we're gonna play Saturday," says Eastern coach Roy Kidd. "I don't think Western has played anybody as good as we are and I know we haven't played anybody as good as Western."

Eastern seems to have more at stake in this game. A loss would most likely eliminate the Colonels from the OVC race and almost certainly put an end to their chances of defending their national championship in the I-AA playoffs.

"If we don't win we can kiss it goodbye,' ' Kidd says simply. "We're gonna find out just how good of a football team we are in the next two weeks.'

But, Kidd seems to like East-ern's chances. The Colonels have won four straight games since losing at Akron and they have allowed just 16 points in those four games, shut-ting out Youngstown and Middle Tennessee

of that has to do with our offensive

line. We've got three guys up there

that have played a lot and that

and Eastern has not won in Bowling

Green since 1968 when the L.T.

Smith Stadium was dedicated. Yet,

"I fee' pretty good about this one. In

the past, I've been tense and tight

an'. nervous. I've been so relaxed

for this game that it worries me."

Kidd likes his team's chances.

Western leads the series 33-18-2

"I think we're ready," he says.

make a difference."

That is what worries Feix the most

"I've seen three different films on Eastern and you can see them getting better every week and that's what a coach likes to see in his team. They're peaking. I hope they can't get much better.

"That's what bothers me. It looks like they're coming on and we're not. We've been winning but we haven't got that much done in our last couple of games and that's disturbing.

The secret to this game seems (Turn to EASTERN, C-3)

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to be whether or no' Eastern's young defense can shat down Western's potent offense. Eastern ranks second in the OVC in defense, allowing just 233 yards per game, and ranks fourth in the country in scoring defense, giving up just 9.7 points a game.

The Colonels will be facing a Western team that leads the conference in total offense, averaging 330 yards and 28 points a game. Western features two of the OVC's best runners in fullback Troy Snardon (559 yards this season) and tailback Nate Jones (508 yards).

Snardon and Jones have been so effective that guarterback John Hall, the OVC offensive player of the year last season, has attempted just 66 passes in six games. He has completed 37 for 658 yards and six touchdowns.

"Boy, they look pretty good," Kidd says, "Normally, when you think about Western, you think about stopping their passing attack. This year, they just haven't had to pass much.

"But our defense has played well. I was worried about it at the start of the season because we'd lost so many people. I knew we'd have good athletes on our defense but they didn't have any experience.

We've played better than I thought we could." Neither Jones nor Snardon played much last year for Western.

Jones was injured in the third game of the season and underwent knee surgery and Snardon was hobbled much of the year with a bad ankle.

"It's been a while since we've had an inside runner like Snardon," Feix says. "I could see in spring practice that we were gonna be a little more physical in our ground game than we had been. A big part

Time: 2 p.m. (EDT).

Location: L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green.

Feix, Western.

Radio/Television: WHAS, 840; WEKY, 1340; WEKU-FM 88.9; delayed telecast on ESPN at 10 a.m. Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday.

Notes: This game has all the trappings of most Eastern-Western showdowns. Western is ranked fourth in the country in Division I-AA; Eastern is ranked fifth. Western is tied for the Ohio Valley Conference lead at 3-0; Eastern is one game back at 2-1. The game also matches Western's explosive offense against Eastern's stingy defense. Western leads the OVC in total offense, while Eastern ranks No. 2 in the conference in defense. In its last four games, Eastern has allowed just 16 points. You can probably forget about all of that for this game, however. Eastern won 8-6 last year in Richmond, but Western leads the series 33-18-2 and Eastern has not won in Bowling Green since 1968.





### Eastern at Western

Coaches: Roy Kidd, Eastern: Jimmy

Records: Eastern 5-1, Western 6-0.

### Western, Eastern vie, but Kidd's not excited

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Sports Writer

It is time for that famous battle of the backyard: Eastern Kentucky vs. Western Kentucky at 2 p.m. EDT today at Bowling Green. Maybe the world will little note nor long remember, but in Kentucky everyone is excited about this one.

Well, almost everyone. Roy Kidd, who has a vested interest in the game, claims he is not.

"I think our kids have been more relaxed this week than I've ever seen them for a Western game," said Kidd, the head coach at Eastern for 17 years. "That may be because of me, because I'm not going to get all excited."

Not excited? Maybe his players better sing him a chorus of "Cabin on the Hill," the song that is supposed to inspire Eastern athletes. Maybe they should remind him that the last time he was in Bowling Green he got beat after the clock had run out. Doesn't he remember that Eastern hasn't won at L. T. Smith Stadium since 1968?

Surely, Roy Kidd, you must have gotten excited sometime.

"I haven't yet," he said.

Kidd also is violating football's oldest cliche: "Thou shall play them one at a time." He claims the reason he isn't overly excited is because Eastern must play No. 1 Murray State next. "We can't get sky high because we've got Murray coming in here next week," Kidd said. "I remember one year (1975) we beat Western here 13-7 and we shouldn't have. Our team was so sky high, and the next week we were so flat it was unbelievable. We've got to keep an even plateau."

Western's Jimmy Feix, who like Kidd once quarterbacked where he now coaches, agrees that the rivalry may have subsided somewhat. Maybe not to the fans, and there are expected to be 19,250 of them today, but to the players and coaches.

"There are too many teams, and I think we coaches don't point to them

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### Kidd's not excited about big game

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(archrivals) as much as we used to," Feix said. "You can't afford to. Things have really evened out in our conference."

And things can't get much more even than Eastern vs. Western. In the NCAA's Division 1-AA poll, Western (6-0) is ranked fourth, Eastern (5-1) fifth. Western won two years ago when Kavin McGrath kicked a field goal as time expired in a 17-16 game. McGrath had missed an attempt on the game's next-to-last play, but Eastern defensive back Danny Martin was called for roughing the kicker.

Martin, and Eastern, got revenge last year with an 8-6 victory over Western at Richmond in which Martin blocked a crucial field-goal attempt. It helped Eastern gain a playoff berth and eventually win the Division 1-AA championship.

Kidd also isn't excited about the possibility of notching his 116th win at Eastern, which would tie him for the Ohio Valley Conference record with Middle Tennessee's former coach, Charles "Bubber" Murphy.

Eastern's only blemish was a 21-10 loss at Akron, a game marked by two Akron touchdowns resulting from Eastern defenders falling on a wet field. Western beat Akron the next week 8-2. In its four games since Akron, Eastern has scored 117 points while allowing only 16.

"They're getting better all the time," Feix said of Eastern. "They're peaking for sure, but you don't know what the peak is going to be. Their peak may be in Sacramento."

The Division 1-AA championship game is in Sacramento, Calif., this year.

Feix is bothered by what he believes is a lack of improvement by his team. "We've gone downhill in our passing offense the past couple of weeks," he said. "It concerns me. It just hasn't produced, and that shouldn't have been the case because Hall is an excellent quarterback."

John Hall of Western was the OVC's Offensive Player of the Year in 1979, but last week he completed only one of eight passes.

Western has passed less this season, because fullback Troy Snardon and tallback Nate Jones have gained more than 500 yards. "When we played Western in the past, we basically felt that we had to do a good job on pass defense and take away the wide sweep," Kidd said. "But this year they've got an added dimension with Snardon. I think they've got a more balanced offense than I've seen at Western."

Feix also is worried about Dale Pat-

ton, Eastern's 230-pound fullback. "We've got to stop their pitch, and we've got to stop the fullback up the middle because Patton can get the big gain that way."

Western will operate without senior linebacker Brad Todd, who will miss the rest of the season because of knee surgery. Eastern's ace linebacker, Alex Dominguez, will return to the lineup after missing last week's game with a pulled muscle.

Today's game will be telecast nationally on a delayed basis by the ESPN cable network. The replay will be at 10 a.m. Sunday and 3 a.m. Monday.

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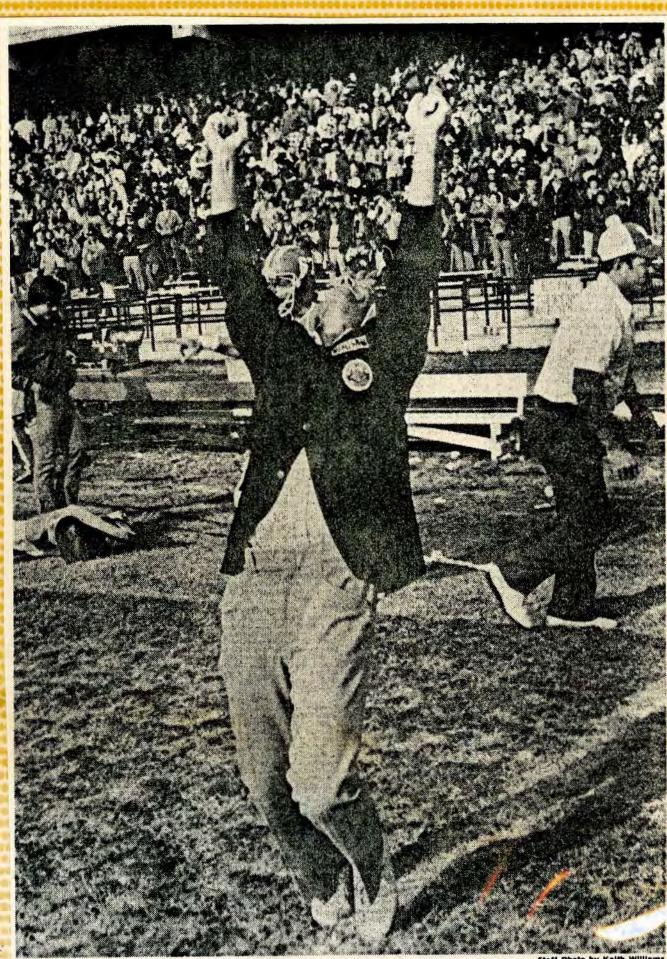
The old irresistible force meets the immovable object when Akron goes to Murray State (2:30 p.m. EDT).

The force is Akron tailback Dennis Brumfield, the OVC's leading rusher at 101.7 yards a game. That's about 30 yards more than Murray's opponents have averaged in team rushing.

Murray is ranked second nationally in total defense, Akron sixth in pass defense.

Its record back at the .500 level, Morehead will take on Tennessee Tech at 2 p.m. EDT today in Morehead's homecoming game. The Eagles ran their record to 3-3 with a 20-14 win at Youngstown State last Saturday.

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E-David Holland (91)	6-1	216	Sr.	
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LB-Mike Wagers (56)	6-3	205	So.	
CB-Charles Brunson (29)	6-1	196	Sr.	
CB—Tom White (24) SS—George Floyd (8)	5-9 5-11	182 185	Jr. Jr.	
FS—Rodney Byrd (9)	5-10	184	Jr.	



Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix cast his concerns to the wind yesterday after his team

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Staff Phote by Keith Williams

defeated Eastern Kentucky 13-10. The wind had caused both teams some concern during the game.

# **Griffiths rallies Tops past Eastern**

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

Jim Griffiths discovered the secret to relaxation Saturday at Smith Stadium, and turned it into the secret to success.

A walk-on placekicker from Glenn Burnie, Md., Griffiths strolled onto the field before an overflow crowd of 19,700 and calmly nailed a 24-yard field goal with 5:20 left in the game to give undefeated Western a narrow 13-10 victory over arch-rival Eastern in the latest edition of a rivalry that has become known as World War III across the state.

With a 22-mile per hour wind at his back, the soccerstyle kicker split the uprights with his second field goal of the afternoon ... but only after convincing himself it. didn't matter

"I missed that first one early in the game and that was my third miss in a row," said Griffiths afterwards, 'so at halftime I started trying to figure out if I was doing something wrong. I was pretty nervous when I kicked the one early in the fourth quarter, but I felt a lot better after I made it.

"On the last one," he continued, "I just told myself that it wasn't life or death at that point. I figured even if I missed it, we'd get back down into field goal position again with the wind at our backs. That helped me relax, and I hit it pretty good

Good enough to give Western the margin of victory in a rematch of last year's shootout at Richmond, where two missed field goals in the final seconds left the Hilltoppers on the short end of an 8-6 score.

Western raised its season mark to 7-0 overall and 4-0

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in Ohio Valley Conference play, while Eastern's defending Division I-AA national champions slipped to 5-2 and 2-2

"This puts us out of it," Eastern coach Roy Kidd said bluntly after the game. "We shot our wad out there today. I know Western and Murray still have to play each other, but I can't see anybody else beating either one of them. You just can't win our league with two losses

Kidd's troops had dropped a 21-10 decision to OVC newcomer Akron early in the season, but had roared back in recent weeks to join both Murray and Western among the five top-ranked teams in the latest I-AA national poll.

'You gotta hand it to Western,'' added Kidd, whose Colonels haven't won in Bowling Green since 1968. "They made the plays when they had to, and that's the mark of a good team.

Late in the first quarter, a fumble by Eastern quarterback Chris Isaac gave the Hilltoppers the ball only 19 yards from paydirt. It took Western seven plays to get it in, but junior fullback Troy Snardon finally bulled over from two yards out to give the home team a 7-0 lead

In the second period, Eastern cut its deficit to 7-2 when Thomas White tackled the Hilltoppers' Davlin Mullen in his own end zone for a safety. Mullen had fielded an Eastern punt at his own 11-yard line, before putting it into reverse while trying to pick up blockers on the other side of the field.

The unusual play occurred early in the second quarter, and seemed to pick Eastern up at the half

With the wind at their backs in the third quarter, the Colonels marched 63 yards on only five plays on their first possession of the half to go ahead 8-7 on a nineyard run by senior fullback Dale Patton. Patton also tacked on a two-point conversion run, putting Western behind 10-7 with less than four minutes gone in the period.

But as it turned out, Eastern never crossed midfield again. And taking a cue from the World Series, perhaps, Western coach Jimmy Feix decided it was time to bring in a relief pitcher in the final seconds of the third quarter.

"I just felt like we had to try something different," noted Feix, who replaced senior quarterback John Hall with sophomore Ralph Antone to the delight of the partisan crowd. "It looked like Hall was losing con-fidence in himself, and Antone is a fine quarterback."

Antone hit junior split end Jerry Flippin with a 20yard strike to the Eastern 49 on the first play of the fourth quarter, and came right back with a 42-yard bomb to the former Franklin-Simpson standout who made a leaping catch at the Eastern 7.

Western wound up having to settle for a 23-yard field goal by Griffiths that knotted the score at 10-10, but came back on its next possession for the game-winning three-pointer. Again with Antone at the helm, the Hilltoppers drove from their own 13-yard line to the EKU 7 before letting Griffiths do the rest.

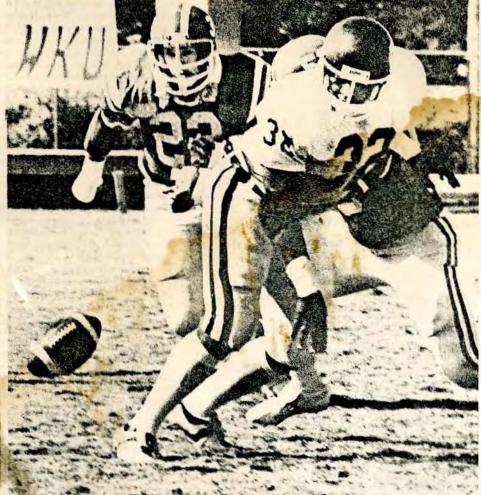
Western continues OVC play next Saturday at Morehead, while Eastern entertains top-ranked Murray

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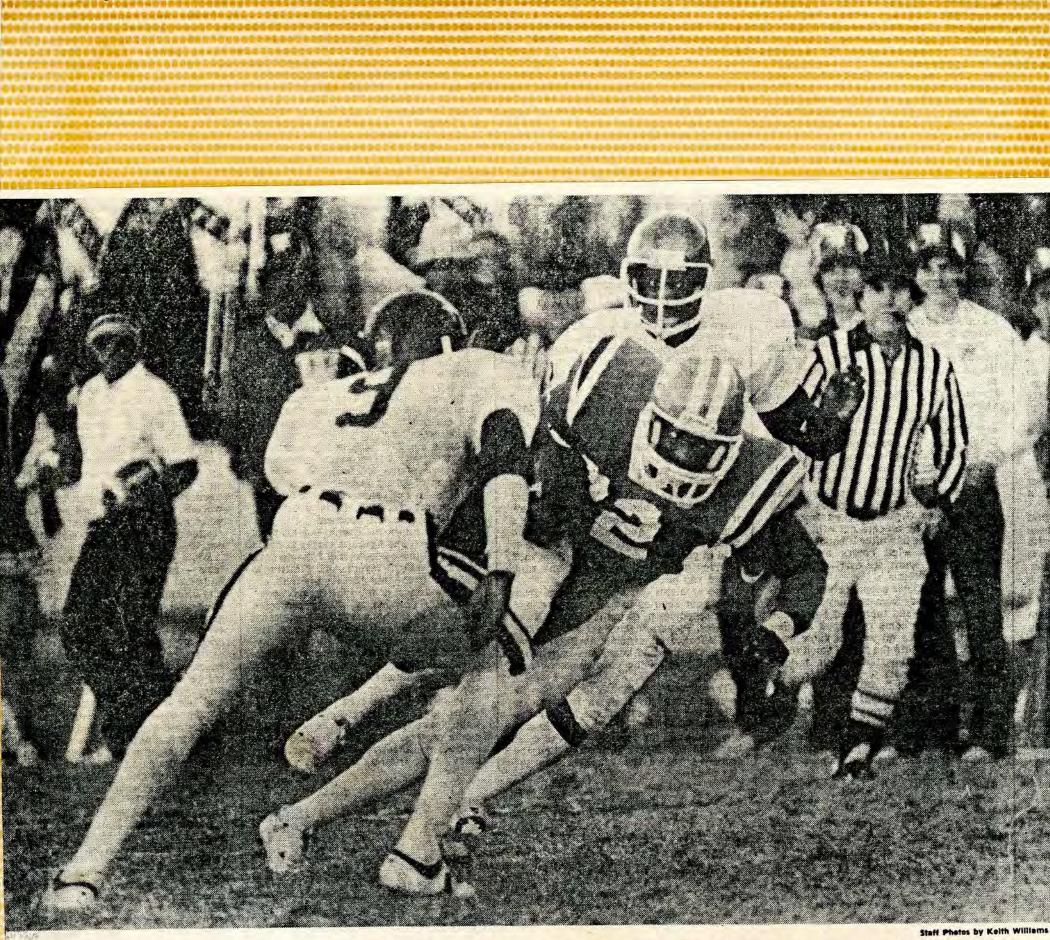
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### Whoops!

NICKY YEAST (32) of Eastern, a sophomore fullback from Harrodsburg, seems to have forgotten something during Saturday's game at Smith Stadium. Western ran its season mark to 7-0 with a 13-10 come-from-behind win over the Colonels.

(Staff photo)



Western's Jerry Flippin was hit by two Eastern defenders after a 20-yard pass completion during the fourth-quarter drive that tied the game.

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# Winds carry Western Westerly winds help Western win past Eastern 13-10

### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - Jim Griffiths is from Maryland, Ralph Antone from Pennsylvania. But both took advantage of some good old-fashioned Kentucky windage yesterday to lead Western Kentucky to a 13-10 victory over Eastern Kentucky.

The wind that swept across L.T. Smith Stadium and the 19,700 people who shivered within was estimated at 22 miles per hour yesterday. It blew so hard that Western's Ray Farmer, who had averaged almost 45 yards a punt all season, was kicking boomerangs that averaged only 31 yards for the game. Western's all-conference quarterback, John Hall, tried to throw

the ball only twice in the first half because of the turbulence.

Beginning the fourth quarter, when Western got the wind at its back, oncebeaten Eastern led unbeaten Western 10-7. Antone, a sophomore who started the season as the No. 3 quarterback. had entered the game and was prepared to complete all four of his passes in the final period.

Griffiths is a walk-on place-kicker who had missed his last three fieldgoal attempts, including one earlier in the game. "I hadn't slept all week, I was so nervous," he admitted.

The two non-Kentuckians turned the game around in an instant. Antone's first pass was a 20-yard flip to wide receiver Jerry Flippin at Eastern's 49.

Then he hit a 42-yard completion, again to Flippin, who leaped above defenders Gus Parks and Tommy White for the reception at Eastern's sevenyard line.

But Eastern wasn't about to yield further, and after three unsuccessful runs by Western, Griffiths kicked a 23yard field goal that tied the game.

"I've never felt so much pressure in my life as when I lined up. My whole body was trembling," said Griffiths, who had walked into coach Jimmy Feix's office earlier this year and asked for a tryout.

Now facing the wind, Eastern could move only to its own 40 before Steve See WESTERLY

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Marionneaux somehow got off a 38yard punt. Western was called for clipping on the return and had to start from its own 13.

Tailback Nate Jones and fullback Barry Skaggs chugged the Hilltoppers out to the 37, where Antone went to the air again. Ron Hunter made a juggling catch at midfield, and Antone passed to tight end Ricky Gwinn for nine more yards. With seven minutes Fullback Troy Snardon had 64 in 13 left in the game, Western got a first down at Eastern's 41.

Tailback Elmer Caldwell carried four straight times, gaining 25 yards on his first run, before Western bogged down at Eastern's eight. Griffits converted again from 24 yards with 5:20 to go, and Eastern could overcome neither Western nor the wind the rest of the game.

"I don't like to play in the wind, because it's not fair," Feix said, "but with Farmer punting I felt it was note to our advantage than it was to

them." second-quarter play that appeared likely to haunt Western, if not cost it the game. Western's Davlin Mullen had fielded a Marionneaux punt at the 1] and retreated into the end zone in an attempt to turn the corner and go up the left sideline.

But Eastern's White nailed him for a safety that made the score 7-2. It also necessitated a free kick by Farmer into the strong wind. However, Farmer booted it all the way to Eastem's 32, and the Colonels couldn't score again in the first half.

"I didn't say anything to him (Mul-len) about the safety," Feix said. "He's going to run the next one back for a touchdown. I should have told him not to catch the ball."

The game had many rough spots, as battles between rivals usually do. Western was called for holding four times. Eastern lost two fumbles, and only a recovery by Kevin Greve of Jerry Parrish's bobble on the opening kickoff saved another. At least three times Eastern got a receiver open deep only to miss a completion by inches.

We felt that we could throw the ball deep, and we did get the receivers open but we couldn't get the ball to them," Eastern coach Roy Kidd said.

We played a good game defensively But when they had to make something work they did it," he said. "But I

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thought we could run the ball better than we did.'

Eastern gained only 128 yards rushing, compared with 262 for the Hilltoppers. And, thanks to Antone and the wind at his back, Western passed for 142 yards on 9-of-11 throwing. Eastern's Chris Isaac completed seven of 18 for 92 yards.

Caldwell led Western's balanced rushing with 72 yards in 14 carries. cracks, and Skaggs gained 60 in 15 tries. Eastern's longest gain of the day was 24 yards - a pass from Isaac to Parrish - and its longest run was 18 yards, by fullback Dale Patton.

After Griffiths had missed a 34-yard field-goal attempt at 8:41 of the first period, a fumble by Isaac and a recovery by Western's Tom Tussey set up the first score of the game. Snardon scored on a two-yard run with 11 seconds remaining in the first quarter.

Snardon later had to leave the game for several series of plays because of a pulled hamstring.

'I got hurt about two or three plays into the third quarter," he said. When he returned he plowed into the Western bench on a running play in which many Western fans questioned Eastern's sportsmanship.

But Eastern wasn't to blame, according to Snardon, who said the hamstring snapped again as he ran into the bench

Eastern took the lead on its first series of the second half, thanks to a 24yard pass from Isaac to Parrish that put the ball on Western's 39. Isaac and Parrish had another 21-yard gainer before Patton burst up the middle for a nine-yard score. Patton then ran over left tackle on the conversion for a 10-7 Eastern lead.

Western's victory increases the possibility of the Hilltoppers and Murray State matching unblemished records Nov. 22 at Murray in a battle for the Ohio Valley Conference champion-ship. (Murray beat Akron 13-10 yesterday.) But first Eastern will test Murray next at Richmond and Western will go against an improved Morehead State team Saturday at Morehead.

"Roy wished me good luck after the game," Feix said of Kidd. "But I said, 'Hey, you're the one I want to have good luck.' '

"They're down right now, but we've got to bounce back," Kidd said of his players. "They wouldn't be a good team if they weren't down after a game like this."

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### Western Antones for Woes; Beats Eastern

### By Mike Johnson Herald Assistant Sports Editor

BOWLING GREEN — All the wondrous things that Western Kentucky had accomplished this season seemed to be slipping away from the Hilltoppers, along with the time, in yesterday's game with arch-rival Eastern Kentucky. The undefeated season, the No. 4 ranking in the country, the first place tie with Murray State in the Ohio Valley Conference — they were all were in danger.

Western, in fact, needed something next to a miracle, trailing Eastern 10-7 in the fourth quarter and going nowhere. The Hilltoppers found one when coach Jimmy Feix yanked starting quarterback John Hall and replaced him with sophomore Ralph Antone.

Antone did what Hall had not been able to do all day: he got Western moving against Eastern's bonecrunching defense. Antone guided Western to a pair of fourth-quarter field goals by Jim Griffiths, and Western won 13-10 to stay unbeaten at 7-0, 4-0 in the OVC.

Feix, for one, figured he wasn't taking much of a chance at all.

"I knew Ralph could come into a big game and do it," Feix said. "He's very, very capable.

"Heck, let's face it, John wasn't getting much done anyway. I don't know what John's problem is. He's a great quarterback with a great arm. He must just be pressing too hard,"

There was, Antone said, really no reason for all of the commotion.

"It was just one of those days when everything was clicking for me," he said. "Every quarterback has them. I've seen John have a lot of 'em. I knew I had to get the team moving. We had to come back. We weren't gonna be denied."

Antone first stepped on the field with just 30 seconds left in the third quarter with the ball at the Western 33. After Barry Skaggs was dropped for a two-yard loss, Antone pumped a 20-yard pass to Jerry Flippin that got Western out of the hole.

He came right back on the next play, finding Flippin open down the middle and gunning a 42-yard pass to

### **Comeback Falls Short**

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 WKU: Griffiths, 23 field goal

 WKU: Griffiths, 24 field goal

 Att: 19,700

EKU	WKU
First downs	19
Rushes-yards	65-227
Passing yards	142
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Passes	7-11-1
Punts	8-31
Fumbles-lost	0-0
Penalties-yards4-40	7-90

him for a first down at the Eastern 7.

However, the Eastern defense, magnificent all day against a Western offense that came into the game as the most potent in the OVC, wouldn't budge anymore. So with fourth-and-goal at the 6, Griffiths trotted on and booted a 23-yard field goal that tied the score at 10-10 with 13:06 to play.

Eastern, which dropped to 5-2 overall and 2-2 in the OVC, could not (Turn to GRIFFITHS', C-6)



Eastern's Dale Patton (35) bulls through the Western line

### Griffiths' Field Goals Boost Western Past Eastern 13-10

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put any points on the scoreboard when it got the ball back, but the Colonels did push it out to the 40yard line. Steve Marionneaux's 38yard punt and a clipping penalty backed Western up at its on 13 with 10:51 on the clock.

Skaggs gave Western some breathing room with a 13-yard run. Antone then hit Ron Hunter with a 13-yard pass and tossed a 9-yarder to Ricky Gwinn, and suddenly Western at the Eastern 41.

Antone then tured things over to Elmer Caldwell, Western's backup tailback who had rushed for 156 yards last year against Eastern. Caldwell swept the right side for 25 yards and then gained seven more on three carries to put the ball on the Eastern 7. Once again, Griffiths came on and booted a 24-yard field goal that gave Western it's 13-10 lead with 5:31 to play.

Griffiths, who walked on at Western after transferring from a junior college in Maryland, was not around for last year's Eastern-Western game. However, he had heard all about how Eastern had blocked Western's try for the winning field goal to beat the Hilltoppers 8-6. It did not help matters, either, that he had missed a 32-yarder in the first quarter.

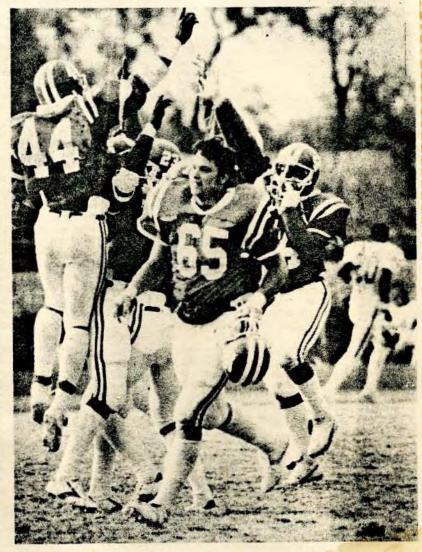
"When they went ahead of us, I started thinking about that miss," Griffiths said. "I was hoping it hadn't cost us the game. "When I went out there to try the one that tied the score, my heart was beating about 100 miles an hour. I wasn't quite as nervous on the last one, but I was sure feeling some pressure. I'd been hearing for the last two weeks about the one they blocked against us last year.

"I just kept my head down and pushed the crowd out of my mind. There was never any doubt that they were good."

Western scored its only touchdown with 11 seconds left in the first quarter. It came after Tom Tussey recovered a fumble by Eastern quarterback Chris Isaac at the Colonel 19. Eastern's stubborn defense hung on until Troy Snardon plunged over for the score on fourth-and-goal from the two.

Eastern scored when Tommy White tackled Davlin Mullen in the end zone on a punt return for a safety. The Colonels took the lead the first time they got the ball in the second half. They marched 63 yards in five plays, highlighted by Isaac's passes of 24 and 21 yards to Jerry Parrish. Fullback Dale Patton got the touchdown on a 9-yard run and then bulled in for the two-point conversion that gave the Colonels their 10-7 edge.

That, however, was the last anyone heard from the Eastern offense. The Colonels had just eight first downs and only 195 total yards. Western, meanwhile, had 19 first downs and 369 yards.



Western players jubilantly celebrate after beating Eastern

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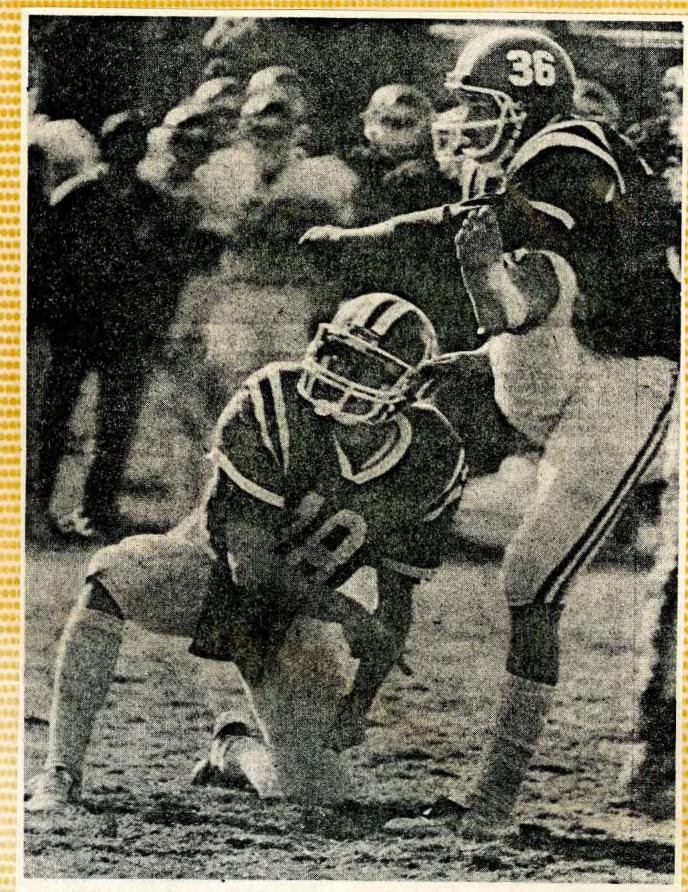
Saturday's football game between Western and Morehead will be regionally aired by ABC, the Daily News has learned.

The official announcement of the live telecast was expected later today, but sources close to Western confirmed at press time that ABC had selected the Ohio Valley Conference game in Morehead for broadcast on a regional basis.

Western will take a perfect 7-0 record into the contest, after knocking off arch-rival Eastern 13-10 the past weekend, while Morehead comes into the game with a 3-4 record after dropping a 31-29 decision at home against Tennessee Tech on Saturday.

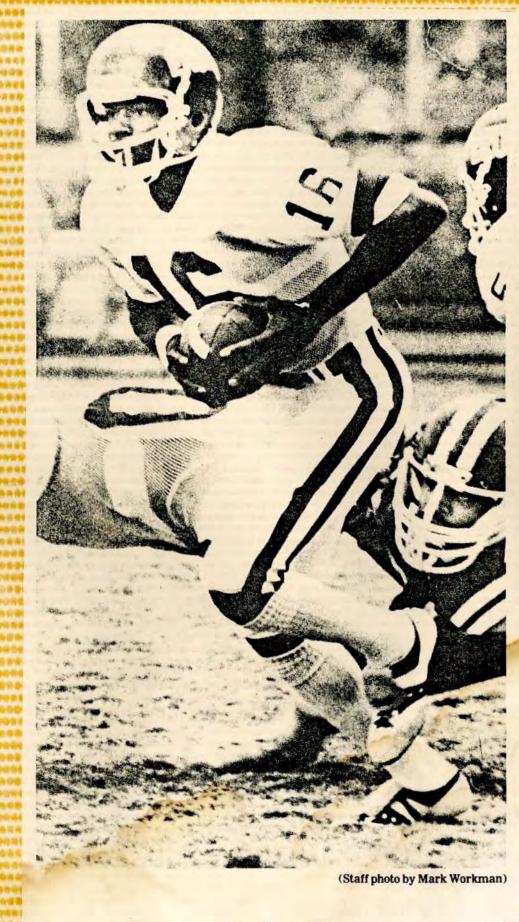
Western's game the past weekend was televised nationally on a delayed basis by the ESPN cable sports network, with the school receiving \$3,000 for the telecast. Saturday's live airing by ABC will reportedly put another \$70,000 in the school's coffer, and a total of \$400,000-plus to the OVC.

Saturday's original game time of 1:30 p.m. (EST) is expected to be moved back a couple of hours, according to reliable sources.



Jim Griffiths connected on a 24-yard field goal that gave Western Kentucky its 13-10 victory

over Eastern Kentucky yesterday. Griffiths also hit a 23-yarder earlier in the fourth quarter.



### On the run

EASTERN QUARTERBACK Chris Isaac (16) scampers for yardage during Saturday's annual shootout with Western before a packed house of 19,700 at Smith Stadium. Western won the battle of cross-state rivals 13-10.

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# Feix to retain Hall as QB

John Hall is still his guarterback, said Western head coach Jimmy Feix early today on a radio show.

Feix acknowledged that his two-time All-Ohio Valley Conference signal-caller had to be bailed out for the second week in a row during Saturday's 13-10 win over arch-rival Eastern at Smith Stadium, but said he would stick with Hall for at least one more week.

'John isn't through by any means," said Feix. "He's still our quarterback. It's just nice to have somebody like Ralph Antone behind him."

Western found itself trailing 10-7 on the last play of the third quarter of Saturday's game before an overflow crowd of 19,700, with the offense sputtering under Hall's direction. Enter Mr. Antone, who proceeded to march the Hilltoppers 67 yards for the tying field goal and 87 more for the game-winning three-pointer by Jim Griffiths with 5:20 left in the game.

Antone wound up hitting four passes in as many attempts for 84 yards, including a 42-yard bomb to junior flanker Jerry Flippin who made a circus catch at the Eastern 5.

Before his departure, Hall had managed to complete only three of seven passes with one costly interception that aborted a Hilltopper drive. A week ago in a 28-17 win at Tennessee Tech, Hall completed only one of



eight passes before giving way to Antone.

"I think John has been putting too much pressure on himself," observed Feix. "He's a senior, and he feels like he has to carry the whole load. Antone is taking some of the pressure off of him, and we're going to use him more and more if we can.

Feix may be sticking with Hall this weekend because of the senior's record-setting performance at Morehead two years ago, where he tossed five touchdown passes to lead Western to a 35-6 win in the Eagles' homecoming game.

Morehead's quarterback that day was one Phil Simms, who is now taking his lumps with the New York Giants.

Junior fullback Troy Snardon missed the last half of Saturday's game with a pulled hamstring muscle, but is expected back in time for the Morehead game this weekend.

"He's moving around pretty good on it today," said Western trainer Ron Dunn after an early-morning observation. "We're just waiting to see how he responds. We're not sure he'll be ready by Saturday. but I think he'll come around by then.

"He seems to be walking without much of a limp," added Dunn, "but that isn't any guarantee. It's one thing to be walking across campus...it's another to be pulling a couple of tacklers for an extra yard or two."

Before leaving the game for good early in the third quarter, Snardon had piled up 64 yards on 12 carries including Western's only touchdown of the game on a two-yard plunge late in the first quarter.

Picking up the slack after Snardon's departure were junior reserves Elmer Caldwell at tailback, and Barry Skaggs at fullback. Caldwell rushed for 72 yards on 14 carries, while Skaggs-who was switched to fullback only the past week-plowed for 60 yards on 15 carries.

"Switching him to fullback was a stroke of coaching genius," cracked Feix. "Truth is, we did it because he's got a bad knee that has taken away some of his maneuverability."

If this year's OVC title picture wasn't a two-horse race before Saturday, it is now

While the Hilltoppers were upping their league mark to 4-0 and their overall record to 7-0. Murray was raising its OVC record to 4-0 and upping its overall mark to 8-0 with a narrow 13-10 win over visiting Akron.

Meanwhile, Eastern dropped to 2-2 in the league and 5-2 overall while Akron slipped to 2-2-1 and 3-4-1. respectively

In other games involving OVC teams over the weekend, Morehead blew a 22-3 lead and came out on the short end of a 31-29 score at home against Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay held off upset-minded Middle Tennessee 7-3 and Youngstown dropped a 32-7 decision to Eastern Illinois.

Morehead is 2-3 in the OVC and 3-4 overall, Austin Peay is 2-2 in the league and 4-3 overall. Tech is 1-2 and 4-3 and Middle is 0-4 in the OVC and 0-7 in all games.

Youngstown, which doesn't begin OVC competition until next season, is 0-6-1 this fall after going all the way to the Division II national championship game a year ago.

### LEXINGTON HERALD SPORTS Racing Comics Tuesday, October 28, 1980

# Morehead's Season Only Fair, but ABC Has Cleared the Air

#### By Marla Ridenour Of The Herald Staff

A 3-4 record may not make the Morehead State Eagles' football team too happy, but its spirits should lift this weekend as a crew from ABC Sports rolls into town.

The network announced yesterday that Saturday's game between Morehead State and Western Kentucky at Morehead's Jayne Stadium will be one of the five regional telecasts.

Western is 7-0 and was ranked No. 4 in last week's Division I-AA poll.

Georgia will take on South Carolina in the nationally televised game at noon, with the Morehead-Western game following at 3:50 p.m.

The Morehead-Western game was originally scheduled for 1:30. According to Ohio Valley Confer-

ence commissioner Jim Delany, the game will be available to stations in Evansville, Ind., Louisville, Lexington, Bowling Green, Nashville, Tenn., and possibly Charleston and Huntington, W. Va.

Channel 36 will carry the broadeast in Lexington.

"I was shocked," said Western Kentucky athletic director John Oldham, describing his reaction for the an-nouncement. "I thought that there was a good possibility that they would carry the Eastern-Western game (last Saturday), but they chose two other teams instead.

"We're all delighted. It helps our conference, our schools and we'll get a great deal of exposure which should help with recruiting." Besides those benefits, Morehead

State will receive about \$70,000-and \$4,000 for production costs, while Western will receive \$70,000. The other members of the Ohio Valley Conference - Eastern, Murray, Tennessee Tech, Austin Peay, Middle Tennessee and Akron - will receive \$30,000 each and the conference itself between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

There may be some upset fans in Richmond and Murray this week, though, since Murray State, ranked No. 1 in Division I-AA, plays at Eastern, which is ranked fifth, this Saturday

Don Bernstein of ABC Sports ex-

plained the decision:

"Of the two games, the one (Eastern-Murray) should have gone on by records," he said. "But we didn't have the luxury of that decision be-cause one field (Eastern's Hanger Field) doesn't have lights. We had decided to go with the national game early."

Morehead's Jayne Stadium has lights

"I still feel we will have a good game," said Bernstein. "We're very

happy to have the Ohio Valley Conference on.

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According to Bernstein, Chris Lin-coln, sports director of KTUL-TV in Tulsa, Okla., will do the play-by-play and Ben Martin, former coach at Air Force, will provide color commen-tary. Both are regulars for ABC regional broadcasts.

Lincoln is in his sixth year with the network and also hosts Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer's weekly television show in Tulsa

# Western, Morehead are on TV Saturday

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Amid speculation that the date of the Nov. 22 football game between unbeaten Murray State and Western Kentucky would be changed to encourage a television bid, ABC-TV yesterday dropped a bombshell on those ideas by announcing that it will telecast Western's game at Morehead State this Saturday.

The game at Morehead's Jayne Stadium was switched from a scheduled 1:30 p.m. EST kickoff to 3:50 p.m. to accommodate an earlier showing of a game between South Carolina and Georgia.

Morehead State may have gotten the telecast because it has lights at 10,000-seat Jayne Stadium, although a night game hasn't been played there in five years. Ohio Valley Conference commissioner Jim Delany has been soliciting a televised OVC game all season, and this week's most touted matchup is Murray's 1:30 game at defending national Division 1-AA champion Eastern Kentucky. According to Delany, ABC could not consider showing that game because Eastern's Hanger Field does not have lights.

Morehead will be making its first live football appearance on television, although Western has played on TV, the most recent occasion being against Eastern Kentucky in 1978. The game is one of five regional telecasts and will be shown by Kentucky and Tennessee ABC affiliates, Moran said.

Western athletic director John Oldham expressed surprise that the Western-Morehead game had been selected by ABC. "We thought the Eastern-Western game was going to make it," he said.

Western defeated Eastern last Saturday 13-10 for its eighth consecutive victory. Morehead lost a 31-29 game to Tennessee Tech to drop the Eagles' season record to 3-4.

OVC teams were on television three times in 1979. Murray was shown in a regular-season game against Eastern in addition to a playoff game against Lehigh. Eastern won the national championship in a televised game against Lehigh.

A night game hasn't been played in Jayne Stadium since Sept. 27, 1975; when Morehead played Middle Tennessee. The stadium sits in a hollow in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains, and fog had become a problem at several previous night games. Fog encompassed the field minutes after Morehead's game against Middle in '75.

"We're making a complete check of the lighting system. We've used it for a couple of track meets, and we turned them on in the second half of last year's Eastern game," Moran said. "I'm sure there will be some problems getting ready, but they're the kind of problems we're glad to have."

Moran said he was surprised that Morehead-Western was being shown, but said Delany pushed hard for the game. "I talked with the commissioner last week, and he was very anxious to get the OVC exposure," Moran said. "He pushed the Eastern-Western game hard, and they gave him reasons they thought they couldn't show that one. He suggested our game as a possibility.

"Jim called me last week and said he didn't think we had a real good chance, but that he had hit them (ABC) hard about our game. But yes, I was surprised when the call came."

Both Delany and Western athletic director Oldham speculated that this week's telecast probably rules out a regional showing of Western vs. Murray. "I don't think our conference would get two shots. I think we've probably lost that one," Oldham said. "There are a whole lot of things that would have to fall into place."

Changing the Murray-Western seasen-ending game from Nov. 22 to Nov. 15 is possible because both schools have open dates on Nov. 15. The problem for the schools is that ABC has not been willing to commit itself to covering the game.

"They won't be tied down until the Sunday or Monday before the game,"

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## Western-Morehead game will be televised regionally

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said Murray State athletic director Johnny Reagan. "We can't get any commitment, and that makes us a little reluctant. If we could get them to say, 'Hey, if you'll change the date, we'll consider it,' then it would be easier. We don't want to change it and then find out that we could have had it telecast on the 22nd anyway."

it telecast on the 22nd anyway." A regional telecast by ABC earns the OVC \$425,000, which is split into 11 shares. Each participating school gets two shares, or \$77,272, and the other seven OVC schools get \$38,636 each.

Defany suggested to Oldham and Reagan about two weeks ago that they consider changing the game to Nov. 15, "It's really up in the air because we have no idea if the 15th or the 22nd will have regional games," Delany said. "They may both be national. We're trying to put ourselves in position for consideration, in the event one of those dates turns out to be a regional weekend.

"At one time, it appeared that the 22nd would be national, with UCLA vs. Southern Cal and Nebraska against Oklahoma. There are some outstanding games that weekend. It would be a real longshot; either date would be a longshot.

"It's just so much speculation at this point. I can't think the game would be moved unless people know which games are going to be regional and which are national. It looks like those things won't be known until after the games on Nov. 8. They (Murray officials) may decide at that point that they can't move."

Reagan said Murray officials probably will decide "within the next 24, or certainly 48 hours" on whether to change the date. "I don't know if that (the Morehead telecast) has changed our chances, but it could have, I suppose," he said. "Naturally, we'd like to be the host school, but this is good for the league. We're delighted, but we just hope they'll telecast another one."

"We are agreeable if Murray wants to change the date. It's their game," said Oldham. "I know some of the problems of changing dates after putting out 75,000 schedule cards."

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#### Sportscene

# Western-Morehead kickoff changed

The Western Kentucky-Morehead football game Saturday at Morehead will be televised regionally, but kickoff time has been changed from 1:30 p.m. to 3:50 p.m. to accommodate the noon telecast of the South Carolina-Georgia game.

This week's OVC headliner matches co-leader Murray against Eastern Kentucky at Richmond. But, reportedly, ABC would not consider it because EKU's field doesn't have lights; Morehead's does.

It will be Morehead's first game on television. Western, the OVC co-leader, was last on television in its game against Eastern two years ago.

Also, ABC-TV announced that it hopes to telecast portions of Saturday's games featuring several nationally-ranked teams, in addition to televising six other games in their entirety.

An NCAA rule prohibits cutting away from a live telecast to switch to another game so ABC will show North Carolina-Oklahoma and Missouri-Nebraska highlights, time permitting, at the conclusion of the South Carolina-Georgia game, as well as at halftime and the end of the later regional telecasts.

# Murray will not reschedule Topper game

#### **Gleaner Staff Report**

Murray State officials met Tuesday and decided not to reschedule the Western Kentucky-Murray football game from Nov. 22 to Nov. 15 to accomodate possible ABC television coverage

Following a meeting – which involved Murray President Dr. Constantine Curris, Athletic Director Johnny Reagan and football coach Mike Gottfried – it was announced that the game will be played as scheduled. However, the university announced, should ABC decide at a later date to televise the game. Murray would consider changing the game to the 15th.

Murrey and Western both have open dates scheduled for November 15 and Ohio Valley Conference officials had hoped that the showdown would draw national attention. There is also a possibility that the two OVC contenders could enter the final game of the regular second mbeaten. Murray stands 8-0 and

doubleheader day for ABC. The network

will show two games on that date, both to be seen on all ABC affiliates. The games to be shown will be either Michigan-Ohio St., Oklahoma-Nebraska or USC-UCLA.

ABC had not contracted to show an OVC game up until this week, when it was announced that the Western-Morehead St. contest would be shown Saturday.

ABC also poses a problem for rescheduling since it often doesn't notify schools its intentions until just one week before the game. Murray officials said the school does not feel that it could justify changing the date of the contest and then risk the possibility that ABC wouldn't carry the game. School officials also feel that it wouldn't be fair to either school to change the game on just one week's notification.

The Racers played before ABC regional audiences twice last season. The regular season game with Eastern Kentucky was telecast, as was the firstround playoff game with Lehigh.

It was learned Monday that ABC opted for the Western-Morehead game over the more important Eastern-Murray game



because Eastern did not have lights on its game field. The late start of the game necessitates lighting.

The Western Kentucky-Morehead game will be shown locally on WTVW (Channel 7) following the Georgia-South Carolina tilt. Kickoff for the Hilltopper-Eagle clash is set for 2:50 (CST) from



Jayne Stadium in Morehead.

In related news, ABC announced Tuesday that it hopes to telecast portions of Saturday's North Carolina-at-Oklahoma and Missouri-at-Nebraska college football games, in addition to televising six other games.

# LEXINGTON HERALD SOORTS Racing Business Section B . Wednesday, October 29, 1980

# Antone's Broken Toe Rekindles Western's Quarterback Quandary

#### By Mike Johnson Assistant Sports Editor

Just when it looked as if coach Jimmy Feix had solved Western Kentucky's great quarterback quandry along came another complication — Ralph Antone's broken little toe.

Antone is the guy who came off the bench Saturday afternoon when the game with archrival Eastern Kentucky, seemed to be slowly slipping away from Western. The Western offense perked up immediately as Antone guided the Hilltoppers to a pair of fourth-quarter field goals and a 13-10 victory.

Afterwards, Feix admitted that he might have to make change at quarterback, replacing senior John Hall, Western's starting quarterback since his freshman season, with Antone, a sophomore.

"That is something I'm gonna have to sleep on," Feix said. "I'd have to say right now that it is a very real possibility."

Feix made up his mind Sunday. He decided to start Antone in Saturday's regionally televised game at Morehead State. Then he got the news about Antone's toe.

#### The Decision

"Ralph has played well everytime we've put him in a game and John has been having his problems," Feix said. "I decided that before we got

too much further down the road I better decide what to do about the situation.

"I decided I'd start Antone and then Monday afternoon we found out he had a broken little toe. Now, I don't know what we're gonna do."

Antone, in fact, played against Eastern with the broken toe. The injury occurred in the third quarter, before Antone even entered the game, on a play in which Western's Troy Snardon was knocked out of bounds near the Western bench. Someone scrambling to get out of the way of the play stepped on Antone's toe.

"The trainer says that we'll just have to wait and see how things go this week before we'll know whether he can play or not," Feix says. "If he works the soreness out of it, we can tape it and Ralph could still play. Right now, he's my No. 1 quarterback and John Hall is No. 2."

That Antone has become Western's No. 1 quarterback does not surprise Feix. That Hall is now No. 2 mystifies the coach.

Hall was the Ohio Valley Conference offensive player of the year last season. He was the All-OVC quarterback as a sophomore and a junior, beating out Morehead State's Phil Simms for the honor in his sophomore season. It is ironic that Hall had played the finest game of his career two years ago in Morehead when he threw five touchdown passes.

Hall entered this season having passed for 3,132 yards and 24 touchdowns in his career. This season he had completed 37 of 66 passes for 658 yards and six touchdowns, but he completed only one of eight passes in Western's victory over. Tennessee Tech and was just three of seven for 58 yards and one interception against Eastern.

"After talking to John about it, I think he has just been pressing too much," Feix says. "He was the All-OVC quarterback for two straight years and the offensive player of the year. I think maybe it just put too much of a load on his shoulders. He has lost his concentration and he's been trying to do too much by himself.

self. "The thing that really concerns me the most is that I think our team has lost confidence in John. I had to do something as much for John Hall's sake as for the team." Antone, a 6-foot-2, 195-pounder

Antone, a 6-root-2, 195-pounder from McMurray, Pa., has completed 12 of 22 passes for 254 yards and three touchdowns this season. He was four of four for 84 yards against Eastern. Antone is also a catcher and designated hitter for Western's OVC champion baseball team.

"Ralph has really impressed our (Turn to WESTERN'S, B-5)

Western's New Starting QB Suffering From Broken Little Toe

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coaching staff since he's been here," Feix says. "After last fall, I thought he might come on and be our No. I quarterback before very long. I know it's strange to think you've got an allconference quarterback that might get beat out, but I thought it might happen."

Feix discovered Antone while he was playing at Peter's Township High School. A Western alumnus tipped him off.

"We were looking for a quarterback when someone called and told us about him," Feix recalls. "We saw him on film and he looked just super. We flew an assistant coach up there to take a look at him right away.

"He's got a good arm, he's relaxed and he reads coverages very well." Eastern coach Roy Kidd hasn't had much time to think about his team's loss to Western with No. 1ranked Murray State visiting Hanger Field Saturday.

"They're tough," Kidd says. "There's no doubt in my mind that they're the best team we've played. Defensively they just overwhelm you. They come at you hard, they try to confuse you and they try to intimidate you."

Eastern is the defending I-AA national champion, but the loss to Western probably eliminated the Colonels from the OVC race and the playoff picture.

"It would be very difficult for us now," Kidd admits. "Anything can happen in our conference, though. Western still has to play at Morehead and Mu. may has to play us, Austin Peay and Western. " Daily ARK CITY News VEAR 126-NO. 260 BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1980 24 PAGES 2 SECTIONS 20 CENTS

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# HRS tabs Tops in TV game

The Hanes Rating System has picked Western to win Saturday's game in Morehead by two touchdowns, but that's the easy part.

The hard part is figuring out why the game is going to be aired live on a regional basis by ABC, being picked up by most stations in both Kentucky and Tennessee. In fact, the second biggest surprise of the week was ABC's decision to carry the Western-Morehead game instead of several other seemingly attractive choices.

The biggest surprise, of course, was the fact that ABC even knew where Morehead was.

Seriously, folks, let's try to figure out exactly how Saturday's game—originally set for a 1:30 p.m. (EST) starting time, but moved back to 3:50 to accommodate the folks at ABC—got on the tube instead of last week's Western-Eastern game, this week's Eastern-Murray game and the Western-Murray shootout on Nov. 22.

First of all, the network decided that last week's game between Grambling and Jackson State was a more attractive Division I-AA offering than Western-Eastern.

Secondly, the folks at AL<sup>o</sup> probably would have televised this week's Murray-Lastorn game in Richmond if the Colonels had lights. But because they didn't and because the network wanted a game to follow Saturday's major college shootout between Georgia and South Carolina, they turned their attention to Morehead.

Last but not least, the question of moving the Western-Murray game up to Nov. 15 had become a Mexican standoff. The folks in Murray wanted a guarantee that the game would be aired if they switched dates, and ABC refused to commit itself other than saying it would "improve the chances."

As a result, Murray athletic director Johnny Reagan



announced Wednesday that the dates would not be switched.

On to this week's forecast, but first a few kind words about last week's peerless predictions. The HRS' crystal ball went four-for-four in the OVC and six-forsix in the SEC, not to mention 32-7-1 overall for a lofty .821 percentage.

That was good enough to raise our overall season percentage to .796...eat your heart out, Hoople.

Speaking of the Major, the HRS won three of four "contested" games last week and now holds a staggering 22-13 edge on the year. This week, we differ with the Hoople forecast by picking Tulane over Kentucky, Wake Forest over Clemson, Duke over Georgia Tech, Minnesota over Illinois, Indiana over Michigan, Oklahoma over North Carolina, VPI over West Virginia and Oklahoma State over San Diego State.

The forecast:

OVC Western 23, Morehead 10: The Eagles blew a 22-3 lead in last week's homecoming loss to Tennessee Tech (the final was 31-29), but at least they were ahead at one point. That's more than they'll be able to say after their first TV game ever Saturday.

Murray 13, Eastern 10: The Colonels have revenge going for them after last year's 24-7 loss in Murray, but Murray has something even better—more talent.

Other games: Akron 21, Austin Peay 10 Troy St. 24, Tennessee Tech 14 SEC

Tulane 28, Kentucky 13: If Fran Curci's boys can find so many ways to get in trouble in Lexington, he's got to be sweating this week's trip to Bourbon Street et al.

South Carolina 21, Georgia 20: The underrated Gamecocks had to play USC and Michigan back-toback on the road earlier this year, and came out with a split. Georgia hasn't played anybody since its seasonopening win over Tennessee.

Other games: LSU 20, Mississippi 14 Alabama 38, Mississippi St. 10 Florida 26, Auburn 17 Memphis St. 28, Vanderbilt 23 Tennessee 27, Virginia 10

#### I-AA POLL

	The Top 10 teams in the Nationa	Col-
	legiate Athletic Association Division	I-AA
	football poll, with this season's re-	cords
	and points:	
	1. Murray St 8-0-0	
	(tie) South Carolina St 8-0-0	45
1	3. Lehigh 5-0-2	38
	4. Western Kentucky 7-0-0	37
	5. Connecticut 6-1-0	32
	6. Boise St 6-2-0	28
ς,	7. Boston University 6-1-0	27
	(tie) Grambling 6-1-0	27
	9. Delaware 5-2-0	20
	10. Bethune-Cookman 4-1-1	18
	(tie) Eastern Kentucky 5-2-0	18
	(tie) Massachusetts 4-2-0	18
	(tie) Nevada-Reno 4-2-1	18

# **Tops visit Morehead**

# in TV game

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

Western coach Jimmy Feix must be wondering if ABC knows something he doesn't.

On paper, at least, Western figures to be the odds-on favorite in Saturday's Ohio Valley Conference game at Morehead. The fourthranked Hilltoppers are 4-0 in the OVC and 7-0 overall, while Morehead is 2-3 in league play and 3-4 in all games.

Not exactly a mismatch, but then again not exactly the kind of game you'd expect ABC to shell out over \$400,000 to televise.

However, the network announced earlier this week it would be doing just that for the rights to Saturday's game at Jayne Stadium, which has been switched to a 3:50 p.m. (EST) starting time for a live telecast. The original starting time was 1:30 p.m., conflicting with the network's airing of Top 20 shootout between Georgia and South Carolina.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity to play on television," nodded Feix, "but we realize that we're going to have to keep our minds on football and the game. Otherwise, we'll be in deep trouble up there."

"Morehead proved to us last fall that they come to play," he added. "They always do, and if you're not prepared they'll beat you. That's for sure."

It was for sure a year ago, in fact. Perhaps the low point of last fall's 5-5 disappointment, on the heels of a surprising 8-2 season the year before,



was an uninspired 3-0 homecoming loss to the visiting Eagles at Smith Stadium.

The only points of the game came on a 34-yard field goal by Nick Rapier of Morehead in the second quarter. Western piled up 21 first downs during the contest, but never managed to punch the ball across the goal line.

"We've got some paying back to do...with interest," noted Feix.

Western comes into Saturday's game after a 13-10 comeback win over Eastern before an overflow crowd of 19,700 the past weekend at Smith Stadium, a game in which the Hilltoppers needed two fourth-quarter field goals from walkon placekicker Jim Griffiths to pull out the victory.

Western also needed some relief pitching from sophomore quarterback Ralph Antone, who engineered the field goal drives of 67 and 87 yards in the last stanza.

Following the game, Feix told a crowd of reporters the Hilltoppers might have a new starting quarterback this week but first he wanted "to sleep on it." After doing so, the veteran coach decided to stick with senior signalcaller John Hall for at least one more week.

The two-time All-OVC quarterback hasn't been impressive since early in the season, while Antone has come off the bench in recent weeks to

complete 12 of 22 attempts without a single interception.

Morehead will counter at quarterback with sophomore Don Reeves (6-3, 183), who was named the OVC's offensive player of the week Tuesday for his performance in a 31-29 homecoming loss to Tennessee Tech the past weekend. The former West Virginia prep standout rushed for 84 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries, and passed for 160 more yards.

Meanwhile, senior tailback Dorron Hunter (5-8, 185) continues to rank among the nation's leaders in all-purpose running...and didn't hurt his cause any Saturday. He rushed for 125 yards on 30 carries, and tacked on another 105 yards on kickoff returns.

Feix, of course, wouldn't mind seeing Hunter break a record for kickoff returns—as long as it meant the Hilltoppers were scoring touchdowns before all of them.

"Hunter and Reeves are both fine athletes," he pointed out. "They can give you fits. They've got some good people to play with, too. We'll need to contain them to avoid getting into more trouble than we can handle."

Although the Hilltoppers lead the series dating back to 1939 by a whopping 30-6-2 margin. Western has won only once since 1975.

The game is scheduled to be aired live locally by both WBKO (Channel 13) in Bowling Green and WNGE (Channel 2) in Nashville, along with most other ABC affiliates in Kentucky and Tennessee.

*	Western	*

The starters...

OFFENSE ("I")		-	
Pos.—Player (No.)	Ht.	Wt.	
QB-John Hall (18)	6-0	185	
TB-Nate Jones (43)	5-10	185	
FB-Troy Snardon (40)	6-0	205	Jr.
F-Ron Hunter (86)	5-11	185	So.
SE-Jerry Flippin (82)	5-8	165	Jr.
TE-Ricky Gwinn (88)	6-2	220	Sr.
T-Phil Rich (70)	6-4	260	Sr.
G-Pete Walters (68)	6-3	255	Sr.
C-Greg Gallas (55)	6-1	225	Jr.
G-Mark Blackburn (64)	5-10	215	Jr.
T-Steve Catlett (65)	6-1	230	So.
DEFENSE (3-4-4)		-	24
T-Tim Ford (80)	6-4	245	Jr.
NG-Tony Wells (54)	5-9	195	Jr.
T-Donnie Evans (50)	6-4	240	Jr.
ILB-Bryan Gray (58)	5-11	200	Sr.
ILB-Tom Tussey (53)	5-11		
OLB-Tom Fox (76)	6-4		
OLB-Greg Barnes (32)	6-1		100.00
CB-Lamont Meacham (28)		170	
CB-Davlin Mullen (20)	6-1		
SS-Reginald Johnson (37)	6-2	205	CC.ZZ
FS-Barry Bumm (19)	6-0	175	Jr.
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OFFENSE ("I")			
PosPlayer (No.)	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
QB-Don Reeves (10)	6-3	183	So.
TB-Dorron Hunter (21)	5-8	185	Sr.
FB-Alan Mitchell (34)	6-0	195	Jr.
F-Bo Chambers (22)	6-1	174	Jr.
SE-Robert King (86)	6-1	165	So.
TE-Tim Devine (82)	6-3	195	Sr.
T-Charlie Young (77)	6-6	255	Sr.
G-Tony Cardwell (50)	6-2	242	Jr.
C-Dean Copeland (63)	6-2		
G-Davey Locke (79)	6-2	- 7.7 P	Sr.
T-Ray Yates (75)	6-3		So.
DEFENSE (5-2-4)	4.4		
E-Marc Kessler (45)	6-4	219	Sr.
T-Tim Brewer (78)	6-3		Sr.
NG-Ron Hardee (41)	6-0	100 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10	1000
T-Tim Duff (53)	6-4	251	So.
E-Mike Puthoff (39)	6-1	203	So.
LB-Dan Gooch (55)	6-0	220	So.
LB-Gary Carmichael (42)	6-1	205	Sr.
CB-Bill Yogt (31)	5-9	177	So.
CB-Jimmie Young (23)	6-0	179	So.
SS-Kerry Reid (29)	5-11	180	Jr.
FS-Ken Hopkins (14)	6-4	200	Jr.

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# 17 presents big 'target' for Murray and Eastern

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Today's long-awaited battle between Murray State and Eastern Kentucky at Richmond will be a bit of a numbers game.

For instance:

✓ Murray State, tied for the top ranking nationally among Division I-AA football teams, will seek its 17th consecutive regular-season victory. That would tie the Ohio Valley Conference record held by Middle Tennessee.

✓ Eastern, the defending I-AA national champion, will be pursuing its 17th straight victory at home.

✓ Roy Kidd, Eastern's coach, will try to get his 117th career victory, which would tie him with Middle Tennessee's Charles "Bubber" Murphy for the OVC record.

Murray, tied with South Carolina State for the top national ranking, will have to prove its worth to Eastern, which suffered a 24-7 loss at Murray last season. A 13-10 loss to Western Kentucky last Saturday did nothing to salve Eastern's resentment.

An estimated 20,000 fans will attend the 1:30 p.m. EST game at Eastern's Hanger Field, which has not been kind to visiting teams. Eastern has won its last three home games against Murray and hasn't lost there since Dayton inflicted a 20-13 setback in 1977.

Murray's 4-0 record has the Racers tied with Western for the OVC lead. Overall, Murray is 8-0 and Western 7-0, marking the first time two OVC schools have been unbeaten this late in the season. They are headed toward a possible showdown Nov. 22 at Murray.

With a veteran unit that operates out of the wide-tackle-six defense, Murray leads the nation in scoring defense. Eastern, with a defense rebuilt from last season, is third nationally in pass defense and is second to Murray in OVC team defense.

Murray will be pressed to stop East-

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# 17 is 'target' for Murray and Eastern

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ern's top two runners, stocky tailback Alvin Miller and 230-pound fullback Dale Patton. As Middle Tennessee coach Boots Donnelly put it: "Eastern has a tailback who runs like a fullback and a fullback who runs like a Winnebago."

"Patton's one of those things you have to have to beat Murray," said Eastern's Kidd. "You can't go outside on them all day.

"And you've got to throw the ball. There's no doubt about that. But the thing that worries me is the pass protection."

Murray State's 1979 victory over Eastern in a regionally televised game resulted from a 17-point spurt in a five-minute span. "They hit a long pass when our kid misjudged it, and they blocked a punt," Kidd recalled. "They let us move the ball a little bit, but they got tough down near the goal line."

Already without one starting guard, Danny Hope, who was injured earlier this season, Eastern may be without its other guard, Kevin Greve. An All-OVC player last year, Greve has a stretched ligament. "It's constantly irritated him, but this week it seems to be a little worse," Kidd said. Also, for the second straight week,

Also, for the second straight week, Eastern also will not have defensive back Charles Brunson. He suffered an ankle injury when he was clipped in the East Tennessee game.

With the exception of 360-pound offensive tackle Vernon Broadnax, who is out for the season, Murray will be at full strength for the first time in several games. The injured returnees include fleet receiver Charles Ponder.

Conservative early in the season, Murray's offense has progressed until it ranks third in the OVC, and transfer quarterback Gino Gibbs has moved up to third among league passers.

"We're going to be facing one super little toe i football team. They are very deserv- not start.

ing of any ranking they have attained so far this year," Kidd said. "They come at you and try to confuse you on assignment. They try to intimidate you, they put a great deal of pressure on the passer.

"They're just so quick. We think our receivers are fast, but if their fact book is correct, their defensive backs are as fast. You can look at the film and see how fast they are."

While Eastern and Murray are matching muscles and wits, Western will attempt to avoid a letdown in a regionally televised game at Morehead State (3:50 p.m. EST). Last year, following an 8-6 loss to Eastern on the previous Saturday, Western lost at home to the Eagles 3-0.

Freshman quarterback Don Reeves directed Morehead to its game-winning field goal, and Reeves and Western both have come a long way since. Western had only a 3-4 record at that point but has won 10 of 11 games since. Reeves not only has become a starter, but last week was named OVC Offensive Player of the Week. The 6-foot-3 native of West Virginia

The 6-foot-3 native of West Virginia ran for 84 yards, completed 13 passes and threw for two touchdowns as Morehead lost to Tennessee Tech 31-29.

"Reeves played a good game, but again he made some sophomore mistakes," said Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg. "We're getting better. Last week we had some 400 yards on offense, and that was against a pretty good football team. But we still had those dumb mistakes."

Western's starter at quarterback remains in doubt. Coach Jimmy Feix said this week that sophomore Ralph Antone, who led a fourth-quarter rally against Eastern, would get his first start in place of veteran John Hall. However, Antone suffered a broken little toe in the Eastern game and may not start.

"I'm going to start Antone if he's healthy," Feix said. "I believe Ralph proved he could get the job done under pressure last week against Eastern, and he deserves a starting shot. Plus, I'd like to take some pressure off John. He seems to be pressing some right now."

Hall, the All-OVC quarterback the last two seasons, has started the last 24 games.

The game will mark the first live-TV football appearance for Morehead. It will be seen over ABC affiliates in Louisville, Lexington, Nashville and Evansville. ABC's announcers will be Chris Lincoln of Tulsa, Okla., and Ben Martin, former head coach at the Air Force Academy.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity to play on television," said Feix, "but we realize that we're going to have to keep our minds on football and the game or we'll be in deep trouble up there."

Western is concerned about stopping Morehead tailback Dorron Hunter, who ranks third nationally among all-purpose runners. Western also has come up with a strong running game with fullback Troy Snardon (623 yards this season) and tailback Nate Jones (541 yards).

Western has yielded 86 points, but only two of them have come in the second quarter. Meanwhile, Morehead (2-3 and 3-4 in the OVC) has had its largest outbursts in that period, outscoring its opponents 43-26. Morehead State lost 250-pound start-

ing guard Rich Zureich when he suffered a broken leg last week.

In games involving other OVC teams, Akron plays host to Austin Peay, Tennessee Tech is at Troy State and Youngstown State is at Northern Iowa.

In games featuring Kentucky teams, Wabash is at Centre (1:30 p.m. EST) and Georgetown at Valparaiso (2:30).

#### State College Rushing Leaders

Player, School Games	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Troy Snardon, Western Kentucky	110	623	95.0
Dorron Hunter, Morehead State	148	546	78.0
Nate Jones, Western Kentucky	108	541	77.3
Nick Nance, Murray State	127	508	84.7
Alvin Miller, Eastern Kentucky 7	81	478	68.3
Randy Brooks, Kentucky	129	460	65.7
Don Craft, Louisville	93	411	58.7

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James Aaron, Tennessee Tech	7	217	-148	1177	1029	147.0	
Gino Gibbs, Murray	. 8	187	205	846	1051	131.8	
Don Reeves, Morehead	. 7	148	47	838	885	126.4	
Dennis Brumfield, Akron	. 7	181	665	0	610	95.0	
John Hall, Western	. 7	102	-78	716	638	91.1	10
Troy Snardon, Western	. 7	110	623	0	623	89.0	
Dorron Hunter, Morehead	. 7	152	546	69	615	87.9	
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Player, team G		Comp.	Int.	Yds.	Pct.	Eff.	
John Hall, Western	279			716	.548	150.6	
Gino Gibbs, Murray 8	113			846	.460	124.0	
James Aaron, Tenn. Tech 7	176			1177	.489	106.8	
Don Reeves, Morehead 7	135			838	.474	99.9	
Chris Isaac, Eastern	84			501	.452	95.3	
Kevin Meade, Akron 6	45			286	.489	91.8	
Sonny Defilippis, Aust. Peay . 7	157			937	.389	90.9	
Brown Sanford, Mid. Tenn. 5	98	36	7	380	.367	69.2	
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# Tops hold off Morehead 17-7

#### By CLARK HANES

Daily News Sports Editor MOREHEAD, Ky - Junior fullback Troy Snardon rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns here Saturday before a regional TV audience, leading sluggish Western to a 17-7 Ohio Valley Conference win over Morehead.

It was the eighth win without a loss for the Hilltoppers, who took over sole possession of the OVC lead with the help of archrival Eastern-a 24-14 winner over previously undefeated Murray.

However, Western's slow start before a partisan Jayne Stadium crowd of 6 000 was matched only by ABC. Not until the final minutes of the first quarter did the network finally get the game on the air because of technical difficulties, but nobody missed anything.

All the action took place in the second half, with Snardon providing most of the fireworks. Afterwards, he and Morehead tailback Dorron Hunter were named their team's most valuable players by the ABC broadcasting team.

'I wasn't really trying to do anything different because we were on TV," said Snardon after his busy day. "I just wanted to win, and it didn't really matter how we did it.

A good thing it didn't, too. The Hilltoppers fell far short of overpowering Morehead's fired-up youngsters who were right in the thick of a 10-7 defensive struggle until they were forced to go for a first down late in the game and deep in their own territory

A fake punt on fourth-and-20 didn't fool anybody, and Western took over at the Eagle 12. It took Snardon two plays to bull his way into the end zone with 1:04 left, ending Morehead's hopes of upsetting Western for the second year in a row.

The Eagles, 3-0 spoilers of Western's homecoming game last fall, dropped to 3-5 on the season, but second-year coach Tom Lichtenberg was anything but a beaten man after the game.



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"I'll tell you what, we are the best 3-5 team around," he declared. "We lost close ones to both Austin Peay and Tennessee Tech, and for all practical purposes that was a three-point loss out their today. We just gave them the last one.

"Western's the best team we've played," he added. "I know Murray beat us 30-6, but I think Western is stronger. Their running backs just keep coming at you."

Snardon wound up carrying the ball 27 times and did most of the damage, but teammates Elmer Caldwell and Nate Jones also pitched in. Caldwell rushed for 73 yards on eight trips, while Jones scampered for 64 yards on 15 carries.

The two teams traded touchdowns in the third quarter, and the real dif-ference in the ballgame was a 33-yard field goal by Western walk-on Jim Griffiths early in the final period. Only a week ago, the sophomore from Glen Burnie, Md., had booted a gamewinning field goal in a 13-10 win over Eastern.

"I guess I should be getting use to them by now," he smiled, "but I'm not. I can do without them. I think I am getting an ulcer."

After a scoreless first half, Western wasted little time getting on the

scoreboard in the third quarter although it took a couple major penalties against the Eagles to keep an 80-yard march going. A roughing the kicker call near midfield kept the drive alive, and a facemask penalty two plays later put the ball at the Morehead 12.

Snardon wound up going over from six yards out to give Western a 7-0 lead, but it was shortlived.

Moments later, Hunter snaked through a hole at the line of scrimmage and sped 67 yards to the Hilltopper 21. The rest was easy, with sophomore quarterback Don Reeves hitting tight end Tim Devine on an eight-yard scoring pass to cap the drive midway through the third quarter.

"We felt like we had them on the run after our first touchdown," said Western head coach Jimmy Feix afterwards, "but then they came right back with that long run and made it a ballgame again.

Morehead missed a chance to take the lead later in the third guarter when Lenn Duff's 42-yard field goal was partially blocked by Davlen Mullen and sailed wide of the upright, and it was all Western in the fourth quarter.

Senior quarterback John Hall engineered the 75-yard march that resulted in Griffith's field goal, but only after sitting out the first part of the game in favor of sophomore Ralph Antone. IHall replaced Antone in the second quarter, but the Hilltoppers' oncepotent passing game still produced only 22 yards on the day.

Western returns home next Saturday for its homecoming game against winless Middle Tennessee, while Morehead plays a non-conference game at Liberty Baptist.

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Snardon ruins Morehead's upset bid

#### **By STAN SUTTON** Courier-Journal Staff Writer

MOREHEAD, Ky. - A week ago today Western Kentucky fullback Troy Snardon was on crutches. Yesterday, in Western's 17-7 victory over Morehead State, Snardon's crutches were gone, his limp was gone and Morehead's upset hopes were gone.

Snardon, a 205-pound junior from Allensville, Ky., gained 160 yards rushing and scored two touchdowns as unbeaten Western overcame Morehead (3-5) after a scoreless first half and a 7-7 third-quarter deadlock.

Snardon was so effective that Western virtually abandoned its once-awesome passing game and threw only two passes in the second half for a minus two yards.

The victory, coupled with Murray State's 24-14 loss to Eastern Kentucky yesterday, sent the Hilltoppers into first place in the Ohio Valley Confer-ence with a 5-0 record. In winning for the eighth time, Western also matched the 1973 Hilltoppers as the only Western team to win its first eight games.

Snardon did not know about Murray's loss until after Western had won its regionally televised game. When the game began, neither team knew they weren't on camera because of

technical difficulties confronting ABC. But Morehead apparently thought that it was on TV because the upstart Eagles came out smoking.

Led by tailback Dorron Hunter, who gained 136 yards rushing, Morehead moved 41 yards on its first series, stopped Western at its 42 on an interception by Ken Hopkins and had Western backed up to its own three before the TV camera started functioning with 2:13 left in the first period. But after playing almost the entire period in its own territory, Western reversed the momentum with a 59-yard punt by Ray Farmer.

"I'm sure we were up because of

the TV," said Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg. "Our kids were down after last week (a 31-29 loss to Tennessee Tech), and I think we'd have been down if TV hadn't given us a lift."

The closest Western came to scoring in the first half was an apparent 55-yard field-goal attempt by Jim Griffiths. The play smelled of trickery because the snap to holder John Hall was high and was fumbled, allowing neither a place-kick nor a pass by Hall, once the OVC's best quarterback

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but benched yesterday in favor of sophomore Ralph Antone. The last time Western came to

Morehead, Hall had passed for five touchdowns and 230 yards. Western coach Jimmy Feix explained why he started Antone, although Hall played most of the game.

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"I needed to find out if he was the quarterback," Feix said of Antone, noting that Western faces a crucial Nov. 22 game at Murray State. "I hate to think about Murray, but our quarterbacking has not been effective. We had to see what he could do."

But by the third quarter. Feix had no thoughts of seeing how well Antone, or even Hall, could throw. Taking the kickoff, Western marched 80 yards without the benefit of a pass as Snardon and Elmer Caldwell did the bulk of the rushing.

Western stalled at its own 49-yard line on the drive, but Farmer was hit while punting by Morehead freshman Keith Curry, giving Western new life at Morehead's 36. Then tailback Nate Jones had his face mask grabbed after a six-yard run and Western was at the 12. Snardon ran the first six yards up the middle, then swept left end untouched for the touchdown. Griffiths kicked the extra point for a 7-0 score.

Feix felt the roughing-the-kicker penalty was the game's most important play. "And Farmer's punting again was the key," he added. "As long as I've got him I'm going to play a little more conservative."

Farmer averaged 45.3 yards for seven punts.

Morehead showed its character immediately after the touchdown when Hunter broke free for a 67-yard gain to the Western 21. Only Western's Lamont Meacham prevented him from scoring. Morehead moved from the 21 to its only score, sophomore Don Reeves hitting tight end Tim Devine on a pair of eight-yard passes, the second one going for six points.

Morehead's defense, led by sophomore linebacker Dan Gooch, gave Western nothing on its next series, but Farmer punted the ball to Morehead's 14. Morehead got 12-yard gains from Marcus Johnson and Reeves, and then pulled its halfback pass out of mothballs. Hunter connected with Devine for a 20-yard gain, but the Eagles fi-nally ran into a fourth-and-one dilemma at Western's 24.

Lichtenberg opted for a field-goal attempt from 42 yards by Lenn Duff, but the kick went wide to the left be-

cause Western's Davlin Mullen had deflected it. But Feix nearly had heart failure when a flag was dropped after Mullen ran into Duff. Determining that Mullen had touched the ball, the officials thus allowed the contact and

Morehead came up empty. A 34-yard run by Caldwell was the big play leading to a 33-yard field goal by Griffiths that gave Western a 10-7 lead with 12:45 left in the game. Griffiths had beaten Eastern Kentucky 13-10 last week with a couple of field goals, admitting that he was nervous. Those kicks had done little to soothe Griffiths, he admitted.

"You're darn right, I was nervous," Griffiths admitted after yesterday's ield goal.

Western's final touchdown came only because Morehead was willing to gamble at all costs to pull out its second straight win over the Hilltoppers. With 1:21 left in the game, Morehead's John Christopher lined up to punt on fourth and 20 at his own 15. The snap went to the blocking back, B. J. Ward, who was able to gain only two yards. That led to a nine-yard touchdown run by Snardon.

Morehead still was game, Reeves hitting Todd Curkendall, a high school teammate of his at Vienna, W.Va., for gains of 15 and 17 yards as the Eagles finally ended the game at Western's

Gooch, the younger brother of Kentucky's Tim Gooch, had 12 unassisted tackles and was in on 16 stops. Linebacker Bryan Gray led Western with 12 unaided stops and a total of 14 tackles.

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# **Toppers Win Tough Guy Contest** To Tie for Lead in Ohio Valley

#### By Gene McLean Staft Write

MOREHEAD, Ky. - When Western Kentucky's rugged fullback Troy Snardon finally slowed to a walk yesterday, his shirt was as tattered and full of holes as if it had been riddled by machine gun fire.

Snardon was limping and one shoulder drooped. The tape around his wrists was coming off. The sweat stood beaded on his forehead. There were deep scratches on both forearms and hands and the blood trickled into his palms.

When he reached midfield, he turned and looked at the scoreboard: Western 17, Morehead 7, A smile inched across his face.

"I'm glad it's over," he said with a chuckle, as teammates and fans slapped him on the back. "That was the toughest thing I've ever done in my entire life. That was war out there. It was a rugged battle. It took everything I had just to get up and walk back to the huddle after every run. But we made it. We held on. We won.

#### Good Show for TV

Western did win, before an estimated crowd of 6,000 at Morehead's Jayne Stadium and a regional television audience - which picked up the game with 2:13 left in the first quarter because of technical difficulties. Cou-pled with Murray's 2414 loss at Eastern Kentucky, Western is now in sole possession of first place in the Ohio Valley Conference with a 4-0 league record and overall mark of 8-0.

But it was never easy for Western; it was a struggle all day long. It wasn't until the final minute of the game that the Hilltoppers were able to put it out of reach and take over the top spot in the conference.

How tough was it?

It was so tough that the two teams battled to a 0-0 standoff after 30 minutes

✓ It was so tough that Western. which has the top passer in the conference in senior John Hall, attempted only two passes in the entire second half, for minus two yards.

✓ It was so tough that the two teams combined for more punting yards than they did in total offense (652-645)

And, it was so tough that Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg even had blood stains on his gold sweater. Now that's tough

"It was a very physical football football game — that's for sure," said Lichtenberg, "Even I've got a head-ache. All week long I thought they were better off just lining up with two tight ends and running the ball. I was hoping they wouldn't do that. But they did in the second half and they were able to control the football. But they didn't shove it down our throats. Nobody did that.'

The entire first half, neither team generated much offense. Western moved into Morehead territory only twice and the closest the Hilltoppers came to scoring was when they moved to the Eagles' 39 and lined up to attempt a 55-yard field goal. But the snap was high and Morehead took over at its own 40.

Morehead had the biggest threat

#### Snardon Stars

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when quarterback Don Reeves hit Todd Curkendall with a 44-yard bomb on the last play of the first half. But Western forced Curkendall out of bounds as time ran out

"1 was surprised after the first half," admitted Snardon. "I thought there would be a lot more offense. I thought we could at least put some points on the board. But Morehead proved to us they can play defense.

"They were tough to move," he added. "But I knew someone had to score and someone had to win. It was just going to be a matter of who lasted the longest and who grinded it out."

The Hilltoppers took the second half kickoff and marched, behind the running of Snardon, 80 yards in 10 plays and 4:04 to take a 7-0 lead with 10:56 remaining in the third quarter.

But it wasn't easy. After three runs by Snardon, a run by Nate Jones and a run by Elmer Caldwell, Western seemingly was stopped - facing a fourth-and-1 at the Western 49. But Morehead freshman Keith Curry was called for roughing the kicker while trying to block Ray Farmer's punt to give Western a first down at the Morehead 35. Two plays later, Jones picked up six yards and 10 more on a face mask penalty to put Western at the Morehead 12. Two plays later, Snardon plowed around the left end from six yards out. Jim Griffith's kick made it 7-0.

"They scored but we made a bunch of stupid mistakes," said Lichtenberg. "We put them in position to score

But it didn't take Morehead's Dorron Hunter long to put the Eagles in position to score and tie the game. On a third-and-eight from the Morehead 12, Hunter burst through a hole on the left side, cut back to the right and raced 67 yards to give Morehead a first down at the Western 21. Five plays later Reeves hit tight end Tim Devine in the left corner of the end zone for a TD, Lenn Duff's extra point tied the game at 7-7 with 7:18 remaining in the third quarter.

Almost-Break for Eagles It looked as if Morehead was in great position to take the lead and

maybe an upset victory, when the Ea-gles moved from their own 14 to the

Western 25 on its next possession. But the drive stalled, and Duff came on to attempt a 42-yard field goal. Duff's attempt was short and wide to the left with 1:21 to go in the third quarter. It appeared Morehead got a break when official threw a flag calling roughing the kicker. But after a meeting, the officials determined that Western's Dalvin Mullin had partially blocked the kick before running into Duff.

"I don't know, maybe on second thought I would go for the first down now," said Lichtenberg, "but the kid has kicked a 51-yarder for the school record and it was in his distance. You never know, if the kid hadn't touched the ball, it may have gone and we would have been on top. I thought at the time we could win at 10-7."

As things turned out, Morehead couldn't have won 10-7. On the very next series, Western, behind the running of Snardon, moved from its own 25 to the Morehead 16 in 10 plays. Then Griffiths came on and boomed through a 33-yard field goal with 12:45 left in the game.

Morehead was able to mount another offensive threat and Western put the game away late in the fourth quarter. On a fourth-and-20 with just 1:21 left in the game, Morehead's B.J. Ward attempted a fake punt, which Western stopped to take over at the Morehead 12. Two plays later Snar-don, who finished with 160 yards on 27 carries, slammed in from nine yards out. Griffiths kick made it 17-7 with just 1:04 to go.

Morehead moved to the Western 26 before time ran out.

"It was a tough physical football game, but I expected that," said Western coach Jimmy Feix. "It always is between these two football teams. We just decided to run at 'em in the second half. They were stopping the pass.

Western is now 8-0 overall and 4-0 in the OVC, while Morehead drops to 3-5 overall and 2-4 in the conference.

> Upset gives EKU new life **Associated Press**

Eastern put new life into its sea-

son this weekend with a 24-14 upset of unbeaten Ohio Valley Conference leader Murray.

With Murray's loss, undefeated Western took the conference lead after defeating Morehead 17-7 in a regionally televised game at Morehead.

In other weekend contests involving OVC teams, Austin Peay downed Akron 41-14, Troy State swamped Tennessee Tech 52-3 and Northern Iowa beat host Youngstown State 38-17.

Eastern's victory was led by Chris Issac, who passed for one touchdown and ran for another in defeating the No. 1 ranked team in NCAA Division I-AA

6-2 overall and 3-2 in the OVC. Murray fell to 8-1 overall and 4-1 in

Troy Snardon, who rushed for 160 yards and scored two touchdowns.

The victory extended the Hilltoppers' winning streak to 8-0, and put them in the OVC top spot with a 5-0 conference record. Morehead fell to 3-5, 2-4 in the OVC.

Snardon's touchdown runs of 6 and 9 yards came in the second half after the teams had battled to a scoreless deadlock at halftime. Western, ranked No. 4 in NCAA Division I-AA, also got a 33-yard field goal from Jim Griffiths in the third quarter.

The victory lifted the Colonels to

the league. Western's win against Morehead was spearheaded by junior fullback



# Tops in OVC driver's seat

Don't look now, but there's a chance that longawaited section finale between Western and Murray on Nov. 22 will turn out to be downright meaningless as far as the Ohio Valley Conference race is concerned.

First of all, Western can clinch at least a share of the OVC title Saturday by disposing of winless Middle Tennesses in a homecoming celebration.

That is the case, thanks to the Hilltoppers' 17-7 win at Morehead over the weekend combined with Murray's 24-14 loss at Eastern. Western is now 5-0 in league play and 8-0 overall, while Murray is 4-1 in the OVC and 8-1 in all games

So if Western gets past hapless Middle (0-7) here Saturday the best Murray can hope for is a share of the OVC crown by downing the Hilltoppers on Nov. 22. And that's assuming the Racers get past everimproving Austin Peay this weekend in Clarksville, which suddenly looks like a tough assignment.

In case you didn't notice, Austin Peay drilled Akron 41-14 Saturday night, in Akron.

The best-kept secret in the OVC is that Austin Peay, with a break here and there, could easily be leading the league at this point. The offensive-minded Governors are 3-2 in the conference, with only six-point losses to Western 20-141 and Eastern (23-10) marring their



#### record in the OVC.

The Eastern score? Well, it was a 16-10 dogfight until the Govs lost the ball on downs deep in their own territory in the final seconds of the game.

Stranger things have happened, and the combination of an Austin Peay win over Murray and a Western win over Middle would give the Hilltoppers the OVC title regardless of what happened two weeks later in Murray.

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When you get right down to it, there are only a couple of ways to beat a small but lightning-quick defensive team.

You either run right at them if you're big enough and strong enough, or you take advantage of their quickness and force them to overreact with a lot of misdirection, trick plays, etc. Eastern was successful in both departments Saturday at Richmond, at least in the first quarter, and the Colonels' early 17-0 lead proved to be the difference in the grudge match.

Throwing caution to the wind, Eastern coach Roy Kidd hit the Racers with everything but the old Statue of Liberty play.

By the time Murray recovered, it was too late to do anything about it. The Racers' stunned defensive troops did bounce back to hold Eastern to just seven points in the last three quarters, but for the first time all year they couldn't sit back and wait for the other team to start making mistakes. Going into the game, Murray had outscored the opposition 70-0 in the first quarter. What happened Saturday in Richmond was quite a jolt to the Racers, who may be in similar trouble this weekend.

Speaking of being in trouble, you can say that about Western if the Hilltoppers don't figure out whatever happened to that once-potent passing game that has all but died a slow death in recent weeks.

Jimmy Feix is still looking for the answer.

The veteran coach had been hoping it was sophomore Ralph Antone, who had come off the bench in the Hilltoppers' wins over Tennessee Tech (28-17) and Eastern (13-10) to bail out two-time All-OVC performer John Hall at quarterback. But alas, Antone was unable to cash in on his first starting assignment Saturday at Morehead.

Western was unable to move the ball on its first two possessions, and Antone's first pass attempt was intercepted. By the end of the first quarter, he was back on the bench and Hall was in the game.

Of course, Hall didn't wind up doing much more than handing the ball off to junior fullback Troy Snardon. The former Todd Central standout steamrolled for 160 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries, and was named the Hilltoppers' most valuable player by the ABC broadcast team which aired the game on a regional basis.

Snardon is now averaging 98 yards per game on the ground, and needs to average just over 100 yards in the Hilltoppers' last two outings to get 1,000 yards rushing on the season.

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Western fullback Troy Snardon and Eastern quarterback Chris Isaac have been named offensive co-players of the week in the Ohio Valley Conference, while Western cornerback Lamont Meacham has been selected as the OVC defensive player of the week.

Snardon rushed for 160 yards on two touchdowns on 27 carries in the Hilltoppers' 17-7 win at Morehead over the weekend, while Isaac ran for 52 yards and passed for 89 more in the Colonels' 24-14 upset of previously undefeated Murray.

Meacham, meanwhile, had seven tackles and seven assists, two pass deflections and an interception in the regionally televised game at Morehead.

Floyd Jones of Austin Peay, a freshman running back, was named the league's rookie of the week for his performance in the Governors' stunning 41-14 romp past homestanding Akron. Jones rushed for 80 yards on only seven carries. team to start making mistakes.

# That's incredible! Western is now a running team

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Western Kentucky is still looking for a quarterback after winning eight consecutive games. As they say on television, "That's incredible!"

Incredible because two months ago people were talking about how Western had three quarterbacks who could start for almost every team in the Ohio Valley Conference. Incredible because one of them, John Hall, had been the All-OVC quarterback for two straight seasons. Incredible because, as coach Jimmy Feix admits, "It is tough to win in college without throwing."

ing." Hall has become Western's unknown soldier. In the past three games he has thrown only 22 passes, completing seven. Two years ago he completed five for touchdowns in one game. Sophomore Ralph Antone has hit on six of 10 the past three games, and junior Marty Jaggers has completed one of two.

Western has survived because it has a better ground attack than John Deere. Fullback Troy Snardon has averaged 101 yards rushing in wins over Tennessee Tech, Eastern Kentucky and Morehead State. As Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg said, "It was like they were saying, 'Morehead, here we come.'"

Antone made his first start Saturday at Morehead. With Murray State coming up on Nov. 22, Feix said he needed "to find out if he was the quarterback. I hate to think about Murray, but our quarterbacking has not been effective."

Hall played most of Saturday's game, but about the only thing he completed were handoffs as Western went to a double-tight-end alignment and ran Snardon (162 yards), Elmer Caldwell (75 yards) and Nate Jones (64 yards). Feix said yesterday that Hall would start Saturday's game at Bowling Green against winless Middle Tennessee.

"Being home, with homecoming and all, we'll start John Hall. He's a senior and it's his last home game. That's one consideration," Feix said. "We'll work John and Ralph pretty much 50-50."

A former quarterback himself, Feix is slow to criticize his passers. "I think Morehead had a whole lot to do with our lack of passing," he said. "One play was to have been a breakoff pass, and John sort of threw the ball into the ground. He thought it was a 16yard breakoff, and it ends up the receiver went 18 yards. So the receiver went a couple of yards too long, and John came up short.

"But on most of the other routes we just didn't have anybody open." Western's string of eight straight

Western's string of eight straight victories has been exceeded only once in the school's history. The 1973 Hilltoppers won the first 12 games before losing to Louisiana Tech 34-0 in the Camellia Bowl.

If Western defeats 0-7 Middle on Saturday, it assures itself a tie for the OVC championship. However, providing Murray can beat Austin Peay on Saturday, Western must beat the Racers to avoid sharing the crown with Murray.

"If we win this game we're OVC champions," Feix said yesterday. "I know it could be a sharing thing, but we coaches don't talk about that. It's still a championship."

The OVC title is not the only thing at stake for Western, Murray and Eastern Kentucky. Perhaps equally important is earning one of four bids to the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Last year both league champion Murray and Eastern received bids, and Eastern won the title.

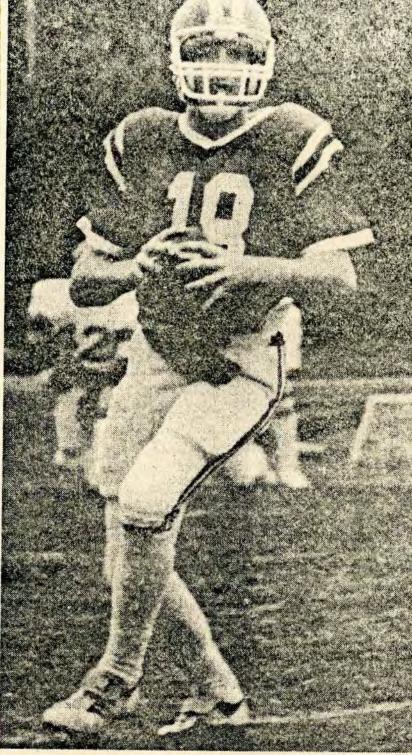
Three of the four bids go to teams determined to be the best in their region of the country. The fourth is an at-large bid, which Eastern received last year after Grambling was upset by Southern in its final game. If Western goes undefeated, it is considered a cinch to receive one of the three regional bids.

"We can still control our own destiny," said Murray coach Mike Gottfried, whose team lost for the first time Saturday at Eastern 24-14. "If we can win our final two games we can still win the OVC championship. If we don't win the final two, we don't deserve it anyway."

If Murray should lose again, Gottfried doesn't expect a playoff bid, even though the Racers have been ranked No. 1 or tied for that rating all season. "I feel only one team from our league will be chosen. That's my own personal opinion, but the fact that Eastern won it last year should get one of our teams a bid," he said.

Eastern's Roy Kidd must hope that two OVC schools will get a bid because his Colonels have lost to Western and to Akron. Last season Eastern also had two losses.

"It's a longshot," Kidd said. "I don't



Staff Photo by Keith Williams

Western Kentucky's two-time All-OVC quarterback John Hall has been an ineffective passer recently, completing only seven of 22 passes in the last three games. Hall will start in Saturday's game.

think there's any way Middle is going to beat Western. Then Western goes to Murray, and they're both capable of beating each other. If Western wins there I don't think there's any doubt that they'll go, and that might knock Murray completely out of it.

"We might sneak in there, but we've got to win our last three games." The Colonels are on the road this week at Tennessee Tech, next week at Division I-A school East Carolina and at home against Morehead to close the season.

"We were so keyed up to play Saturday that I hope we're not flat this Saturday," Kidd said. "I don't think we can end up with three losses and have any chance. Our only hope is to win the next three."

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1980



Western has climbed to the No. 3 spot in this week's Division I-AA ratings, and missed moving into second place by a single point.

Murray, ranked No. 1 and undefeated going into last Saturday's 24-14 loss to Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern at Richmond, dropped all the way from first to eighth in the rankings while Eastern moved up from eighth to a tie for fifth.

South Carolina State took over the No. 1 spot with 45 points, followed by Lehigh with 41 and Western with 40.

Next came Boston University with 34, while Eastern and Grambling tied for the No. 5 spot with 31 points each.

Rounding out the ratings this week were Boise State with 29 points. Murray with 25, Delaware with 23 and three teams tied with 18 points-Massachusetts, Connecticut and Alcorn State.

While Murray was suffering its first loss of the season, Western ran its record to 8-0 (5-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference) with a

17-7 regionally televised win at Morehead the past weekend.

Western entertains winless Middle Tennessee (0-7) in its homecoming game Saturday (1 p.m.) at Smith Stadium,

#### Team 1. South Carolina St. 2. Lehigh 3. Western Kentucky 4. Boston University 5. Eastern Kentucky Grambling 7. Boise State 8. Murray State 9. Delaware 10. Massachusetts Connecticut Team Connecticut Alcorn State

Daily News SPORTS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1980

# **Tops to dispose of Middle**

Western, which finds itself in the unusual predicament of looking for a quarterback despite an 8-0 record, has been installed as a three-touchdown favorite in Saturday's homecoming game with winless Middle Tennessee.

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That is, according to the Hanes Rating System...which is still trying to recover from last week's rash of upsets.

The HRS did forecast the Hilltoppers' regionally televised win over Morehead (17-7) last Saturday, but expected coach Jimmy Feix's team to put more points on the board. Neither starting quarterback Ralph Antone nor two-time All-OVC performer John Hall had any success passing the ball, so Troy Snardon took over

The junior fullback rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries. putting him among the nation's Division I-AA leaders in both rushing and scor-

ing. Snardon got plenty of help, too, from junior Elmer Caldwell and senior Nate Jones. Caldwell helped wear down the Eagles' defense with 75 yards on only eight carries, including a 34-yard gainer on the last play of the third quarter that set up what proved to be the game-winning field goal, and Jones tacked on 64 more yards on 15 carries

Hmmm. Maybe Feix ought to bench both quarterbacks, start all three running backs and bring back the single wing.

Just kidding, coach. Just like the HRS was kidding last week when it predicted unbeatens Alabama, UCLA and Baylor would stay that way over the weekend. We knew all along that Mississippi State, Arizona and San Jose State (who?) were going to pull off those big



upsets Saturday, but we also knew nobody would believe us if we told them.

Needless to say, our crystal ball had a rough week (29 wins, 14 losses). But so did everybody else in the forecasting business, including the infamous Major Amos B. Hoople.

The HRS differed with the Major on some nine games last Saturday, and came out smelling like a rose in all but two of them. That 7-2 edge gave the HRS a healthy 29-15-1 advantage in "contested" games this season, almost assuring the Hoople forecast of another chance to say "wait 'til next year.

This week, we differ with the original tight end by picking Army over Air Force, Baylor over Arkansas. Cincinnati over Memphis State, Houston over Texas, Syracuse over Navy. Washington State over Oregon State and Rutgers over Virginia. On to the forecast:

#### OVC

Western 28, Middle Tenn. 6: The Blue Raiders are making progress under second-year coach Boots Donnelly, who did a similar reconstruction job at Austin Peay before returning to his alma mater, but they've still got a long way to go, baby.

Other games:

Murray 17, Austin Peay 15

- Eastern 26, Tennessee Tech 14
- Morehead 20, Liberty Baptist 7

Kentucky 30, Vandy 14: The Wildcats, after getting burned on a couple of pass interference calls last week at Tulane, will come out smoking Saturday.

Other games:

Georgia 21, Florida 9 Alabama 24, LSU 3 Southern Miss. 27, Auburn 21

#### **OTHER MAJORS**

USC 30, Stanford 21: The Trojans have a score to settle, considering the fact that last year's 21-21 tie with Stanford cost them the national championship.

Pitt 37. Louisville 0: The Cardinals have been playing better of late under first-year head coach Bob Weber, but they're out of their league in this one. Other games:

Army 21, Air Force 17 Washington 23, Arizona 10 Baylor 27, Arkansas 21 Cincinnali 23, Memphis St. 21 N. Carolina 21, Clemson 14 Oklahoma St. 35, Colorado 21 Duke 26, Wake Forest 24 Notre Dame 27, Georgia Tech 7 Houston 16, Texas 14 Ohio St. 38, Illinois 6 Indiana 23, Minnesota 21 Purdue 28, Iowa 10 Missouri 24, Iowa 51, 0 Oklahoma 38, Kansas 14 Oklahoma 38, Kansas 14 Nebraska 35, Kansas St. 0

Miami 27, E. Carolina 14 Michigan 27, Wisconsin 3 Michigan 27, Wisconsin 3 Penn 51, 22, NC State 3 UCL A 23, Oregon 10 Washington 51, 42, Oregon 51, 16 SMU 23, Rice 17 Rutgers 21, Virginia 14 Temple 23, West Virginia 21 Texas Tech 17, TCU 9 Arizona St. 30, California 17 Florida St. 24, VPI 7 S Carolina 31, Citadel 7

# OVC cage race wide open

The upcoming basketball season will offer us one of the most wide open Ohio Valley Conference races in history, according to the league coaches.

If you could translate this year's preseason OVC poll into play-by-play action. Murray would nip Western in overtime for the league title...but only after the Hilltoppers had slipped past always underrated Middle Tennessee in two overtimes to get a shot at the Racers in the first place.

Like we said before, wide open.

Murray has been voted the preseason favorite with 49 points in the coaches' poll, followed closely by Western with 47 and Middle with 46. Murray wound up with three first-place votes, while Western and Middle got two apiece.

All of which makes it sound like a three-team race this year, but don't overlook Morehead and Eastern. Morehead also picked up a first-place vote in the balloting. Eastern was voted as high as second place on two ballots and both wound up tying for fourth in the preseason poll with 38 points each.

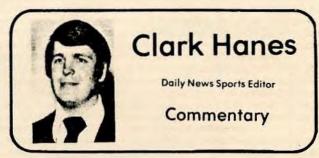
Bringing up the rear were Austin Peay with 24 points. Akron with 23<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and Tennessee Tech with 14<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>.

"I've said it before and I'll say it again." said Western first-year coach Clem Haskins during his turn at the podium. "I think we're rated too high. We lost four starters from last year's team, and I'm a rookie coach. But I do feel like there's about five or six teams in the league that can play with anybody in the country on a given night, and I think we're one of them."

Western center Craig McCormick, a 6-9 junior, and Murray point guard Lamont Sleets, a 5-10 sophomore, were unanimous selections to the preseason All-OVC team also announced Thursday in Nashville at the league's annual basketball confab.

Joining those two on the five-man first team were Middle Tennessee forward Jerry Beck, a 6-7 junior: Eastern guard Tommy Baker, a 6-2 senior, and Austin Peay forward Roosevelt Sanders, a 6-5 senior.

Two more Western players were named to the second team-senior guard Mike Reese (6-3), and sophomore forward Tony Wilson (6-7). Also named were Kenney Hammonds of Murray, Chris Harris of



Middle and Bruce Jones of Eastern.

Hammonds. a 6-5 junior forward, was an All-OVC selection two years ago as a freshman but missed most of last year with a stress fracture in his leg.

There's one in every crowd. so the saying goes, and Middle Tennessee coach Stan Simpson is turning out to be the clown prince of the current crop of OVC coaches.

"I'm not going to say how much our budget has been cut back." he quipped. "but we're going to make our biggest recruiting push of the year when we get back home today. It's called student body tryouts."

"We did sign three freshmen who came out of high school with grade-point averages of 3.8 or better." Simpson went on, "but we haven't figured out how to communicate with them yet. To balance it out, we've brought in a couple of junior college transfers."

If the truth be known. Middle is probably the most logical choice to win this year's OVC title.

In their second year under Simpson, the Blue Raiders return four starters from a 13-13 squad including the aforementioned Beck and Harris. Joining them will be three promising freshmen, two junior college transfers and two more transfers from the major college ranks.

Big Willie Johnson (6-9, 230) has been waiting in the wings after transferring in from Dayton, along with 6-1 point guard Danny Mayfield of Clemson.

As has been the case in recent years, the OVC women's coaches also took their turn at the podium Thursday at the Airport Hilton. "We had the worst record (8-19) of any team in the

league last year." noted Western coach Eileen Canty, "but I see that we're picked to finish third in the OVC this year. I guess that means the other coaches in the league have been impressed with the kind of recruiting year we had."

Indeed they were. The Lady Toppers even got one first-place vote in the coaches' preseason poll.

Middle Tennessee was named the preseason favorite with 41 points. followed by Tennessee Tech with 37, Western with 30. Austin Peay with 25, Morehead with 24. Murray with 17 and Eastern with 15.

Alicia Polson, a 5-10 senior forward, represented Western on the preseason All-OVC first team. Joining her were Jerilynn Harper and Holly Hoover of Tech, Ester Coleman of Middle and Golena Rucker of Austin Peay.

Named to the second team were Robin Harmon of Morehead. Laura Lynn of Murray. Sherry Smith of Middle. Tina Wermuth of Eastern and Elaine Swafford of Austin Peay.

#### Homecoming (and football) at UK, Western

Homecoming will be celebrated at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, this weekend.

Football games, the excuse for it all, will see UK meet Vanderbilt University at 1:30 p.m. and Western play Middle Tennessee University at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

Homecoming activities, already under way in Bowling Green, continue tonight with a special Alumni Association dinner dance at the Garrett Center Ballroom on campus. Danny Davis of the Nashville Brass will entertain. Davis will be grand marshal of a parade at 10 a.m. tomorrow.

For information about tickets to activities, call the WKU ticket office at (502) 745-5222 or the alumni-affairs office at (502) 745-4395.

A student dance, alumni activities and a show by Bob Hope are on tap at UK.

Johnny White and the Elite Band will play for tonight's student dance, held at the Lexington Center from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$4 and \$7 at the door.

The UK Alumni Association will have a brunch tomorrow at 10:15 a.m. in the Student Center. Cost is \$7.50. The group will have a post-game reception at the Hyatt Regency Lexington.

Comedian Bob Hope's show is at 8 tomorrow night in Memorial Coliseum. Tickets, \$10, \$8 and \$6, are available at the Student Center ticket office.

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#### By Mike Johnson Assistant Sports Editor

After recalling and rehashing all of the remarkable things that he has done already this football season, Western Kentucky's Troy Snardon offered a convincing testimony of disbelief.

"I didn't know what to expect this season," Snardon confessed, "but I sure never expected this."

What Snardon has done is put some oomph in a Western offense that had previously consisted mostly of a running play here and there and then some magic from the right arm of quarterback John Hall, last year's offensive player of the year in the Ohio Valley Conference.

In Western's eight games this season, all of them victories, Snardon has rushed for 783 yards and 11 touchdowns. Last week in Western's 17-7 victory over Morehead State, Snardon carried the ball 27 times, gained 160 yards and scored twice.

#### Going for 1,000

Should he manage to come even close to those numbers in the final two games, Snardon would become only the second player in Western's storied football history to gain 1,000 yards in a season.

That Snardon has become Western's most effective weapon and that coach Jimmy Feix has gone so far as to change his offense to give his junior fullback the ball more is just short of amazing.

Snardon, you see, played defense his first two seasons at Western and then almost gave up the game after two serious knee injuries.

Snardon came to Western from Todd County Central, where he had started since he was in the eighth grade, gained 4,900 yards and been a high school All-America.

"Oh man, he could do it all on offense or defense," said Feix. "Everybody wanted him, but we always felt good about recruiting him because his brother (Arnold) had played fullback for our team that went to the national finals in 1975.

"We figured that gave us a little bit of an edge, and I think Troy told everybody from the beginning that he really liked Western," Feix said.

#### Not That Easy

It wasn't quite that easy.

"I knew I wanted to play in Kentucky, but I was really torn between Western and UK," Snardon said. "I had a hard time making up my mind, but I guess I finally decided UK was just a little too big for me."

When Snardon arrived at Western, Feix promptly installed him at strong safety. He was red-shirted his freshman year after undergoing knee sur-

# Snardon Surprised By His Play

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# Snardon Didn't Expect This Good a Year

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gery. That was the first injury Snardon had ever suffered in his football career. Then, when he came back the next season, he injured the other knee and underwent surgery again.

"I almost quit," Snardon said. "It was pretty frustrating for me because I'd never gone through anything like that before. I hadn't played in a year and a half, and I just didn't know if I could make it in college football.

"I guess my mother talked me into staying. She knew I wouldn't get through school if I quit football, and she told me to give it one more try. I know if it hadn't been for her I would've never come back.'

It was then that Feix decided to switch Snardon to offense. The reason was merely a matter of numbers.

"I needed a fullback," Feix said. "We only had one (Elmer Caldwell), and we hadn't been able to recruit any. We already had a pretty good strong safety, too, and I hated to see Troy just sitting on the bench. He's just too good a football player for that.

"We took it slowly, though. I knew the knee injuries had affected him mentally. He wasn't even sure he should be playing football at all."

So last season, Snardon carried the ball just 76 times, scored only one touchdown and gained 368 yards. Western struggled through a 5-5 season.

But in spring practice Snardon began to show flashes of his old brillance. He was stronger, running harder, playing with more confidence. And he knew it.

"We run the I-formation and the fullback usually does a lot of blocking for the tailback," Snardon said. "I know that and I was comfortable with that role, but I kind of told the coaches I thought I might be able to contribute a little more if they would



#### Snardon bursts through hole in Eastern Kentucky's line.

let me run with the ball some.

"I knew I had always had the ability, I just never had the opportunity. I guess I convinced them.

It did not take much to convince Feix, who figured he had discovered a budding star.

"You could just tell from what Troy did last spring that he was gonna be a dominating factor in our offense and in the conference," Feix said. "He's strong, he runs hard and when he gets in the secondary, he's got great acceleration. He doesn't do much of that zigging and zagging around, he just takes off. We decided right then that we were gonna open up our running game some and put in

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some plays for him. We designed some things to give him the chance to get outside some and not just have him running up the middle all the time.

Snardon modestly shrugs off his success this season. He admits that it would be nice to join Dickie Moore, who did it twice, as Western's only 1,-000-yard rushers, but he insists that it is not an obsession with him. He is much more pleased that Western is ranked No. 3 in the country and zeroing in on a spot in Division I-AA playoffs.

"If I don't get the 1,000 yards, I won't be disappointed. The only thing I want is the OVC championship and a chance to play in the NCAA playoffs."



#### By CLARK HANES **Daily News Sports Editor**

At first glance, it looks like the mismatch of the year.

Western, etc., versus Middle Tennessee, etc. A Western team ranked third among the nation's Division I-AA powers with a perfect 8-0 record (5-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference), vs. a Middle Tennessee outfit that is still looking for its first win period.

To top it all off, it's not just another home game for the undefeated Hilltoppers. It's homecoming, meaning that Saturday's 1 p.m. contest at Smith Stadium will give them a chance to flex their muscles before the old grads.

However, Western coach Jimmy Feix isn't sure it's going to be that easy.

'That would sure be nice," he agreed, "but I'm afraid Middle will have something to say about that. They've got a lot of good young people, and they seem to be overcoming some injury problems. They're a good defensive team, and our information indicates that they've been rapidly improving in the past few weeks.

'Our kids need to remember that we'll be playing for the conference championship," added Feix. "If we can win this one, we're at least OVC co-champs.'

True enough. Western can clinch at least a share of this year's OVC football crown with a win Saturday...thanks to arch-rival Eastern. The Colonels knocked off previously undefeated Mur-



ray 24-14 last week in Richmond, leaving Western alone at the top of the league standings.

Murray had been ranked No. 1 in the nation going into the game with an 8-0 mark, but now faces an uphill battle to claim even a share of the league title. The Racers travel to improving Austin Peay this weekend, before closing out at home against Western on Nov. 22.

While all that was going on in Richmond last Saturday, Western was struggling past fired-up Morehead 17-7 in a regionally televised game that saw the Hilltoppers continue to grind it out on the ground.

With neither senior John Hall nor sophomore Ralph Antone effective through the air, Western turned to its stable full of talented running backs. Junior fullback Troy Snardon answered the bell with 160 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries, while teammates Elmer Caldwell and Nate Jones also got in on the fun. Caldwell rushed for 73 yards on just eight carries, while Jones finished with 64 yards on 15 carries.

Snardon is now well within range of topping the 1,000-yard mark this fall, needing "only" 217 yards in the last two games, but Middle coach Boots Donnelly doesn't feel he can afford the luxury of trying to stop just one man Saturday.

We won't be able to key on any one person on Western's team," he explained. "When you play Western, you have to stop the whole team to win."

"They've really pulled it together this year," added Donnelly, in his second year with the Blue Raiders after a successful stint at Austin Peay.

"But we're in good shape, physically, for the game. We've also improved our mental approach as the season has progressed. Our players, even though they are still young, are starting to mature."

Middle is led by sophomore quarterback Brown Sanford (5-10, 176), who led the league in total offense last year as a freshman. Sanford is a threat as a runner as well as a passer, but the Raiders' top ground-gainer is junior tailback Sammy Bryant with 456 yards on 105 carries.

Still, the Raiders have managed only 37 points in seven outings. As a result, their overworked defensive unit has put in more than its share of playing time.

Middle is 0-4 in league play and 0-7 overall, but the Raiders battled neighboring rival Austin Peay down to the wire two weeks ago before finally falling 7-3. That score impressed Feix, who earlier in the season had seen his own warriors taken to the limit in a 20-14 win over Peay.

'That score is a good indication of what we might be in for," he noted. "They play good, hard-nosed football, and a team that can do that can beat you if you're not careful."

"It would really make their season if they could come in here and knock us off," added Feix. "But our kids are fired up, too, and I don't anticipate any type of letdown. We just hope to do the things we've been doing all season long. Nothing fancy, just good solid football."

# **Middle invades for**



# Murray, Western heading toward collision for title

#### **Associated Press**

LOUISVILLE - Heading into the stretch, the Ohio Valley Conference football race essentially is a twoteam affair, and coach Mike Gottfried thinks his second-place Murray Racers can still control their destiny.

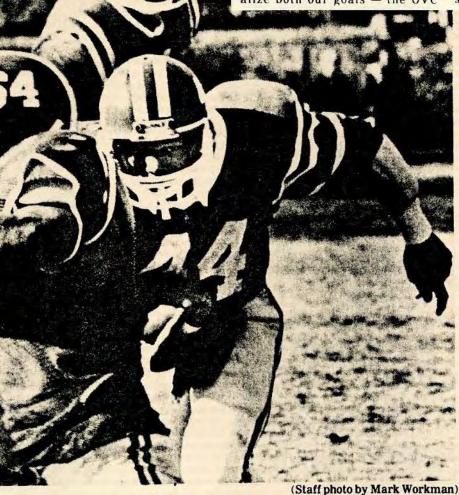
Some clarification should come in Saturday's action matching Murray against Austin Peay and leagueleader Western against winless Middle Tennessee.

If these games go according to the form chart, the race would boil down to the Western-Murray game at Murray on Nov.22.

A third OVC game Saturday sends Eastern to Tennessee Tech. In nonconference action, Akron is at Northern Michigan, Morehead at Liberty Baptist and Youngstown at Western Illinois.

Murray is 8-1 overall and 4-1 in the OVC after last week's 24-14 spanking by third-place Eastern.

"We have to put that loss behind us," said Gottfried. "If we can win our final two games we can still realize both our goals — the OVC



#### **Making his presence felt**

ELMER CALDWELL (44) of Western, a junior running back, has seen considerable playing time in the Hilltoppers' recent wins over Eastern and Morehead, and the trend is expected to continue Saturday against Middle Tennessee. Western takes an 8-0 record into the 1 p.m. homecoming game at Smith Stadium.

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championship and the national playoffs. If we don't win our final two we don't deserve either."

Austin Peay is 5-3 this season and 3-2 in the conference race and will have the home field against Murray.

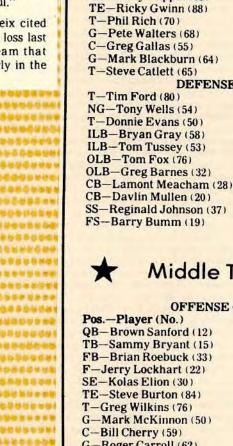
While Murray was dislodged from a share of first place last week, Western took sole possession with its 17-7 victory over Morehead.

The Hilltoppers are 8-0 with five of those victories against OVC opponents.

Another Western victory would clinch a tie for the school's seventh OVC title.

Western coach Jimmy Feix calls Middle Tennessee "a team that can beat you if you're not careful."

To illustrate his point, Feix cited the Blue Raiders' four-point loss last week to Austin Peay, a team that Western downed by six early in the season.



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FB-Troy Sna	ardon (40)	6-0	205	Jr.
F-Ron Hunte		5-11	185	So.
SE-Jerry Fl	ippin (82)	5-8	165	Jr.
TE-Ricky G		6-2	220	Sr.
T-Phil Rich	(70)	6-4	260	Sr.
G-Pete Walt	ers (68)	6-3	255	Sr.
C-Greg Gall.	as (55)	6-1	225	Jr.
G-Mark Blad	ckburn (64)	5-10	215	Jr.
T-Steve Catl	ett (65)	6-1	230	So.
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T-Tim Ford	(80)	6-4	245	Jr.
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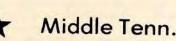
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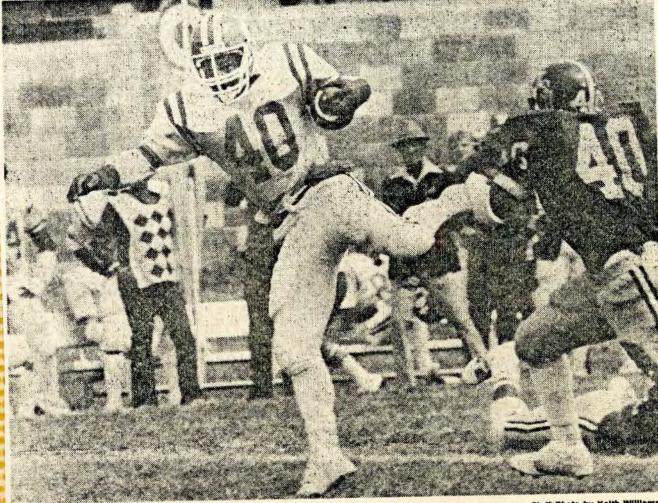
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TB-Sammy Bryant (15)	5-11	181	Jr.
FB-Brian Roebuck (33)	5-10	170	Sr.
F-Jerry Lockhart (22)	5-10	175	Fr.
SE-Kolas Elion (30)	5-11	196	Sr.
TE-Steve Burton (84)	6-1	192	Jr.
T-Greg Wilkins (76)	6-5	223	Jr.
G-Mark McKinnon (50)	6-2	245	Fr.
C-Bill Cherry (59)	6-3	236	Jr.
G-Roger Carroll (62)	6-0	232	Fr.
T-John Stevens (70)	6-4	240	Fr.
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E-Emanuel Toles (82)	6-3	198	So.
T-Tim Dickerson (65)	6-0	204	So.
NG-Mickey McCullough (74)	5-11	210	Fr.
T-Gary Wilson (55)	6-2	210	Fr.
E–William Thomas (83)	5-11	192	So.
LB-Charles Porter (49)	6-0	190	Fr.
LB-Robbie Ridings (56)	5-10	199	So.
CB-Ricky Cox (5)	6-1	180	Jr.
CB-Scot Burton (7)	5-11	172	So.
SS-Dennis Mix (21)	5-10	185	So.
FS-James Griffin (20)	6-2	182	So.

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Troy Snardon needs only 217 yards to become the only Western Kentucky player besides Dickie Moore to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. Western faces Middle Tennessee today.

#### Middle Tennessee at Western

Time: 2:00 p.m. (EST).

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Location: L.T. Smith Stadium, Bowling Green, Ky.

Coaches: Boots Donnelly, Middle Tennessee; Jimmy Feix, Western.

Records: Middle Tennessee 0-7; Western 8-0.

**Notes:** A victory would clinch at least a tie for the OVC championship for Western. Western is coming off a 17-7 victory over Morehead State, in which fullback Troy Snardon rushed for 160 yards and two touchdowns on 27 carries. Snardon, the OVC's leading rusher, needs 217 yards in Western's remaining two games to become only the second player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. The only other Western player to gain 1,000 yards in a season is Dickie Moore, who did it twice. Middle Tennessee lost 7-3 to Austin Peay in its last game two weeks ago. The Blue Raiders are last in the OVC in total offense and defense. Western won 17-12 last year and leads the series 24-21-1.





# A revitalized Austin Peay becomes worry for Murray

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

There were two scores in the past week that caught people's eyes, not because of the winners, but because of the margins of victory.

One was Reagan 43,206,115, Carter 34,920,845. The other, almost as shocking in Murray, Ky., as the first, was Austin Peay 41, Akron 14.

The latter score shocked Murray State fans, already reeling from the Racers' 24-14 loss to Eastern Kentucky last week. It meant that Murray, now 8-1, must beat both Austin Peav today (1:30 p.m. CST in Clarksville, Tenn.) and unbeaten Western Kentucky on Nov. 22 to win or share the Ohio Valley Conference football championship.

Overlooked all season as a contender, Austin Peay became very visible at Akron. It smashed a team that had lost only 13-10 to Murray the previous week, had lost only 8-2 to Western and had beaten Eastern 21-10. And it won after making a 10-hour bus trip to the Ohio city.

"I don't want to do that again," said Peay coach Watson Brown yesterday. 'I didn't realize how far it was. And then we didn't have the money (to go by plane), but we're going to have it next time.

"But I think the bus trip may have body will. It's got to be won on the elped us. I think they (the players) other side of the ball. helped us. I think they (the players) realized how long a trip back it would be if they lost."

Brown also said his players were fired up for the night game because they took the field with Murray trailing and Western tied in their games. "If both of those teams had lost, and we beat Akron, we were right back in the picture," he said. "If we beat Murray and Tennessee Tech, we finish no worse than second. Our players suddenly realized we were still in this."

After losing three of its first four games, Austin Peay has won four straight. Brown believes an improved defense - allowing 100 fewer yards than it did in its first four outings has made the difference. But Peav's offense, led by quarterback Sonny Defilippis and ranked first in the OVC. has raised more eyebrows than the defense.

"There probably are a lot of teams that couldn't have scored 41 points against Akron if Akron had left the field for five minutes," Murray coach Mike Gottfried said.

"This is going to be a defensive game," Brown said. "We're not going to dominate Murray on offense. There's no way. Nobody has and no-

'Everybody's been talking about the No. 1 offense meeting the No. 1 defense. Every time that happens the defense wins. I've never been where I've seen a No. 1 offense play a No. 1 defense and the offense wins."

Brown called Murray's defense the best he's seen "by far" in his two seasons at Peay.

We threw 46 times against them last year, and that's too much," he said. "We didn't win that way, so we'll try something different. We've got to be able to run up inside. If we can't run from tackle to tackle, they will shut us down.'

Regardless of what Murray does today, Western can clinch at least a share of the OVC title by beating winless Middle Tennessee in a 2 p.m. EST game at Bowling Green. Western, 8-0 and ranked third nationally in Division I-AA, is seeking its sixth league crown in the last 11 years.

Inactive last week, Middle lost to Austin Peay 7-3 in its last game. "That score is a good indication of what we're in for," said Western coach Jimmy Feix. "They play good, hard-nosed

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football. And a team that can do that can beat you if you're not careful.

'They're a really good defensive team, and our information indicated that they have been rapidly improving in the past few weeks.

Besides team objectives, two Western players are closing in on personal goals. Fullback Troy Snardon, coming off a 160-yard game at Morehead State, needs only 217 yards in his last two games to become the second Western player to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Dickie Moore did it twice, the last time in 1967. Quarterback John Hall needs only five pass completions to tie the Western career record of 289 held by Johnny Vance.

At Cookeville, Tenn., Eastern Kentucky must avoid a letdown against Tennessee Tech if it is to retain hopes of making the I-AA playoffs. Tech, which lost only 10-3 to Murray, is expected to play without its best passer, James Aaron, and its top rusher, Reggie Bazel.

Tech, 4-4 this season, took a 52-3 drubbing from Troy State last week. Aaron, who has thrown for 1,210 yards this year, twisted his knee in that game, and freshman Tony Costantine may start in his place.

Eastern's defense, rated second to Murray's among conference teams, was almost completely rebuilt after last season. One of the veterans, strong safety George Floyd, had one of his best all-around games against Murray - six unassisted tackles, one assisted, an interception and two tackles for 21 yards in losses. Eastern has gotten a big boost from sophomore linebacker Alex Dominguez, who ranks third in the OVC with 60 unaided tackles and 42 assisted stops.

Eastern quarterback Chris Isaac has steadily improved in his first season as a starter. He threw for two touchdowns last week, completing seven of 13 and rushing for 29 additional yards. Tailback Alvin Miller is averaging 5.9 yards a carry, best in the OVC.

Game time is 2 p.m. EST. Coming off two heartbreaking losses, Morehead State will play a

non-conference game at Lynchburg, Va., against Liberty Baptist.

Tennessee Tech rallied in the fourth quarter two weeks ago to pull out a 31-29 verdict over Morehead, and last Saturday Morehead hung tough against Western before losing 17-7 in a regionally televised contest.

We gave the effort two weeks in a row and still came up empty," said Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg. "We've just got to tighten up our belts. I've said all along that we have a lot of quality kids. In time it will pay off.

'I'm proud of these kids. A lot of them are underclassmen, and if we can put some weight on them and some strength on them, I don't know how good a football team we can become.

In other games involving OVC members:

Akron (3-5-1) meets 8-1 Northern Michigan at Marquette, Mich. Akron must win its last two games (Eastern Illinois next week) to avoid its first losing season since 1972 and only its second since 1960. Three of Akron's losses have come to OVC teams as the Zips played their first conference schedule.

Youngstown State (0-7-1) meets 4-4 Western Illinois at McComb, Ill., this afternoon



# Middle for OVC crown

#### By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

Even in the trenches, the scores coming over the public address system at Smith Stadium were loud and clear.

So loud and so clear, in fact, that the members of Western's football team knew they were about to become the sole owners of this year's Ohio Valley Conference by the time they left the field Saturday after toying with winless Middle Tennessee in a 30-15 homecoming victory before an overflow crowd of 20,100.

While the undefeated Hilltoppers were raising their record to 6-0 in the OVC and 9-0 overall, Murray-their last challenger to the throne-was dropping a 24-0 decision at Austin Peay.

It was the second league loss in a row for the Racers, who had taken a perfect 8-0 mark to Eastern last week only to see it soiled in a 24-14 setback. And it left Western with outright honors to this year's league crown, regardless of what happens in the Nov. 22 season finale at Murray.

"Yeah, but we still want that one, too," insisted senior tackle Phil Rich, who admitted it was hard to ignore the scores coming over the loud speaker.

"You couldn't help but hear the scores," added the 260-pound former Edmonson County standout, "and the crowd got louder every time Austin Peay scored. I don't think it took our mind off what we had to do. Instead, it told us all we had to do is win this one and it's

#### all over."

For a while, though, it looked like it was going to turn out to be the kind of day Western fans would try to forget.

Middle took the opening kickoff and pushed deep into Hilltopper territory, only to be denied when Western cornerback Lamont Meacham picked off a pass at his own three-yard line and returned the ball 51 yards past midfield. Western went on the score from 46 yards out in seven plays, with junior fullback Troy Snardon going the last seven yards, but again the visitors took charge.

It took another interception—this one by surprise starter David Suggs—to stop the Raiders this time, with the theft coming at the Western 2.

Middle's fired-up youngsters did pull even at 7-7 early in the second quarter on a 28-yard interception return by James Griffin, a play that put struggling Western quarterback John Hall on the bench for most of the remainder of the game, but the Hilltoppers roared back with 10 unanswered points later in the period and coasted the rest of the way.

"We just made too many silly mistakes early in the game," noted Middle coach Boots Donnelly, whose team dropped to 0-8 on the year. "Our receiver fell down on that first interception, and the second one was just a bad pass. We're not in their league, but we could've at least made it a little more interesting."

Western regained the lead at 14-7 on a one-yard plunge by senior tailback Nate Jones less than two minutes after the Raiders' score, and upped its margin to 17-7 at the half on a 25-yard field goal by Jim Griffiths.

With sophomore quarterback Ralph Antone now running the show, the Hilltoppers put things out of reach with a 35-yard scoring pass from Antone to tight end Ricky Gwinn late in the third period. Middle came right back to make it 23-15 on a 23-yard pass from Brown Sanford to Brian Roebuck later in the quarter, but Antone went one yard for still another score early in the final frame to keep the visitors from getting any ideas.

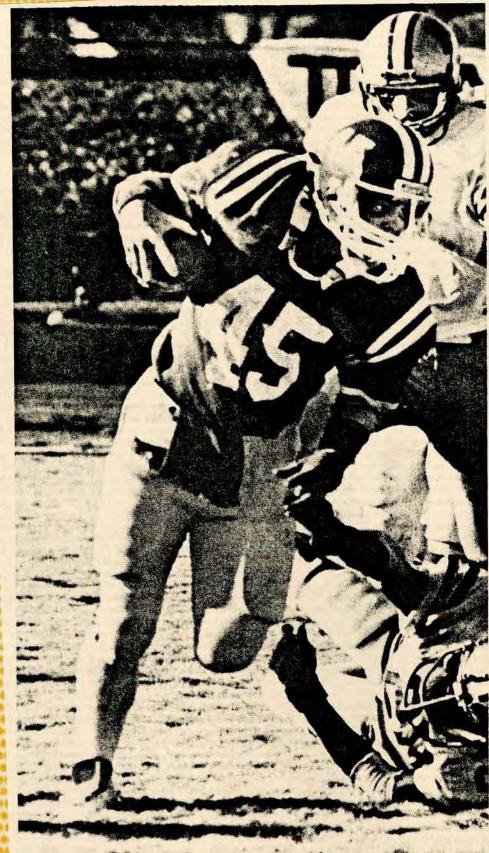
Antone wound up completing five of eight passes for 83 yards, while the Hilltoppers' vaunted running game was good for some 353 yards. Jones led the way with 120 yards on 16 carries, reserve fullback Barry Skaggs added 90 yards on 15 tries and Snardon—used sparingly after stretching a hamstring muscle—wound up with 54 yards on just six carries.

"We didn't want to take any chances with him," said Western coach Jimmy Feix, who also rested other front-liners off and on during the game. In fact, secondary regulars Davlin Mullen and Reginald Johnson were on the bench when the game began.

"It wasn't a matter of discipline or anything like that," he explained afterwards. "They both had made a lot of mistakes in their coverages last week at Morehead, and the kids playing behind them deserved a chance. They just got beat out of their jobs."

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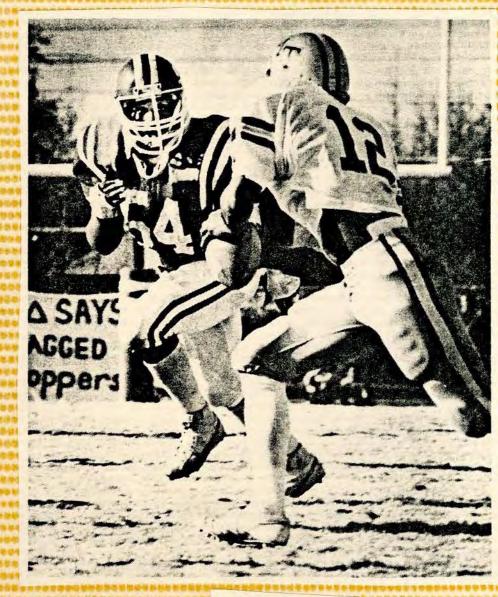
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(Staff photo by Mark Workman)

#### Hero off the bench

BARRY SKAGGS (45) of Western lowers his head and drives for additional yardage during the Hilltoppers' 30-15 homecoming win over Middle Tennessee during Saturday's game at Smith Stadium. Skaggs, a junior fullback, came off the bench to rush for 90 yards in the win that clinched the OVC title for Western.



#### Footrace

MIDDLE quarterback Brown Sanford (12) gets into a footrace with Western defender Tony Wells (54) during Saturday's game at Smith Stadium. Western won its bomecoming contest 30-15, and in the process clinched this year's Ohio Valley Conference title.

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# Western knocks off Middle to earn OVC championship

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BOWLING GREEN, Ky. - The periodic announcements of the Austin Peay-Murray State score left the Western Kentucky players aware that they could win the Ohio Valley Conference football title yesterday.

Knowing that second-place Murray was on the verge of losing, all Western had to do was defeat Middle Tennessee, which it did. But it took a goal-line stand in the fourth quarter before Western earned a 30-15 victory and its eighth conference championship.

Western, the third-ranked team in NCAA Division I-AA, is 6-0 in the OVC with a single game remaining - at Murray on Nov. 22. Murray is now tied

with Austin Peay and Eastern Kentucky for second at 4-2.

"A lot of what we've done this year is motivated by the (5-5) season we had last year," Western coach Jimmy Feix said. "We had a competitive team, and they wanted to show that they could do what they thought they were going to do a year ago.'

Middle Tennessee is 0-9 this season and has won only two of its last 30 games, but it was still threatening in the fourth quarter.

Western (9-0) led 30-15 after Ralph Antone's one-yard touchdown sneak, but Middle moved to a first down on the Western six-yard line. On fourth and goal from the one, Western stopped

Middle back Sammy Bryant's drive up the middle.

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Western literally ran out the last 5:03. keeping the ball on the ground to clinch the victory. Western ran often and well, using 56

carries for 353 yards, even though leading rusher Troy Snardon played little more than a quarter. Snardon aggravated a back bruise and left the game after gaining 54 yards.

Western hardly missed him. Fullback Nate Jones gained 120 yards in 16 carries, and backup tailback Barry Skaggs, who had only 101 yards previously, ran for 90 yards in 15 carries. Cornerback Lamont Meacham's two

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# Middle Tennessee falls 30-15 Western captures OVC title

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interceptions set up Western scores. His first interception and 47-yard return to the Middle 46 led to Snardon's sevenyard touchdown run for a 7-0 lead. His second theft, in the end zone, started Western on a 95-yard drive that Antone capped with a 35-yard touchdown pass to Ricky Gwinn for a 23-7 lead in the third quarter.

Starting quarterback John Hall completed only one of six passes for no yards and left the game in the second quarter after suffering a slight rib injury. One of his passes was intercepted by James Griffin and returned 38 yards for a second-quarter touchdown.

Antone came on to complete five of eight passes for 83 yards and a touchdown

"John was just having a hard time of it," Feix said. "Then he got those ribs banged up and just couldn't play any more. But as far as I'm concerned, John Hall is still our quarterback."

Middle quarterback Brown Sanford completed 16 of 34 passes for 241 yards but was intercepted three times.

"I couldn't understand why they were passing on us like that," Feix said. "At first we were playing man to man and they were simply beating our men. Then we switched to the zone and still couldn't stop them. I don't know what happened."

#### Middle coach Boots Donnelly did.

"Western did exactly what we thought they would," he said. "They manhandled our defensive front (line). We're playing 194, 196 pounds on our defensive line, and that just doesn't match up with their 240-, 250-pounders.

"They're not a big-play team like they used to be. They grind out the yardage and punish you."

Western punter Ray Farmer, the fifth-ranked kicker in Division I-AA, averaged 44.8 yards on four punts.

At Bowling Green, Ky. MIDDLE TENNESSEE ...... 0 7 8 0 - 15 WESTERN KENTUCKY ..... 7 10 6 7 - 30

Western - Snardon, 7, run (Griffilhs kick); Middle Tenn. - Griffin, 38, interception return (Robinson kick); Western - Jones, 1, run (Griffilhs kick), Western - FG, Griffilhs, 25; Western - Gwinn, 35; pass trom Antone (kick failed); Middle Tenn. -Roebuck, 23, pass trom Sanford (Bean pass from Sanford); Western - Antone, 1, run (Griffilhs kick). Attendance - 20,100 est. Middle Tenn. Western

Midd	le Tenn.	Western
First downs	18	20
Rushes-yards	33-111	56-353
Passing yards.	241	83
Return yards	91	116
Passes	16-34-3	6-14-1
Punts	3-36.0	4-44.8
Furnbles-lost	1-0	3-0
Penalties-yards	3-15	6-87

# Western's Victory, Murray's Loss

#### Associated Press

Sophomore guarterback Ralph Antone passed for one touchdown and ran for another and Nate Jones ran for 120 yards and another score yesterday as unbeaten Western Kentucky clinched the Ohio Valley Conference football title with a 30-15 victory over visiting Middle Tennessee.

Antone passed 35 yards to Ricky Gwinn for one score and completed the scoring in Western's ninth consecutive victory with a 1-yard run three minutes into the final period.

Western was able to clinch the title when defending champion Murray, losing for the second time in as many weeks, dropped a 24-0 decision at Austin Peay.

Middle Tennessee, 0-9 overall and 0-6 in the OVC, was hardly an easy mark for the Hilltoppers. Middle twice challenged the Western goal in the opening period, but pass interceptions by Lambert Meacham and David Suggs turned Middle away empty.

Middle Tennessee had another drive stall at the Western 1 with 5:03 to play when the Bucs came up short on a fourth-down run.

Austin Peay 24, Murray 0 -Quarterback Sonny Defilippis threw

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three touchdown passes and rushed for 50 yards in leading Austin Peay past visiting Murray.

In the process, Defilippis, a senior from Savannah, Ga., became the OVC's all-time single-season rushing leader for quarterbacks, eclipsing a record set by Murray signal-caller Charlie Forrest in 1964. Defilippis has racked up 1,809 total offensive yards thus far this season.

Austin Peay kicker Rusty Dyer booted a 40-yarder through the uprights to open the scoring for the Governors, now 6-3 on the season and 4-2 in the OVC after having won their last five games.

Defilippis connected on a 1-yard scoring flip to wide receiver Ondra Wood and made good on a 10-yard scoring aerial to split end Steve Puthoff.

# Give Hilltoppers OVC Title

# Western Kentucky clinches OVC crown

By The Associated Press Western Kentucky clinched the Ohio Valley Conference football title this weekend, defeating Middle Tennessee 30-15 as defending champion Murray State fell to Austin Peay 24-0.

In defeating Murray State, which earlier this season was ranked No. 1 nationally in Division I-AA, Austin Peay quarterback Sonny Defilippis set a new OVC single-season rushing record.

And Eastern Kentucky

Coach Roy Kidd on Saturday became the winningest coach in the conference, scoring his 118th win as his team tied the school's scoring record with its 48-7 victory over Tennessee Tech.

Elsewhere in the OVC Saturday: Liberty Baptist defeated Morehead State 23-20, Northern Michigan beat Akron 38-10 and Youngstown shut out Western Illinois 22-0.

In Western Kentucky's ninth win this season without a loss, reserve quarterback Ralph Antone passed for one another, while Nate Jones ran for 120 yards and another score. The victory was earned before a nearcapacity Western homecoming crowd of 19,000.

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yards Saturday against Murray State to become the OVC's all-time single season rushing leader for quarterbacks.

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The loss dropped Murray, whose offense was held to less than 200 yards for the day, to 8-2, 4-2 in OVC play.

Eastern Kentucky reserve tailback Tony Braxton ran for three touchdowns and touchdown and ran for David Flores made good on five conversion kicks to equal a school scoring record Saturday in the win over Tennessee Tech at Cookeville, Tenn.

> Teammates Chris Isaac scored on a 57-yard run, Terence Thompson bulled into the end zone from the 5, Chris Curtis caught a 7-yard pass season.

from Tuck Woolum, and Gus Parks returned a Tech pass 47 yards to garner Eastern's 48 points.

The game lifted Eastern Kentucky to 7-2, 4-2 in the conference.

Tech, 4-5 and 1-4, lit up the scoreboard when Sam Smith drove into the end zone in the lat period.

In its first game against a Division I-AA team, Libery Baptist, 6-3, rallied to victory over Morehead, 3-6. Liberty's Greg Mosely scored twice in the final period - the last time on a 65-yard run with 5:14 left.

In Marquette, Mich., Phil Kessel threw for two touchdowns and George Works rushed for three more to lead Northern Michigan over the OVC's Akron, now 3-6-1 on the

# Two state teams could earn berths in I-AA playoffs

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Only four teams in the nation will be selected to compete in the NCAA's Division I-AA playoffs this year, but there still is a chance that two of them could be Kentucky schools.

The one with the best chance is Western Kentucky, which is unbeaten and appears almost certain of a bid if it can beat Murray State on Nov. 22 at Murray. But Eastern Kentucky, with a 1980 national championship in its lapel, may be able to convince the authorities that it deserves another bid. Murray State, which has lost two straight after opening with eight victories, apparently is out of consideration.

The fate of the contenders is basically in the hands of four men, the officials who vote each week for the teams in the Division I-AA poll. That poll will be the basis on which the highest-rated teams in three different regions and the top at-large team will receive invitations.

The Kentucky schools are in the South Region, ostensibly the toughest of the three. The region also includes South Carolina State, 10-0 this season and ranked first last week in the I-AA poll, and Grambling, 8-1 and anxiously awaiting its regular-season game against South Carolina State two weeks off. In last week's poll, six of the top 12 teams were from the South Region. Western was ranked third, Eastern and Grambling were tied for fifth and Murray was eighth. Alcorn State was in a three-way tie for 10th.

One of the men voting on the poll is Eastern Kentucky athletic director Donald Combs. The others are Andrew Mooradian of New Hampshire University, Lyle H. Smith of Boise State and Milton D. Hunter of South Carolina State.

Hunter and Combs are co-chairmen in the South Region and share that vote. At the end of the regular season, however, each of the four men will have a full vote toward playoff invitations.

Because all but Mooradian represent schools competing for berths, the objectivity of the system has been questioned. However, that will not be a factor when the vote is taken to fill the playoff berths. Any pollster whose school is in contention will be replaced, probably by a member of an advisory committee for his region.

Combs and Hunter have A. L. Williams of Northeast Louisiana and Walter Reed of Jackson State on their South Region advisory committee.

"I think that the people are doing the best job they can with the information they have," Combs said yesterday. "It is difficult to be objective with the information we have."

Eastern coach Roy Kidd wonders if a team's won-lost record doesn't play too big a part in the poll. "They look at your record. A loss is a loss; it doesn't matter who it is to," said Kidd, who worries about such things because Eastern must play Division I-A foe East Carolina this Saturday.

"Last year Murray had wins over Evansville and Indiana Central and got invited. Western's non-conference games this year were against Evansville and Kentucky State. I don't think it matters much who you beat," Kidd said.

Combs claims otherwise. "We're looking at the strength of schedules, but that's very difficult," he said. "What was the situation of the team at that time? Were they playing at home? Had they lost people because

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## State teams could form half of Division I-AA playoff field

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of the flu, or did they lose it because of some fluke?"

After beating Nevada-Reno 14-3 last Saturday, Boise State will be favored to come out of a West Region that has only nine I-AA teams. Lehigh, ranked second, probably is the favorite in the East, but Boston University is ranked fourth and beat Connecticut 28-24 Saturday. Connecticut, Massachusetts and Alcorn State were tied for No. 10.

Eastern defeated Lehigh 30-7 in the national championship game last December, and the mention of teams from the East raises the red in Kldd's neck. "There's no way they're going to convince me that teams in the East are that good," he said. "I've written every team in the East, and I can't schedule any of them."

schedule any of them." "Lehigh, Boston University and Delaware (No. 9) are considered strong in the East by Eastern people," Combs said. "But it's difficult to tell when there is no intersectional play.

"There are 12 Division I-AA teams in the East, and we think there needs to be another division."

"There are too many good teams in the South; it's not divided fairly," Kidd said. There are 18 teams in the South Region.

Because only four men vote in the poll, changes in position are more drastic than in polls involving more voters. For instance, Murray dropped from first to eighth after losing its first game to Eastern.

"I think we were ranked fifth the week before we played Western. They only beat us three points, but we dropped to 10th," Kidd said. "I couldn't believe Murray dropped that far, either. I know Don voted for them higher than that."

Combs insists that those conducting the poll study the teams as thoroughly as possible. "We talked on the phone for 45 minutes this morning just on how to rank the South," Combs said.

## Sports shorts\_

#### Toppers remain third

Western is again ranked third in the latest Division I AA football poll trailing second-place Lehigh by a single point in the standings

South Carolina State (10-0) still holds down the No. 1 spot in the ratings with 45 points, followed by Lehigh (7-0-2) with 41 and Western (9-0) with 40. Boston University is fourth with 36 points, followed by three teams tied for fifth—Eastern, Grambling and Boise State, all with 31 points apiece.

Rounding out this week's Top 10 are Delaware with 24 points. Massachusetts with 20 and four teams fied with 15 points each - Murray, Connecticut. New Hampshire and North Carolina A&T

The teams are ranked by a Division I-AA selection committee that will choose four playoff teams at the end of the regular season

# Western's Phil Rich shoots for a second 'thrill of a lifetime'

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

When Western Kentucky won the Ohio Valley Conference football championship last Saturday, it was the thrill of a lifetime for most of the players. But not for Phil Rich.

Rich says if Western goes on to win the national crown, maybe, but not necessarily, the thrill might equal the one he had when Edmonson County won the 1976 Kentucky basketball championship. They all dream about that one, from Paducah's river banks to Shawnee Park's playgrounds to Pikeville's dirt courts. In 1976 it was the goal of Male High's Darrell Griffith, of Ballard' Jeff Lamp, the dream of a whole bunch of guys now known for their court prowess.

But those players awoke before the dream was over. Phil Rich didn't. Edmonson County, which never had won its region, took the title. Rich, 6 feet 4 and 225 pounds then, was the starting center. Entering the State Tournament, the odds against Edmonson County winning about equaled those on the Tennessee schools.

"We always played like we had just one game to play," Rich said this week. "We just tried to do the best we could in that one game. But we kept going and finally we were in the Final Four before we knew about it."

Even before the tournament, Rich was committed to playing football at Western Kentucky. At Edmonson County he had played four years of football and basketball, three years of baseball and one year of track. But, as he thinks back on his junior high and high school experiences, Rich recalls that, "It seems like most of the things I've done have been in basketball instead of football."

OVC defensive linemen would disagree. Anchoring an offensive line that has staked unbeaten Western to nine consecutive victories, Rich has earned All-OVC honors at tackle. If his teammates are Hilltoppers, then Phil is the hill, because his 260 pounds bear little resemblance to the teenager who used to lead fast breaks. Before the '78 season, Rich added 30 pounds to his frame.

"In high school I'd never even seen weights," he said. "I had no idea what they'd even do for you. But I got to lifting down here, and I got to eating at the training table, and, directly, I started getting a little muscle. Weightlifting helps you a lot. The pro teams, the first thing they want to know is how much you can bench press. (The answer is 365 pounds.) If you don't have the strength, you just can't play."

A native of Bee Springs, Ky., Rich hasn't always been a tackle, and didn't want to be, either. "When I came here I was a tight end," he said. "My first PHIL RICH Edmonson County basketball center is All-OVC tackle

thought when I got here was: 'I ain't gonna play no lineman position.' I thought linemen were big, ole, fat, slow people. But since I got to playing it, I think it's one of the hardest positions you can play."

The play of Rich and his mates in the trenches has allowed Western to mount a ground attack that ranks with the best in the school's history. Fullback Troy Snardon has 837 yards, tallback Nate Jones 725. Coach Jimmy Feix said this line compares with any Western has had. "We've had lines with two or three standouts, but probably not one that is as strong from one end to the other," he said.

As did Edmonson County's, Western's season has a storybook tinge. The Hilltoppers were 5-5 in '79, and there was little reason to believe they'd be unbeaten this year. "I knew our backs were good and that we were going to have a good line," Rich said. "But every season has a little luck. Like the Akron game (an 8-2 Western win), we could have lost that or won it."

Western has one more roadblock, a game at Murray State on Nov. 22 following an open date this week. Last year Murray beat Western 30-20 and won the OVC title. Rich especially remembers trying to cope with Murray's wide-tackle six defense.

"Murray was the only team we played last year that ran that," he said. "It looked like they had people going everywhere, and we weren't really ready for it. We had been working on it all week, but until you see it in a game it's different."

Rich faced the wide-tackle defense against Middle Tennessee last week in a 30-15 Western win. "That's going to help us a lot," he said.

Western's hopes of gaining the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs might hinge upon beating Murray. "I think all of us know that if Murray beats us we're not going anywhere," Rich said. "If they beat us, it's going to ruin our season."

If Western does win, it would need two playoff victories to be the national champion. Only then will Phil Rich consider that thrill comparable to winning the State Tournament.

#### Western Third, Eastern Fifth In I-AA Poll

Western Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky are both ranked among the top five teams in the country in the weekly NCAA Division I-AA poll.

Western, which clinched the Ohio Valley Conference championship last Saturday by beating Middle Tennessee 30-15, is ranked No. 3. Eastern is fifth after beating Tennessee Tech 48-7.

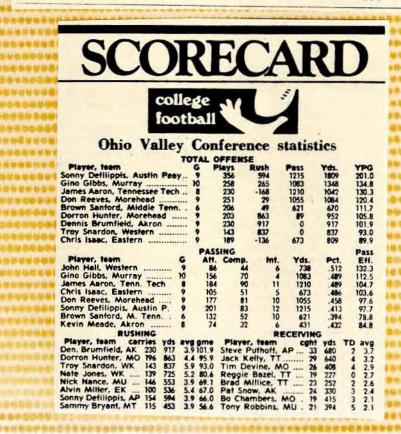
Eastern plays at East Carolina this week in a game that may determine whether or not the Colonels go to the I-AA playoffs, while Western takes the week off before tangling with Murray State.

South Carolina State continues to hold the No. 1 position in the poll with Lehigh No. 2 and Boston University No. 4. Boise State and Grambling are tied with Eastern for fifth.

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#### State College Rushing Leaders

Player, School Games	Att.	Yds.	Avg.
Dorron Hunter, Morehead State	196	863	95.9
Troy Snardon, Western Kentucky 9	143	837	93.0
Nate Jones, Western Kentucky	139	725	80.6
Don Craft, Louisville	117	580	64.4
Randy Brooks, Kentucky	165	579	64.3
Nick Nance, Murray State	146	553	69.1
Alvin Miller, Eastern Kentucky	100	536	67.0



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Western	6	00	9	00
Austin Peay	5	20	7	30
Eastern	4	20	8	20
Murray St	4	20	8	20
Akron	2	4 1	3	71
Tenn Tech	1	40	4	60
Morehead St	1	40	4	60
Mid. Tenn		50	1	80

Middle Tennessee 13, Akron 9 Eastern Kentucky 28, East Carolina 16 Morehead State 15, Kentucky State 10 Austin Peay 13, Tennessee Tech 10 Only games scheduled

> Avg. 95.9 93.0 80.6 64.4 64.3 69.1 67.0

# Poll bowl

# Another (No.) one bites dust in I-AA ratings

It's going to be very interesting to see what this week's Division I-AA ratings look like.

A few weeks ago, Murray was sailing along with an 8-0 record and the No. 1 ranking among the nation's I-AA teams...until the Racers came out on the short end of a 24-14 score on the road against Eastern. And after losto the defending I-AA national champions, Murray dropped all the way from first to eighth in the poll.

The past weekend, another top-ranked I-AA team bit the dust. In its season finale, South Carolina State—which succeeded Murray at the top of the I-AA ratings—saw its hopes of a perfect season go by the boards in a convincing 26-3 loss to Grambling.

Will another team drop all the way from first to eighth?

Not likely. First of all, SC State still finished with a decent 10-1 record—nothing to scoff at. Secondly, the school's athletic director happens to be a member of the I-AA selection committee that votes on the poll.

Nobody is calling the guy dishonest, or even saying that it's a situation that shouldn't exist. But it does...and it can't hurt.

Speaking of having a man on the inside, the same can be said for Eastern.

Don Combs, the Colonels' athletic director, also happens to be on the I-AA selection committee. And just about the time it looked like Eastern was out of this year's playoff picture, Roy Kidd's team started imitating last year's I-AA national champions.

"In fact, I believe we're playing better now than we did last year when we won the national championship," said Kidd after his team's eye-opening 28-16 win over highly-touted East Carolina.

Since their 13-10 loss to Western on Oct. 25, the Colonels have rolled past three good ball clubs—Murray (24-14), Tennessee Tech (48-7) and East Carolina.

Look for Western to be ranked second and Eastern to hold down the No. 4 spot in this week's ratings. Lehigh, 8-0-2 on the season and an easy 42-19 winner over Nor-



theastern the past weekend, will probably move into the top spot—although the Engineers were just a point ahead of Western in last week's poll.

Grambling, now sporting a 9-1 mark going into its Nov. 29 season finale with Southern, figures to move into the No. 3 spot this week, perhaps followed by Eastern, South Carolina State and Boise State (7-3).

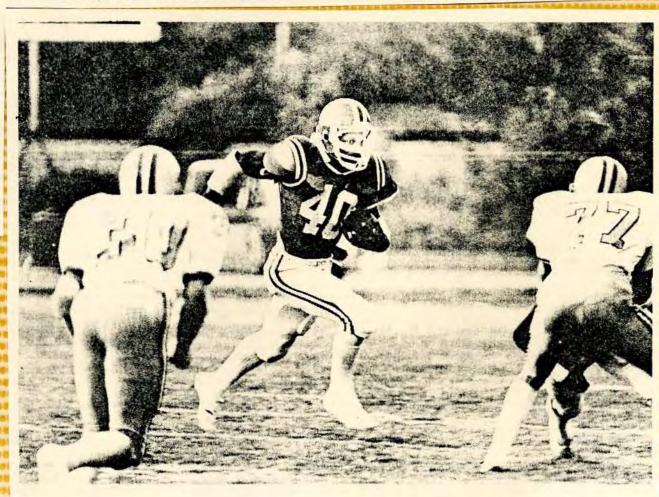
Lehigh can nail down the East playoff berth with a win over Lafayette this weekend, while Boise State can do the same in the West with a win over Idaho State. Western will be a shoo-in in the South if the Hilltoppers get past Murray this Saturday, and will still have a good shot of making the playoffs even if they lose a close one.

Stay tuned.

Going into this week's game at Murray. Feix has lost his second starter of the year to a knee injury.

Sophomore offensive tackle Steve Catlett (6-1, 230) underwent knee surgery last week after going down in the Hilltoppers' 30-15 homecoming win over Middle Tennessee, and will be out for the remainder of the season. Starting in his place Saturday will be senior Tim Bereiter (6-3, 215), who missed most of last season with a severe shoulder injury but has logged plenty of playing time this fall.

Western's only other serious injury to date was the loss of senior linebacker Brad Todd (6-2, 215), who required knee surgery after falling in the Tennessee Tech game on Oct. 18.



#### Making the difference

TROY SNARDON (40) of Western heads for the sidelines before turning upfield during the Hilltoppers' win over Evansville earlier this season. With the junior fullback heading Western's powerful running game, the Hilltoppers take a flashy 9-0 record into Saturday's regular-season finale at Murray. He thinks of himself confidently as a capable athlete. Jimmy Feix, his coach at Western, likes to describe him as versatile.

But for those having the misfortune of playing opposite him this season, what Troy Snardon has been doing on the football field merits a little more than those commonplace adjectives.

The powerful 6-0, 205-pound fullback has made his presence felt in the Hilltopper camp, causing a change or two in a backfield where the fullback has, until Snardon came along, been primarily responsible for blocking assignments. But, the big junior has bulled his way through—and around—enough defensive lines this fall to pave a path that may lead to All-Ohio Valley Conference, and even All-America, honors at season's end.

"He's the difference," Middle Tennessee head coach James "Boots" Donnelly said of Snardon's role in Western's efforts in turning last year's .500 team into a national contender.

When WKU escaped with a 17-12 win over Donnelly's MTSU squad last year, they evened their season mark at 4-4-0. After last week's 30-15 win over the Blue Raiders, Western (9-0-0) has clinched the OVC title outright and needs only a win against Murray this week to assure the 'Toppers a birth in the national playoffs. The Hilltoppers are ranked second nationally in NCAA Division I-AA poll.

In 1979, Snardon, then a sophomore, carried



the ball 76 times for 358 yards, the third best rushing total on the squad. Through the first nine games he has carried the ball nearly twice as many times (143) and has gained well more than twice as much yardage (837). He is averaging 5.9 yards per carry and 93.9 per game.

A year ago Snardon was used primarily as a blocking back in scoring situations, getting one touchdown himself the entire season. In 1980 he has scored more than a touchdown every game and has scored twice three times. He ranks among the nation's leaders in scoring. His 12 TDs tie him for third place in the Hilltopper record book.

"This is the first year that Troy's had the chance to do the things we wanted him to do," Feix said. "He has the capability to go both inside and outside. He's a double threat and that gives up a lot of capabilities."

Snardon has indeed proven himself a one-man

dynamic duo. While he has torn through the middle for several of his touchdowns, it's not easy to forget performances like his effort against Youngstown State. On only 12 carries he picked up 159 yards with touchdown runs of 54 and 75 yards.

Feix thinks his new scoring machine has made a smooth transition into his role.

"He's handled the pressure well," Feix said. "Troy does a steady, consistent job. He just does the best he can and that's got to be enough. Thank goodness it has been."

"I've always had confidence that I could score but I never had the opportunity as a blocking back," Snardon said. "Any one of our backs can do the job, it's just a matter of what play they call."

Snardon never really had a reason to believe that he couldn't carry the football. As a tailback at Todd Central, he was a five-year starter

rushing for a career total of 4,900 yards. He was a second-team All-State selection as a junior and a first-team All State and All America choice as a senior. So impressive was he that many of the nation's top major football powers traveled to the small community of Allensville (population about 400) to recruit him.

But when Snardon got to Bowling Green, it looked at though his rushing days were over. He was moved to safety as a freshman where he tore knee ligaments early in his first year. He rejoined the team in 1978 and last season was moved back to the offensive backfield.

"It didn't matter to me where I played so long as I contributed to the team and helped us win," he said. "I'm comfortable where I am now. I just wanted to settle down somewhere, learn my position and contribute."

Which all kind of explains why Snardon turned down such lucrative offers with big-name schools to play Division I-AA football.

"I knew if I went to a big school I'd have to sit back and wait for a couple of years and I wasn't ready to do that," he said. "I wanted to play more than I wanted to wait. I don't feel like I made a bad decision. I'm probably as important to this team as I would have been to any of the others I might have played on."

As far as the OVC is concerned, Snardon doesn't have to try to hard to convince anyone of that.

New math:

5-5 + Snardon = 9-0

# **Tops share 1st with Lehigh**

Bear Bryant once said a tie is like kissing your sister, but there are always exceptions to the rule.

Take this week's Division I-AA football ratings, for instance. The latest poll was released Tuesday night, with Western's undefeated Ohio Valley Conference champions vaulting from third place to a tie for the No. 1 spot with Lehigh.

No doubt Western coach Jimmy Feix would rather have the top spot all to himself, but being tied for No. 1 will do nicely for the time being.

Western and Lehigh tied for the top spot in this week's I-AA poll with 45 votes apiece, while Grambling rose from a tie for fifth to No. 3 after pounding previously top-ranked South Carolina State 26-3 over the weekend. Grambling got 39 votes this week, followed by Eastern with 34, SC State with 33, Delaware with 30, Massachusetts and Boston University with 25 each and Boise State with 24.

Western, of course, took the past weekend off in preparation for Saturday's regular-season finale at Murray. The Hilltoppers will be putting a perfect 9-0 mark on the line, including a 6-0 league record that has already clinched this year's OVC crown.

Meanwhile, Lehigh raised its season log to 8-0-2 with a 42-19 thumping of Northeastern. The Engineers of Bethlehem, Pa., close out their regular season Saturday at Lafayette.

Now that we know what the latest Division I-AA rankings look like, it's a little easier to figure out who



#### will get next week's four playoff bids.

In the South, Western can nail down the berth with either a win or a tie Saturday at Murray. If the Hilltoppers did wind up on the short end of the score this weekend, Grambling would probably get the nod in the South but Western would still have the inside track on a wild-card berth.

In the East, Lehigh is a shoo-in barring anything but a disaster this weekend against Lafayette. A loss would still leave the Engineers with an 8-1-2 season mark, by far the best in their region.

In the West, Boise State looked like a natural last week but dropped a non-conference game to Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo. That left the Broncos with a 7-3 record going into this week's Big Sky shootout with Idaho State, which sneaked into a tie for the No. 10 spot this week and may get the nod with a win Saturday. The most encouraging thing about this week's poll, as far as Western is concerned, is the fact that South Carolina State dropped below Eastern in the rankings.

What does that have to do with anything? First of all, it means that Eastern will be picked ahead of SC State (which has finished its season at 10-1) unless the Colonels stumble Saturday in their traditional finale against Morehead. It's hard to see SC State moving back ahead of Eastern in the polls next week, if logic prevails.

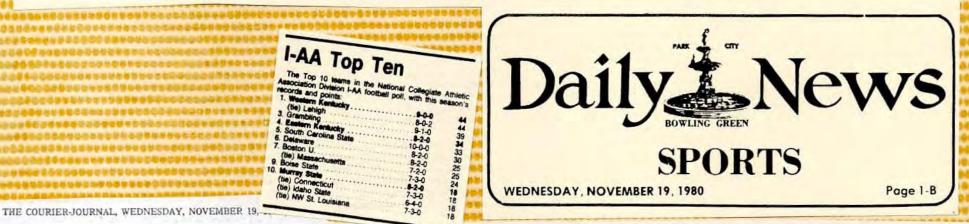
That's good news for Western, because it's also hard to see Eastern being picked INSTEAD of the Hilltoppers. After all, Western won the OVC, defeated the Colonels during their regular-season matchup and will finish with a better overall record regardless of what happens this weekend.

Last but certainly not least, Feix got the inside track Tuesday on a future All-American.

Word is that one Christopher McKee Hanes, who made his first public appearance shortly after 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Medical Center, figures to be loaded with athletic ability if for no other reason than because his old man possessed so little of it.

Using the same logic, he also figures to be versatile enough to share his talents with the First Baptist softball team during the summer. Western's football and basketball teams during the fall and winter, and the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team in the spring.

In other words... IT'S A BOY!



# It's not the scores, just how they play the I-AA ratings game

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

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College football fans who swear by comparative scores should try these: Portland State 105, Delaware State 0.

South Carolina State 21, Delaware State 20.

The scores prove that Portland Stitle is 104 points better than South Carolina State, some would say.

Then why has South Carolina State been ranked as the nation's No. 1 team in Division I-AA much of the selson, while Portland State hasn't even made the Top 10?

This Division I-AA poll will determine the four teams that will gain the NGAA playoffs, so the validity of the rackings is not laughable to teams in contention, such as Western Kentucky. After South Carolina State lost for the first time Saturday, Western and Le-

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#### high moved into a tie for first place in

this week's poll. Saturday's loss by South Carolina

State (26-3 to Grambling) would appear to enhance unbeaten Western's chances of making the playoffs. Grambling (9-1) is third in the poll, with Eastern Kentucky fourth. The defending champion, Eastern remained in contention largely because such raied teams as Boston University and Boise State tost.

The four-leam field must include one team from three different regions, plus an at-large entry. Lehigh, which is unbeaten but has been tied twice, appears to be home free in the East since Boston University lost to Bucknell 30-17.

Boise State, No. 9 this week, held the edge in the West Region most of the season but faces a key game against Idaho State on Saturday in Pocatello. If Idaho State wins, it will match 7-4 records with Bolse and will have bounced back from a 17-game losing streak that it took into this season. Idaho also is in contention.

The only teams in the West Region are the Big Sky Conference clubs and Portland State. According to Eastern Kentucky athletic director Don Combs, who votes in the Division I-AA poll, Portland State still is being considered despite three losses. "There was a lot of comment about them this week," Combs said after lengthy discussions with the three others who vote. "Their schedule might be against them. They play a lot of Division II teams."

Combs also said that South Carolina State's meager win over hapless Delaware State could affect that team's chances. "It hasn't burt them in the South, but it has hurt them in other areas because of Portland's 105-0 win," he said. "They did say that Delaware State had gotten a bunch of people hurt since it played South Carolina State."

This week's poll also has South Carolina State in fifth place, Delaware sixth, Boston U. and Massachusetts tied for seventh, Boise State ninth and Murray State, Connecticut, Idaho and Northwestern Louisiana tied for 10th.

Murray (8-2) is the lone opponent left on Western's schedule. "If Western wins, it looks good for them," Combs said. Eastern Kentucky's hones would be

Eastern Kentucky's hopes would be greatly aided by a Murray victory over Western, but even more, the Colonels need for Southern University to beat Grambling on Nov. 29. That happened last year, and Eastern

slipped past Grambling to earn the atlarge berth. ing, geographical location, number of seats, competition from other activi

Southern had a 7-3 record last season but is only 4-5-1 this year. "But Southern plays in a pretty good conference, with Jackson State, Florida A&M, Tennessee State and Alcorn State on their schedule," Combs said. Eastern's stock went up Saturday

Eastern's stock went up Saturday when it beat East Carolina 28-16 for its second win against Division I-A teams. Eastern also plays seven I-AA teams and two Division II teams. Western schedules one Division III team, two Division II teams and seven I-AA clubs. Grambling's schedule has eight I-AA foes, one I-A opponent and one Division II team. South Carolina State, whose season has ended, met seven I-A teams and four Division II

seven 1-A teams and four Division if opponents. "If Eastern should win (over Morehead on Saturday), Western lose and Grambling win, it will probably be a four-way tossup," Combs said, including South Carolina State. Eastern has lost twice, including a 13-10 verdict to Western last month.

Western last month. The first round of the playoff games will be Dec. 13, with two competing schools playing hosts. Neither the drawing nor the game sites have been determined. Several factors determine the host school, including seed-

ing, geographical location, harmor of seats, competition from other activities and previous experience in playing host. Combs said. Last year. Eastern was host to Nevada-Reno and Murray State played host to Lehigh in first-round games. The championship game this year will be Dec. 20 in Sucramento, Calif.

Murray State coach Mike Gottfried, admitting his team has no playoff hopes, recently took a stand on Western's behalf. "If we knock them off, that's going

"If we knock them off, that's going to make it tougher for them, but I still think they're going to go" Gottfried said. "They're the conference champon, and I don't think you can leave Western our because then you've got the defending champion's leagon not represented."

Last year, Lehigh made the playoffs from the East after Boston University had been ranked higher all season, and then Boston was bypassed for the at-large berth.

and their boston was typassed for the at-large berth. "I learned a little bit about the jockeying last year," Gottfried said. "A lot of people think Boston U. lost their last game last year. They didn't. They won. But they (the selection committee) moved Eastern in ahead of them. Boston University people were very upset."

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# HRS tabs Tops in 'finale'

The Hanes Rating System is picking Western to outlast Murray this weekend in their traditional season finale, and if things turn out that way it won't be a "finale" after all.

A win Saturday at Murray (game time is 1:30 p.m.) would give the Hilltoppers a perfect 10-0 record on the regular season, assuring them of a spot in the Division I-AA playoffs next month. In some quarters, of course, there are those who think Western will wind up with a playoff berth regardless of what happens this weekend.

A few weeks ago, it was Murray's defending Ohio Valley Conference champions who were doing all the talking about this year's playoffs.

However, things have changed drastically since then. After compiling a flashy 8-0 mark going into back-to-back road trips to Eastern and Austin Peay, the Racers dropped a 24-14 decision in Richmond and then absorbed a 24-0 pounding at Clarksville one week later.

Meanwhile, both Western and Murray enjoyed the past Saturday off. It might have given the Racers time to regroup, but it also gave Western fullback Troy Snardon some extra time to recover from a nagging hamstring injury.

It will be close, but a healthy Snardon will make the difference.

The HRS hit on 33 of 41 games last week for a nifty .805 percentage, raising our overall season mark to 352-99-6 and a percentage of .780. Meanwhile, there's no way of telling how our forecast did in its weekly confrontation with Major Amos B, Hoople because his picks never showed up last week.

Not that it matters. Going into our final regularseason forecasts today, the Major trails the HRS by a staggering 34-17 in "contested" games.

This week, the Hoople forecast is calling for Kentucky to close out with a rare road victory over arch-



rival Tennessee. We don't believe a word of it, and also differ with the Major by picking UT-Chattanooga over Vandy, Houston over Texas Tech, Oklahoma State over Iowa State, West Virginia over Syracuse...and Michigan over Ohio State in the biggie. On to the forecast:

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Western 17, Murray 16: Western coach is hoping his players haven't been listening to his counterpart at Murray, young Mike Gottfried, who all week has been saying the Hilltoppers should get a playoff berth regardless of how Saturday's game comes out.

Other games:

Eastern 33, Morehead 7 Tennessee Tech 21, Middle Tenn. 17

SEC Tennessee 14, Kentucky 10: It's not really that hard

to see Kentucky knocking off the Vols this weekend—after all, everybody else has been doing it lately. Still, the Wildcats hardly ever win in Knoxville.

Florida St. 24, Florida 6: It might be closer than this. Last year's game was, even though FSU posted a perfect 11-0 regular season while the green Gators were a dismal 0-10-1. Other games: UT-Chattanooga 27, Vanderbilt 14 LSU 28, Tulane 23 Mississippi St. 31, Ole Miss 20 OTHER GAMES

Michigan 21, Ohio St. 20: The homestanding Buckeyes still have designs on this year's national championship, but when the smoke clears Saturday in Columbus they won't even have a Big 10 title.

Southern Cal 21, UCLA 20: A battle of the bad boys, considering the fact that neither West Coast powerhouse will go bowling this year because of recruiting violations.

Baylor 27, Texas 20: Who in the world would have thought the lightly-regarded Bears of Waco, Texas, would nail down this year's Cotton Bowl berth? The HRS didn't go that far in its preseason picks, but we did have Baylor in our preseason Top 20. Nobody else can say that.

Nebraska 34, Oklahoma 21: These two perennial powers of the Midlands will light up the scoreboard early and often Saturday at Lincoln, but the Cornhuskers will get the last laugh and an Orange Bowl berth to go with it. Other games:

Notre Dame 39, Air Force 0 Arizona 34, Oregon St. 20 SMU 24, Arkansas 17 Boston College 28, Massachusetts

17 Stanford 35, California 17 Miami (0.) 21, Cincinnati 14 S. Carolina 31, Ciemson 21 Kansas St. 31, Colorado 13 N. Carolina 31, Duke 9 Houston 17, Texas Tech 10 Purdue 31, Indiana 17 Michigan St. 31, Iowa 13 Oklahoma St. 15, Iowa St. 3 Missouri 17, Kansas 12 Maryland 20, Virginia 10 Memphis St. 20, Wichita St. 14 Miami 21, North Texas St. 14 NC Stale 24, E. Carolina 14 Rutgers 27, Colgate 7 W. Virginia 31, Syracuse 20 Texas A&M 26, TCU 17 Wake Forest 34, Appalachian 14 Washington 33, Wash. St. 21 Arizona St. 17, Oregon 16 Southern Miss. 21, Louisville 14

# Fops approach Murray as a 'must'

By CLARK HANES Daily News Sports Editor

In that corner, we have Mike (Roberto) Gottfried telling us that big, bad Western doesn't have to beat up on his slumping Murray football team to nail down a spot in next month's Division I-AA playoffs.

According to Gottfried, Western should get a playoff berth regardless of what happens Saturday (1:30 p.m.) in the traditional regular-season finale between the Ohio Valley Conference rivals.

In this corner, meanwhile, we have Jimmy (Sugar Ray) Feix telling us that his Western team DOES need to win Saturday's game in Murray to get a spot in the four-team playoffs. Otherwise, according to Feix, the Hilltoppers have nobody to blame but themselves if they get left out in the cold.

First, let's hear what Gottfried has been saying about the undefeated Hilltoppers all week long.

"They have won the league championship and deserve a playoff bid," he pointed out earlier this week. "I can't see any way they should be denied. Our league is the defending national champion, and it only seems sensible that the champion should be chosen. Plus, they beat last year's title -holder (Eastern) head-to-head."

The third-year coach was referring to

Western's 13-10 win over Eastern earlier this fall, as well as Eastern's I-AA national championship of a year ago.

Feix, of course, appreciates the vote of confidence from Gottfried...but is a little suspicious of all the kind words coming out of Murray the last few days. After all, the Racers would like nothing better than to close out the 1980 season with a big win over a Western team thinking it already has a playoff berth assured regardless out the outcome Saturday.

"I hope he's right," noted Feix, "but we can't go on that assumption. We're going into this game thinking we need to win to get in the playoffs."

"We can't afford to approach it any other way," he added. "I feel like it's all up to us. If we win Saturday, we're in, and if we lose we won't have any right to feel bad about not being picked if that's what happens. All we'll have a right to feel bad about is losing the game."

Western takes a perfect 9-0 record into the contest, including a 6-0 mark in the OVC. The Hilltoppers clinched the league title two weeks ago by whipping Middle Tennessee 30-15, while Murray was dropping a 24-0 decision to Austin Peay.

Murray got off to an 8-0 start this fall, but has come apart at the seams in its last two outings—dropping a 24-14 decision at Eastern, and then getting blown out by Peay a week later.

"Our defense has played well enough to win the last two games," observed Gottfried, who guided the Racers to last year's OVC title and was everybody's pick to do it again this fall. "We have not been effective enough on offense, and we've turned the ball over in bad field position."

Believe it or not, Western also has had some problems of its own in recent weeks despite the flawless record.

First of all, offensive tackle Steve Catlett went down with a knee injury in the homecoming win over Middle and is out for the rest of the year. Secondly, Feix had become less than impressed with the play of starting defensive backs Davlin Mullen and Reginald Johnson in recent weeks and started two new faces in their steads against Middle.

However, both of those situations seem to have worked themselves out. Senior letterman Tim Bereiter will fill in capably for Catlett, and both Mullen and Johnson are back in the starting secondary.

The other problem is a bit more worrisome. Feix has bent over backwards to keep two-time All-OVC quarterback John Hall on the field this fall, but the senior signal-caller simply has not provided the offensive spark he did both as a sophomore and junior.

What's more, Hall suffered some bruised ribs in the Middle game and did not even practice un-

til after the open date last Saturday. As a result, Feix is expected to go with sophomore Ralph Antone at quarterback this weekend.

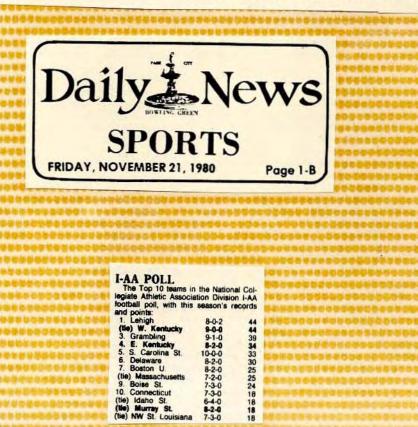
"John got a real shot in the ribs and he's still going to be awful sore Saturday," explained Feix. "Antone has been getting all the work in practice since the Middle game, so we really don't have much choice. I'm just glad Ralph got as much experience as he did this fall, because it'll sure come in handy down there."

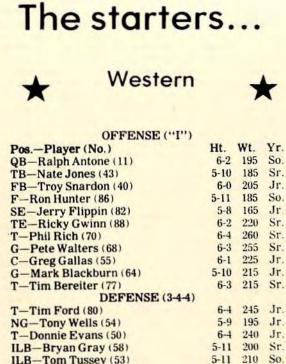
So will Troy Snardon. Just another anonymous Western fullback a year ago, the junior from Todd Central blossomed into the most-feared runner in the OVC this fall and is apparently back to 100 percent after being hampered by a hamstring injury in recent weeks.

Snardon (6-0, 205) needs a 163-yard effort Saturday to crack the 1,000-yard mark, and that against at Murray defense allowing only 10 points and a league-leading 95.2 yards per game on the ground. Still, stranger things have happened and it figures to be Snardon's kind of conservative grind-'em -out game.

"I think it will be a real head-knocker," said Feix, "so Troy ought to feel right at home. The week off really helped his leg, and our trainers say he's in the best shape he's been in all year."

Feix didn't elaborate, but even Murray's proud defense might be in trouble Saturday if Snardon has been only half-speed so far this fall.





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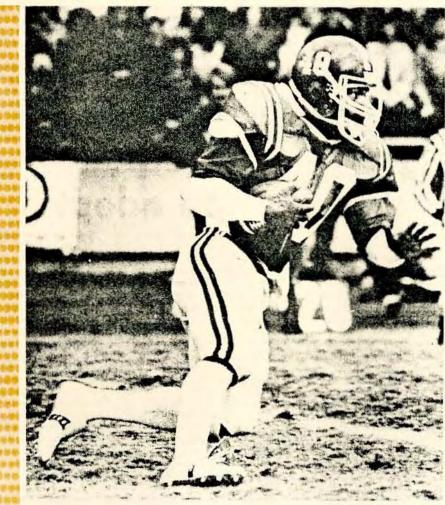
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QB-Gino Gibbs (4)	5-11	180	Jr
TB-Lindsey Hudspeth (22)	5-11	190	Sr
FB-Kenny Davis (1)	6-0	215	Sr
F-Greg King (86)	6-0	175	Jr
SE-Anthony Robbins (19)	6-1	185	Sr
TE-Kris Robbins (85)	6-2	210	Sr
T-Edgar Currin (73)	6-4	240	So
G-Phil Poirien(79)	6-3	235	So
C-Norm Fell (63)	6-1	225	Sr
G-Brad Johnson (68)	6-4	230	Jr
T-Mike Heard (72)	6-1	235	Jr
<b>DEFENSE (6-2-3)</b>			
E-Glenn Jones (49)	5-10	190	Jr
T-Donnie Wilson (67)	6-0	210	Jr
G-Mike Watson (88)	6-2	250	Sr
G-Jeff Gardner (71)	6-3	225	Sr
T-Rick Lanpher (81)	6-3	218	Sr
E-Lamar Williams (9)	5-10	185	Sr
LB-Tony Boone (53)	6-0	195	Sr
LB-Donald White (24)	6-1	210	Jr
CB-Tommy Houk (27)	5-10	170	Sr
CB-Greg Evans (17)	6-0	200	Jr
S-Terry Love (13)	6-4	205	Sr



(Staff photo by Mark Workman)

#### No longer in reserve

TOM FOX (76), shown here about to corner Eastern's scrambling quarterback Chris Isaac (16) in a game earlier this year, is one of the reasons western is still undefeated going into Saturday's regular-season finale at Murray. A sophomore line backer from Parma, Ohio, Fox has filled in capably for senior Brad Todd since the All-OVC performer went down with a knee injury midway through the season.



Gleaner photo by Mike Lawre

A healthy Troy Snardon has Western coach Jimmy Feix feeling better about today's game with Murray. Snardon, Western's leading ballcarrier, has gained 837 yards this season and scored 12 touchdowns. As a team, Western has gained 2208 yards on the ground.

# Western's playoff hopes rest on beating Murray; Eastern keeping fingers crossed

By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer "They're head and shoulders above everybody else."

- Jimmy Feix August 1980

Western Kentucky football coach Feix was not alone when he spoke of Murray State's football team before the season. At that point, almost everyone seemed willing to concede the Ohio Valley Conference championship to the Racers.

For the first eight weeks of the season, Murray fans were inquiring about hotel reservations in Sacramento. Calif., site of the NCAA Division I-AA national championship game. Then, with the speed of this month's election returns, the Racers were a lame-duck football team. Two losses not only canceled their California trip, but left Murray's archrival, Western, in the driver's seat to get a playoff bid as well.

Western, tied for first with Lehigh in the national I-AA poll, probably can make the four-team playoff field by beating Murray State at 2:30 EST today in Murray. The fact that Western is in such an enviable position is the biggest surprise of all. Not even Feix's wildest dream foresaw a 9-0 record and an OVC championship, which already belongs to the Hilltoppers.

Western was 5-5 last season when it led the league only in knee injuries



(five). "We had six or seven injuries, and we lost them early," Feix said. "We've been healthy this year; that's been the difference. And we've had awfully good leadership from our older players. We've been able to do what we had to do to win.'

Murray coach Mike Gottfried now has borrowed the line Feix was using in August, calling Western "the best team in the league at this point." Seeing his own playoff hopes dashed, Gottfried also has gotten on the soapbox on Western's behalf. "They have won the league championship and deserve a playoff bid," Gottfried said, "I don't see any way they should be denied. Our league is the defending national champion, and it only seems sensible that the champion should be chosen. Plus, they beat last year's titleholder (Eastern Kentucky) head-tohead."

Feix appreciates the plaudits but figures Western can't take a chance on losing today. "That's the way we're approaching it," he said. "We feel we need to win three games to win the national championship. That's our motivation for the game. After it's over, plain."

Both Gottfried and Feix realize that Murray has hit the skids because its offense has been operating with its brakes on. "Our defense has played well enough to win the past two weeks," Gottfried said of losses to Eastern and Austin Peay. "They've been on the field too much, and we've given them bad field position."

Murray leads the nation in scoring defense, and its wide-tackle six defense will provide a stern test for Western's awesome ground game, which has gotten 837 yards from fullback Troy Snardon and 725 from tailback Nate Jones this season.

"I see us as two teams that are going to use our strengths," Feix said. "They're exceptionally strong against the run, and that's about all we have been able to do. I hope they don't force us to do what we haven't been able to do.'

Although it has thrown less than in the past, Western has a completion percentage of .508. Today's starter, sophomore Ralph Antone, is 17 of 32 for .531. Senior John Hall, who has been held out of practice this week with bruised ribs, has completed 51 percent, although he has been in a siump recently.

"I think they'll mix it up. Antone is a fine quarterback and he can do both (run and pass)," Gottfried said.

if we aren't selected we can't com- "They're 9-0, and I'm sure they'll try to do what got them there.'

Murray's defense will have to replace end Lamar Williams and guard Paul Littles, both out with injuries. 'We're banged up. A lot of other guys are nicked up," Gottfried said.

While Western is bidding for the playoffs, Eastern will attempt to keep its hopes alive with a 1:30 EST game today against visiting Morehead State. Fresh from a 28-16 win over East Carolina, Eastern has won seven of its last eight games. Noting that his team is playing better now than at the same stage last year - a year in which the Colonels won the I-AA title - Eastern coach Roy Kidd has been actively campaigning for another playoff berth.

With our strength of schedule and the way we've been playing the last three games, if we were to beat Morehead I don't see how the committee could keep from considering us strongly for a playoff spot," Kidd said. "We're playing as good or better football right now as when we won the national championship last year."

Most observers, however, believe Eastern needs either a win by Murray today or by Southern University over No. 3 Grambling next week to make its second straight post-season appearance.

Kidd believes Eastern's improvement has paralleled the development of quarterback Chris Isaac, who was struggling earlier but completed 11 of 12 passes last week. "He's throwing the ball better, running the ball better and seems to have more confidence in himself," Kidd said.

"I'm really concerned about Morehead. They looked like a different team against Western than what they did against Liberty Baptist and Kentucky State. And I don't like the way we practiced this week.'

In another game involving a Kentucky school, the Thorobreds of Kentucky State will play at Tennessee State at 1:30 p.m. EST.

Western at Murray

Time: 2:30 p.m. (EST).

Location: Roy Stewart Stadium, Murray, Ky.

Coaches: Jimmy Feix, Western; Mike Gottfried, Murray.

Records: Western 9-0; Murray 8-2.

Notes: Western has already clinched the OVC championship, but the Hilltoppers come into this game ranked No. 1 in the country in Division I-AA and a victory over Murray would assure them a playoff spot. The last time Western went through the regular season undefeated was in 1973 and the Hilltoppers went on the play in the Division II national championship game before losing. Murray was ranked No. 1 for the first eight weeks of the season but the Racers have lost two straight games to Eastern and Austin Peay. The game also matches the OVC's best offensive team, Western, against the best defensive team, Murray. However, Western may have to play without guarterback John Hall, who suffered severely bruised ribs against Middle Tennessee two weeks ago. Western leads the series 23-17-6, but Murray won last year in Bowling Green 30-20.



# Racers gunning at WKU

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - While persons across the country were pondering who shot J.R., the folks around Murray are trying to figure out who put the slugs into the Racers.

Murray State was undefeated and ranked No.1 in NCAA Division I-AA for eight weeks this season. Then, inexplicably, the Racers lost on successive Saturdays to Eastern Kentucky and Austin Peay.

Not only did the Racers drop out of the playoff picture, the defending Ohio Valley Conference champions fell from the contention for the league title.

#### **OVC** Roundup

"Some people (were) wondering who shot J.R., but here it's who shot Murray," said Coach Mike Gottfried of the team in question. "But I don't have any excuses. We just got beat by better teams."

The Racers have an opportunity to regain some of its lost pride when it meets Western Kentucky, undefeated and today's top-rated team in Division I-AA. The Hilltoppers have already clinched their eighth conference crown.

"Although it's natural for our kids to be disappointed with the season, we'll be ready to play," said Gottfried of Saturday's game in Murray.

Gottfried doesn't offer any alibis for Murray State's sudden slip this season. "I look at the success of a season as performance times expectation," he said

"And I look at our record and say,

'Hey, we're 8-2 and have a chance of being 9-2. There are a lot of teams that would like to be 9-2.' We've had a good season.'

Gottfried welcomes the chance of spoiling Western Kentucky's perfect record, but he doesn't believe it should keep the Hilltoppers out of the playoffs.

"They're the league champions," he said. "They deserve a bid to to playoffs. They should have a lock on it." Murray State, which won last year's

meeting 30-20, trails the series 23-17-1.

In other conference games Saturday Morehead State visits playoff-hopeful Eastern Kentucky and Middle Tennessee travels to Tennessee Tech.

In nonconference play, Austin Peay goes to Arkansas State and Youngstown State is at Delaware. Akron closed its season last weekend against Middle Tennessee.

Eastern Kentucky, 4-2 in the conference and 8-2 overall, is riding a three-game winning streak after defeating East Carolina 28-16 last Saturday. The defending national champions will be making a final bid for the playoffs when they meet Morehead State

Quarterback Chris Issac turned in a stellar performance for the Colonels in the victory over Division I member East Carolina, completing 11 of 12 passes for 177 yards and two touchdowns.

Morehead State, 2-4 in the league and 4-6 overall, edged Kentucky State 15-10 last weekend. Linebacker Dan Gooch excelled for the Eagles with 15 tackles and one fumble recovery against Kentucky State.

Eastern Kentucky, which has a sevengame winning streak over the Eagles, owns a 31-15-4 edge in the series.

Middle Tennessee posted its first victory last weekend after eight defeats when it nipped Akron 13-9. Tennesee Tech holds a 28-20-6 margin in the series.

Austin Peay is the hottest team in the OVC with a six-game winning streak. The Governors, 7-3, stunned Murray State 24-0 two weeks ago.

### Feix to 'plow best horse against stingy Murray

As was hoped for three weeks ago when both owned unblemished records, Murray and Western are not facing each other today in Roy Stewart Stadium with perfect marks. The "Dream Game" has been

tarnished somewhat. Murray being derailed two weeks running by Eastern Kentucky and Austin Peay

Having owned the top ranking in the NCAA'S Division 1-AA poll for two months, the Racers now find themselves in an unfamiliar setting Because as Murray was being upset on

because as fully was coach Jimmy consecutive Saturdays, coach Jimmy Feix Hilltoppers suddenly vaulted four notches in the ratings, sharing the hot seat with Lehigh. While Mike Gottfried was trying to

while the other was nervously manuevering his team past upset-minded Morehead and Middle Tennessee. Western was a heavy favorite over both the OVC also rans, and barely held during both games to escape with the conference championship

The sudden turn of events has Feix concerned, "I can't visualize this Murray team losing three games in a row," he scale Friday mene games in a row. Ine scale Friday morning by telephone before his team departed for Murray. "Them getting beat twice in a row seems highly unlikely — It took some big and almost unlucky plays for them to get beat those



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two games." But breaks or not. Murray is 8-2, Western 9-0 and with a playoff berth for the Hilltoppers riding on the outcome. "It's that simple." said Feix. "If we win we're in. And if we don't we might not be. With Grambling and South Carolina St in our region it may be tough for us to get a bid if we lose." Feix was referring to the two Southern schools. referring to the two Southern, schools, which hold down the number three and

five ratings, respectively. Gottfried feels regardless of the outcome, Western should get the playoff nod. And although not stating it in clear terms, one gets his hint that Western should get the playoff nod over another OVC team - Eastern Kentucky - that is ranked fourth.

"Western should already be in," Gottfried said. "They are our conference champions and that should say enough. And they beat the other OVC team (Eastern) head-to-head. That should say who goes."

It is no secret around the nine-team loop that Gottfried and Roy Kidd at Eastern have developed a personal grudge the past two seasons. Gottfried is to Kidd what George Steinbrenner is to Billy Martin.

The feud started following last year's Murray-Eastern game in Murray. In post-game remarks, Kidd hinted that the Murray staff had tapped Eastern's communication system during the game.

Continuincation system during the game at Before the game at Richmond this year, Gottfried was quoted as saying he felt Eastern shouldn't have lost a game with the talent on their roster. Kidd took that as a siap in the face to he and his coaching staff.

And following Eastern's upset victory, Kidd admitted he would rather beat Murray than "any other team in the nation

But Gottfried may be boosting Western because he is at odds with the NCAA's policy on ranking teams. And he has been critical of the way the NCAA selects the four teams that vie for the national title. "It's not fair because they penalize teams that lose late in the season," he

said. "Plus, the regions are all fouled up.

There's too many teams and too many good teams in our region. They're going to have to invite a team out West that has lost three games (probably ninth-ranked Boise St.). And finally, they need more people on the ratings board and selections committee It isn't fair to have a guy responsible for rating the teams when he is involved with one of the teams being rated.

Eastern Kentucky athletic director Don Combs is on the ratings panel. However, Combs will not get to vate on the playoff selections if Eastern is considered for an invitation.

The third-year coach at Murray also feels that his team may have an advantage over Western, with the Hilltoppers facing the playoff pressure. "They have everything to lose and we don't," Gottiried said. "I beleive it could make a team play a little tight, knowing the playoffs are on the line. And that doesn't seem fair to them. Those other

doesn't seem fair to them. Those other learns that have lost a game or two are playing loose right now." Feix feels the experience of being there before will be a plus for his team. "We've been through this thing," he noted. "Some of our guys played on the 1973 team that had to beat Murray to win the league championship and he able to get a berth. So they know what it is all about. I don't think we'll play like there is pressure on us." pressure on us."

The game promises to be a close one Western is a team that has relied on it's bruising ground game, averaging 245 yards a game rushing. Murray possesses the league's best

defense against the rush and in scoring. "Like Bum Phillips says," Peix noted. "You plow your best horse. And that's what we're going to do. I do feel that we are a little familiar with their pressuretype defense since we used something similar for so many years. But we may have to attack it different than other defenses. You just have to bang it and hang it until it splits. That's the way people used to play against us.'

Whether Feix' team bangs or plows remains to be seen. But a lot of teams haven't had much luck chewing up real estate against Murray the past two vears.

Both Murray and Western had open dates last week to mend their wounds, both physically and menially. At Murray, Gottfried feels his team may have benefitted from the weekend off more more the theoremically.

may have benefited from the weekend off more mentally than physically, "It really helped with the week off," Gottfried said, "We kind of put everything behind us and regrouped. We are in great shape both mentally and obusically."

physically." For the first time since early in the For the first time since early in the season regular tailback Lindsey Hudspeth will be full speed. "We can really use him," the coach said. "Because we haven't had the versatility back there we had with him. It'll be a big 10 to an all. lift to us."

Feix and his staff feel the week off Feix and his staff feel the week off saved his team, though regular quarterback John Hall, the OVC's best as a sophomore and lunior, probably won't play. "The doctor told us if we didn't have to use him, not to," Feix said. "He bruited his ribs real had against Middle and missed all of last week. He practiced for the first time Thursday and just doesn't need to play unless we absolutely have to have him" have to have him

Hall wasn't the only Hilltopper banged up by the Blue Raiders "(Troy) Snardon is back 100% for the first time in some time nursing that hamstring," Feix sald, "And Donnie Evans (defensive end) has gotten over an injury. We feel that the time off really helped us." Feix will start Ralph Antone at quarterback. He's the sophomore who

came off the bench to spark wins over Middle and Eastern. "We have a Middle and Eastern. "We have a tremendous amount of confidence in him and feel he is very capable. If he can't get and terms very capace in the cart get us going, then we'll go with Marty Jaggers," the coach explained. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. and, according to Murray officials, there are still plenty of good seats available.

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# Western's Feix Is Worrying Only About What Happens on the Field Today

By Mike Johnson Herald Assistant Sports Editor

Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix prefers not to ponder the possibilities of losing

"We look at this as the first game in a three-game playoff for the na-tional championship," he says.

"What happens is our responsibility. If we lose, and don't make the playoffs it's our own fault. I won't appreciate it if we lose and get overlooked, but it's up to us to see to it that doesn't happen."

Feix's difficulty comprehending the ramifications of defeat is under standable. Western has not walked off the field a loser this season. Western will trot onto the turf at 2:30 (EST) this afternoon at Murray State's Stew art Stadium with a 9-0 record. The Hilltoppers already have the Ohio Valley Conference championship safely tucked away, but they must beat Murity to be assured only of the four spots

Today is 'Showdown Saturday.' Page C-5. □ Scouting Report, Page C-5.

"Murray and Western is always a big game, but there's a little more riding on this one," Feix says simply.

While Western tangles with Murray, halfway across the Commonwealth Eastern will be playing Morehead State at 1:30 (EST) at Hanger Field in the annual grudge match between two schools located only 70 miles apart. Eastern will be playing Morehead, but the Colonels will also be listening for the Murray-Western score at the same time, Eastern is 8-2 and, with impressive victories over Murray, Tennessee Tech and East Carolina in its last three games, the defending national champions have played their way back into the playoff picture. A Murray victory over Western conbined with an impressive probably improve Eastern's playoff chances considerably.

The I-AA national committee that selects the four playoff teams will most likely take two teams from the South, one as the regional representative and one as an at-large team. It now appears that the field for those two spots has been narrowed to Western, Eastern, Grambling and South Carolina State. Western will get a bid by beating Murray, but the Hilltoppers could wind up staying home if they lose. The committee could then take either Grambling and South Carolina State or Grambling and Eastern.

That, of course, does not please Feix, considering that Western is the OVC champion and beat Eastern 13-10 in Bowling Green.

"I think it would be inappropriate to take the second place team (Eastern) and leave the conference champion at home," he says. "Eastern's in the same kind of situation we were two years ago when we were 8-2, make it. I

wouldn't like it, but like I said, it's up to us to win and make sure it doesn't happen.

week, the I-AA committee could pos-

Should Eastern and Western both win this week and should Grambling lose to Southern University next

sibily take both OVC teams. It did that last season by taking Murray and Eastern. "I'd be tickled if it turned out that

way," Feix says. First, though, there is this little matter of some unfinished business

against Murray and Morehead. Here is a closer look at each game: Eastern vs. Morehead - Eastern has won its last eight games with Morehead, taking some of the enthusi-

asm out of this once-intense rivalry. Eastern has won three straight games and seven of its last eight. The Colonels also seem to be climbing towards their peak,

They look much better now than they did early in the sease

Morehead coach Tom Lichtenberg. "Right now, at this point in the season, I'd say Eastern is the best football team we've played."

Certainly the Eastern offense, sluggish early in the year, seems to be clicking. In the last two games, quarterback Chris Isaac has completed 17 of 20 passes for 265 yards and tailback Anthony Braxton has rushed for 223.

"Our offense finally jelled," says Eastern coach Roy Kidd. "For the last three games, Chris has been the Chris Isaac I thought he'd be all season. He's been the biggest difference in the way our team has played and I think right now we're play as well, or better than we did last season."

That is not good news for Morehead. The Eagles broke a three-game losing streak last week by beating Kentucky State 15-10, but they are bruised and battered.

We're a little beat up," Lichtenberg says "and we're very young. sonhomore on offense against Eastern. We're gonna have to play without emotion and not make mistakes just to stay in the game with them.

Morehead will need a big game from Dorron Hunter, the little tail-back who leads the OVC in rushing and needs to gain just 62 yards to be come the first Morehead player since 1974 to rush for 1,000 yards in a sea SON.

"I don't think there's a better athlete in the conference," Lichtenberg says. "He right up there in the confer ence in rushing and kickoff returns. He can catch the ball and he can throw it. He does it all for us."

Western vs. Murray - Murray has lost back-to-back games to Eastern and Austin Peay but the Racers were ranked No. 1 in I-AA for the first eight weeks of the season and that's enough to worry Feix.

"That's some cause for concern," he says. "?" Irray is just too gr'd a

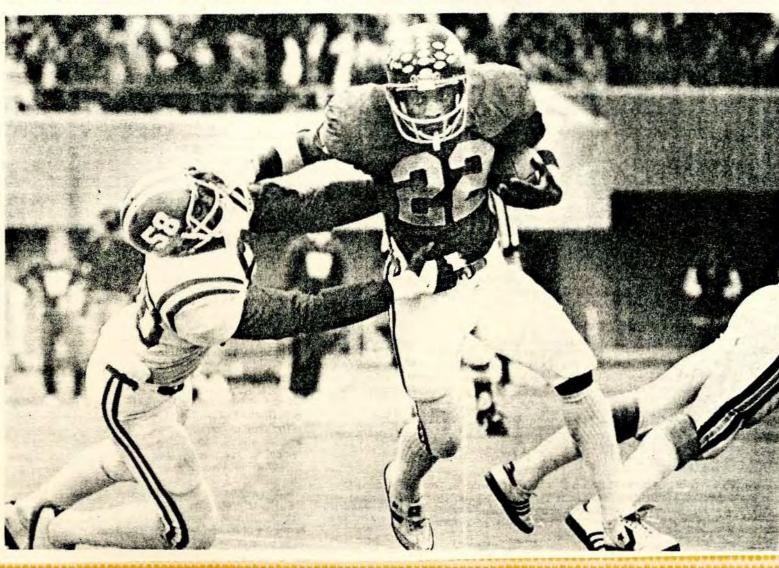
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#### Staying up

MURRAY TAILBACK Lindsey Hudspeth (22) pushes off Western linebacker Bryan Gray (58) in Murray's 49-0 blitz over the previously undefeated Hilltoppers. Hudspeth raced for four touchdowns and tied a Murray record for touchdowns in a single game. Hudspeth had 150 yards in 17 carries in leading the 1979 OVC champions over this year's league champs.

(AP Laserphoto)



# **A shocker**! Murray shatters Western unbeaten hopes by 49-0!

MURRAY, Ky. (AP) — Lindsey Hudspeth ran for 150 yards and four touchdowns and Gino Gibbs passed for three scores Saturday as Murray State buried previously unbeaten Western Kentucky 49-0 in a shocking Ohio Valley Conference football game.

Western Kentucky's OVC champions entered the game with a 9-0 record and shared with Lehigh the No.1 ranking in the NCAA Division I-AA poll. But the shocking setback to No.10 Murray, now 9-2, not only ended Western's unbeaten season but also seriously jeopardized the Hilltopper's playoff hopes.

Hudspeth gave Murray all the points it needed with 2:47 left in the first period, capping a 60-yard, eightplay drive with a 15-yard run.

Murray blew the game open with a 28-point second period that featured scoring runs of 75 and 3 yards by Hudspeth and TD passes of 48 and 42 yards from Gibbs to wide receiver Anthony Robbins.

So completely did Murray dominate the game that Western made only one serious scoring threat. That came with three minutes left to play when the Hilltoppers moved to Murray's 13yard line. But thirdstring quarterback Marty Jaggers was sacked for a 14yard loss on third down to kill the drive.

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# Murray runs Tops, mascot ragged

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#### Yesterday's Game

Arkansas State 14, Austin Peay 9 Middle Tennessee 21. Tennessee Tech 7 Eastern Kentucky 18, Morehead State 14 Murray State 49, Western Kentucky 0

Only games scheduled

#### By CLARK HANES

Daily News Sports Editor MURRAY, Ky. — By the end of the day, somebody should have reported Murray's football team to the Humane Society.

Not so much for what the Racers did to Western's newly-crowned Ohio Valley Conference here Saturday in the regular-season finale for both teams, which was bad enough, but for what they did to their mascot-a shiny black beauty of a thoroughbred named "Cactus Violet.'

For the past six years, the racehorse has been circling the track at Stewart Stadium every time Murray scored. But the unsuspecting equine got more than he bargained for Saturday, with the Racers shocking previously undefeated Western to the tune of 49-0.

After taking a 7-0 lead in the first 15 minutes, Murray exploded for 28 points in the second quarter and went on to hand the Hilltoppers one of their most lopsided defeats in history

The Racers had come into the seasonending clash reeling from a two-game losing streak, after winning their first eight games of the season. Meanwhile, Western was 9-0 and hoping to clinch a spot in next month's Division I-AA playoffs with either a win or at least a respectable showing.

Instead, it looked more like a pickup game where one of the guys choosing sides didn't know any of the other players.

I don't have any idea what this does to our playoff chances," said a disbelieving Western coach Jimmy Feix afterwards. "I don't guess I've ever been more surprised with the way a game turned out than what happened today. But I still don't see how the playoff committee can pick another OVC team ahead of us...unless it's Murray.

Saturday's stunning outcome before a Stewart Stadium crowd of 15,800, combined with an 18-14 win for Eastern over Morehead in Richmond, left all three teams with nine regular-season wins and their own playoff hopes.

Surprisingly, though, Murray coach Mike Gottfried still seemed to be pleading Western's case after the reenactment of Little Big Horn.

Western is still the league champion," he explained, "and I still think the league champion should represent the OVC in the playoffs. That's a tougher question now after the way we dominated them today, but Western still has a fine football team. We played about as well as we could play.

Between them, senior running back Lindsey Hudspeth and junior quarterback Gino Gibbs accounted for all of the Racers' scoring.

Hudspeth, making up for lost time after missing much of the season with injuries, scored four touchdowns on runs of 15, 75. three and four yards.

Gibbs, after a disastrous outing two weeks ago in a 24-0 loss to Austin Peay, clicked on touchdown passes of 48 and 42 yards to Anthony Robbins, in addition to a one-yarder to Kris Robbins (no relation)

Hudspeth wound up rushing for 158 yards on 17 carries for the Racers, while Gibbs completed nine of 19 attempts for 160 yards.

"We just felt like we didn't have anything to lose," said Gibbs after the game. "I think that helped us, and I think all the pressure of being undefeated and No. 1 in the country (Division I-AA) hurt Western. We knew they'd be feeling the heat, because that's what happened to us earlier this year.'

Hudspeth got the only score of the first quarter on a 15-yard spring down the sidelines, after taking a perfect option pitch from Gibbs. In the second quarter, Murray turned it into a rout with Hudspeth tacking on two more scoring runs and Gibbs connecting with Anthony Robbins on a couple of bombs over the middle.

It was 35-0 at the half, and things went from bad to worse for Western early in the third quarter. Murray got the ball at the Hilltoppers' 25 after a blocked Ray Farmer punt, and went the distance in five plays.

After the Racers scored yet another touchdown late in the same period, both coaches cleared their benches in the fourth quarter. Western's most serious scoring threat came in the final minutes when reserve quarterback Marty Jaggers sparked a march to the Murray 6, but the Hilltoppers wound up losing the ball on downs.

Sophomore starter Ralph Antone and injured senior John Hall spent most of the day calling signals for Western, but neither had any luck against Murray's vaunted defense.

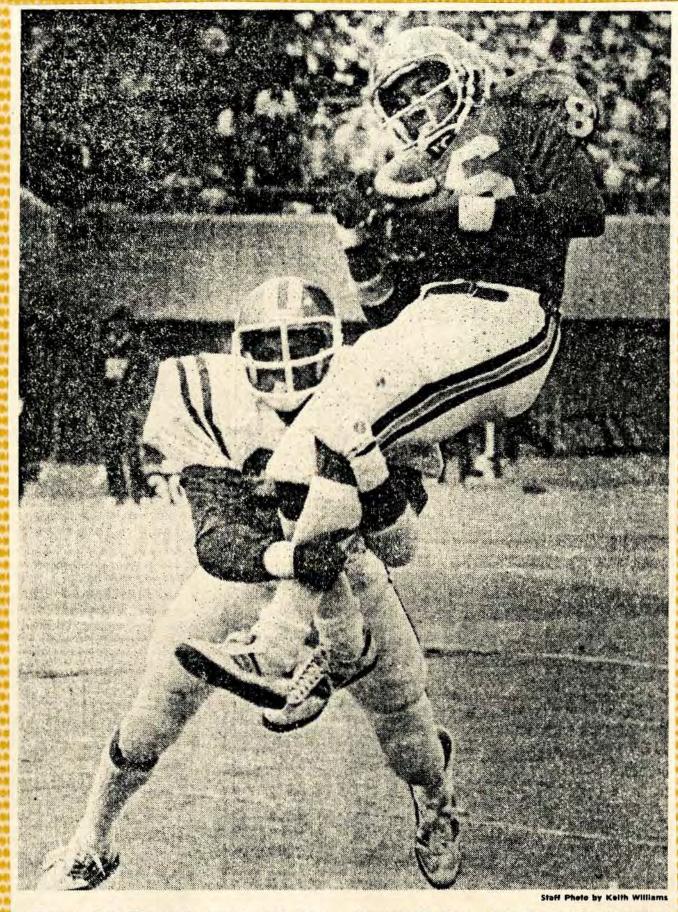
"I guess I could've played more today," said Hall, a former two-time All-OVC quarterback who suffered some bruised ribs in a game two weeks ago, "but if I had taken a shot in the chest, they probably would've carried me off on a stretcher. It's tough for it to end like this, but there just wasn't much I could do.'

"Murray was up for the game and we weren't," he added, "and they beat us. They killed us."

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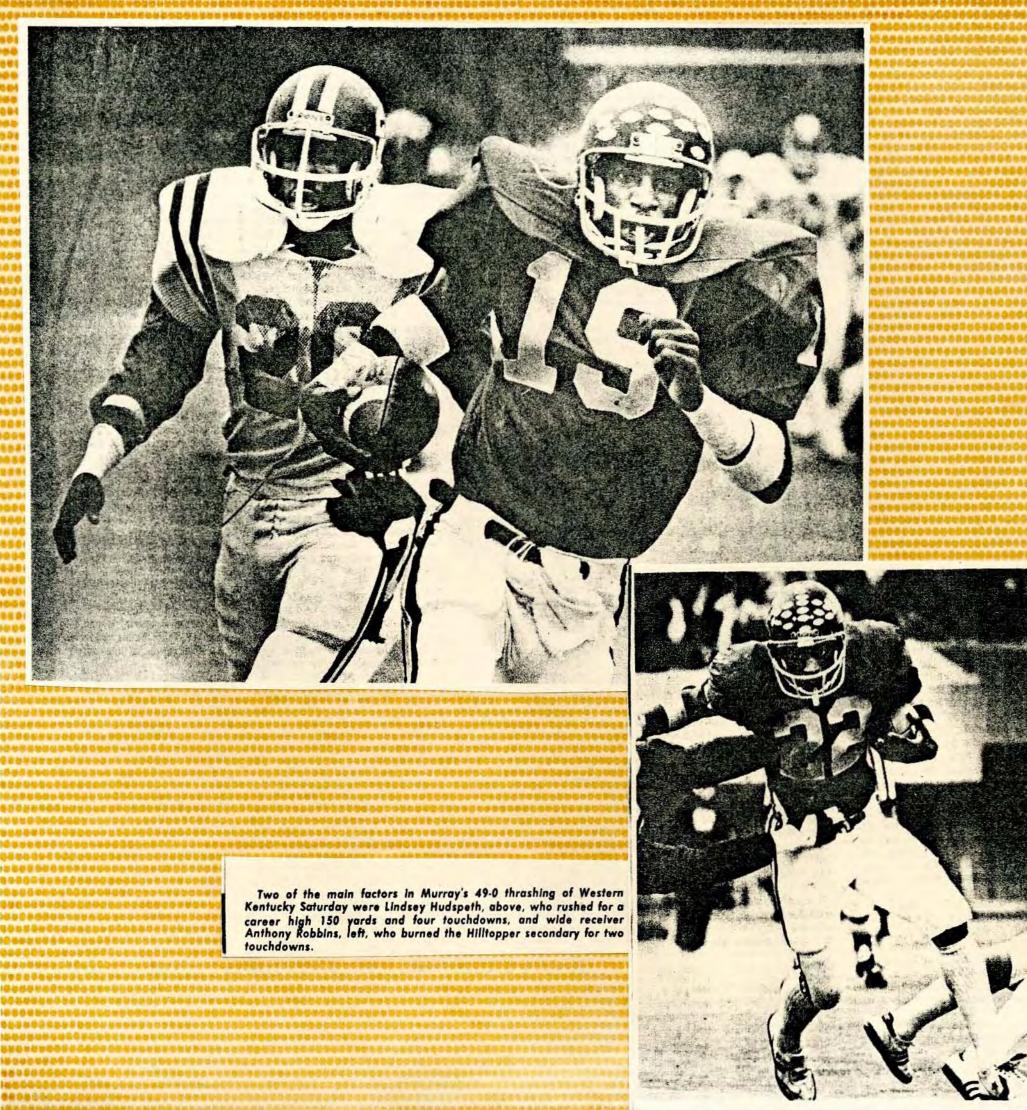
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Murray's Greg King made a catch, good for a first down in the second quarter, as Western's

Lamont Meacham made the tackle. Murray shocked the previously unbeaten Hilltoppers 49-0.



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## Murray's 49-0 rout leaves Western bid to playoffs in doubt

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

MURRAY, Ky. - Those who try to predict earthquakes have said that the Jackson Purchase area around Murray is a potential site. But if the 50-yard line at Roy Stew-

art Stadium had been the San Andreas Fault, none of them could have predicted the tremor that shook the place yesterday. The Richter scale measured it Murray State 49, Western Kentucky 0.

As 15,800 fans could testify, the joint was really shaking. Western, the Ohio Valley Conference champion and shooting for an unbeaten season and a playoff berth, fell behind 35-0 by halftime. The Hilltoppers went on to take their worst defeat in 34 years, and it wasn't that close.

Because of the immensity of its loss, Western may have blown its chances to make the four-team NCAA Division I-AA playoffs, which start Dec. 13. The Hilltoppers went into the game with them coming on a 75-yard draw play nine victories and were tied with Lehigh for the No. 1 national ranking.

Murray, the pre-season OVC favor-

Eastern Kentucky gets fired up after trailing 14-3 at halftime and defeats Morehead State 18-14. Story, Page C 4.

ite, had won its first eight games but had los: its last two. Perhaps very important was the open date Murray had last week to regroup.

"It looked like they benefited from it considerably. They used the extra time very well," said Western coach Jimmy Feix, whose team also was off a week ago.

With 471 yards total offense, Murray gained almost 300 more yards than did Western. Senior tailback Lindsey Hudspeth, who spent part of the season playing defense, alone rushed for 150 yards, which was only fewer than the entire Western 27 team. Hudspeth also tied an OVC record with four touchdowns, one of

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### **Murray State** overwhelms Western 49-0

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during Murray's 28-point second quar-

"We just had a couple of bad games. We're still the best," Hudspeth said. "I think Western will vouch for that."

Feix reluctantly agreed. "They've been capable of doing it all along. That's the best anyone has executed against us since Louisiana Tech in 1973."

That season resembled this one. Western had won its first 12 games before losing to Louisiana Tech 34-0 in the Division II national championship game.

Murray's offense had taken a bum rap much of the season. At least four teams had won the toss and elected to kick to the Racers, rather than be stopped in their own territory by Murray's defense, which ranks first in the nation.

Western was no exception, winning the toss but taking a 5-10 mph wind at its back. "The wind being what it was. we felt very comfortable giving their offense the ball," Feix said. "I thought it was smart strategy. The next time I looked up it was 35-0."

Murray State coach Mike Gottfried explained that he had used the twoweek layoff to make some offensive changes, switches that especially worked for Hudspeth, quarterback Gino Gibbs and wide receiver Anthony Robbins. "We changed our pass protection and we went to a sprint-out game with Gino," Gottfried said.

Once conservative offensively, Murray went to the air 20 times, with Gibbs completing nine of 19 for 160 yards. Robbins, a former junior-college teammate of Gibbs, caught six for 139 yards and two touchdowns.

"We just tried to get me out of the pocket," said Gibbs, who also ran for 56 yards in nine carries. "It gave me a little more time."

Western's strategy of kicking off re-sulted only in a 54-yard march by Murray that failed to produce a score. Hudspeth was sacked while attempting to throw a halfback pass from Western's 18, and Jeff Lancaster went on to miss a 43-yard field-goal attempt.

But Murray was not to be denied on its next series, Tommy Houk returning Ray Farmer's punt 19 yards to his own 40. From the 23, Gibbs passed 13 yards to Robbins and after a delay-ofgame penalty, Hudspeth swept left end for a touchdown with 2:47 left in the first quarter.

Seconds before the quarter ended, Farmer got off a 60-yard punt that put Murray back at its own 14. But the Racers needed only 31/2 minutes to go 86 yards, the last 48 of them covered by a Gibbs-to-Robbins pass David

Tuck kicked the second of his seven extra points.

Western still hadn't been in Murray territory, and the Hilltoppers punted from their own 47 to Murray's 19 on the next series. On third and four from his 25, Hudspeth broke through a big hole on a draw play and raced down the left sideline for a score. Lamont Meacham caught him at the two, but Hudspeth struggled into the end zone

"I've had problems with my ankle. I was running a little slow," Hudspeth said. "Give the line credit. That's the best job they've done all year. This was our playoff game right here. We just demolished them."

On its first play after the kickoff, Western's Ralph Antone was intercepted by Houk at the Hilltopper 30. Houk taunted the Hilltoppers by sticking the ball toward their faces as he ran out of bounds at the eight. Despite an unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty for that act, Murray still scored, with Hudspeth getting the touchdown from the three.

Again unsuccessful at moving the ball - Western didn't see Murray territory until late in the first half -Western punted again to Murray's 42. On third and five from the 47, Gibbs scrambled for 11 yards, then passed to a wide-open Robbins for 42 yards and a 35-0 lead.

It was the fifth consecutive series on which the Racers had scored.

Thanks to a penalty — Murray had 12 players on the field during a Western punt - the Hilltoppers got to the Racers' 29 late in the half, but Greg

Evans intercepted an Antone pass at the 13.

By then, Murray's 11-year-old thor-oughbred mascot, Violet Cactus, had run the Kentucky Derby distance. The horse runs a lap around the track after each Murray touchdown, and by day's end she had done a mile and three-quarters. That's the most points Murray has scored since Violet Cactus was a foal.

While Violet was finishing up her halftime bucket of oats, she was rudely interrupted when the Racers' John Walsh blocked a punt by Farmer from the Hilltopper 30. Gibbs gained 15 yards on a keeper, and from the one passed to Kris Robbins for another touchdown. With 52 seconds left in the third quarter, Hudspeth scored his fourth touchdown of the game from the four.

"They had a great game play and they executed it very, very well," Feix said. "They protected the quarterback very well, and he threw very well. There wasn't anything wrong with what we did, but a five-touchdown first half is hard to overcome. We were ready to play mentally and psychologically. And where does that leave West-

ern's playoff hopes?

'I don't have any idea," Feix said. Gottfried said he still believes Western should get a playoff bid, based on the fact that the Hilltoppers won the league championship. "They're a great football team, and they've got a class organization. It was just our day.'

#### Hudspeth nabs four TDs

### Racer gets workout as Murray romps, 49-0

#### By LEO PECKENPAUGH Sports Editor

MURRAY The Murray State mascot, a thoroughbred named Violet Cactus, ran one-and-three-quarter miles around the stadium track here Saturday during the Murray-Western football game. Each trip'around the quarter-mile oval was in celebration of a Racer touchdown.

The ll-year old mare was presented a blanket and wreath of roses at halftime for her service to the University the past few years. She had made a total of 149 trips in signifying another Racer score.

But that wasn't the big news of the Ohio Valley Conference football game this day Tailback Lindsey Hudspeth rambled

for a personal career best of 150 yards and four touchdowns.

But he wasn't the story, either. And quarterback Gino Gibbs riddled

the Hilltopper defense for three touchdowns and 160 yards.

But, still, he wasn't the big hit. Murray beat Western 49-0 in the final

game of the season for the two old rivals! That's right, the nation's number-one racked Division 1-AA team was humbled by seven touchdowns to nothing, ending a nine-game winning streak and probably eliminating Western from any postseason playoff hopes.

That was the big news in Murray, Ky. Saturday

The outcome shocked Western coach Jimmy Feix so, he was nearly at loss for

words as he spoke in the silent Hilltopper dressing room following the game. "I guess this is the biggest surprise in

the world that they could beat us this badly," Feix dejectedly told reporters. "I just didn't think they had the capability of making so many big plays on us. It is really a shock."

Murray made the big plays. They made the little plays. And coach Mike Gottfried's team, which was rebounding from back-to-back losses, did as it wished in completely destroying the 1980 OVC champions.

"I think what happened today is that our guys, they put together their best Gottfried said, "and that's what effort. it took. Not taking anything away from Western, but our kids . . . I knew when we had the open date week that our kids were going to play. I knew that something was coming because our guys were practicing hard and they wanted to go out and win. . .they wanted to win that last ballgame."

From start to finish, Murray dominated.

They took the opening kickoff, when Feix elected to kickoff with the wind after winning the coin toss, and marched to the Western 19 in 15 plays only to come away empty-handed on a missed field goal

Western was unable to move the ball and punted.

The Racers then scored on their next four possessions.

Gibbs engineered the first score,

taking Murray 60 yards in eight plays. Hudspeth took an option pitch from the slithering quarterback and scored from the 15 with 2:47 left in the first period. David Tuck's first of seven extra points made it 7-0.

The Racer game plan appeared to be a wide open one. In their first two series, Gibbs either ran the hall himself or passed the football 12 of the 23 plays. "We just came out and stuck with our game plan," the junior signalcaller-explained as the final seconds ticked off the stadium clock. "Coach said we were just going to go at them with everything we got. And that's what we did. We went with our short game there at first, the five-yard slant-in, the five-yard out and the five-yard curl. And he (Gottfried) already told me earlier that he was going to come out with that type of game play

Obviously it was effective. Because Murray and Gibbs had the Western secondary caught completely off guard. Murray began the next drive from the

Murray 14. And following. seven and 13yard completions to split end Greg King, fought itself out of the hole.

Kenny Davis found good running room around the right side and went 11 yards to mid-field.

Following a two-yard scramble by Gibbs, the diminuitive quarterback found wide receiver Anthony Robbins all alone behind the Western secondary, and the fleet Racer ran untouched into the endzone

Trailing 14-0, Western began moving

the ball as it had all season, in a methodical march to the Murray 49. But on second and two, tailback Nate

Jones was sacked for a four-yard loss and it was curtains for the Hilltoppers. That was as close to being in the game Feix' troops would be the rest of the day.

On third down Ralph Antone's pass fell incomplete and Ray Farmer punted to the Murray 19.

Then, just three plays later, came the play that started the rout.

With the Racers facing third-and-four at the 25, Hudspeth took the ball from Gibbs on a draw play. He avoided a tackler as he sped up the middle, then saw daylight up the left sideline. Suddenly he had outan the entire Western secondary and run 75 yards to make it 20-0 at the 4:17 mark.

"This means a lot, being my last game," the senior from Murray High said. "It was a great way to end it. We just came out and had fun played with a lot of enthusiasm and emotion. They got a great team and great defense. They do a lot of blitzing and stuff and I'm surprised we didn't have more trouble with them than we did."

Murray had little trouble, and the fun was just beginning.

On Western's next possession, Antone was intercepted by cornerback Tommy Houk at the Western 30. He ran the ball back to the 'Topper eight where he taunted Western tacklers and drew a 15yard unsportsmanlike penalty, pushing the ball back to the 23.

However, three rushes by Hudspeth the first of which went for 19 yards -resulted in another Murray score and it was 28-0.

Again, Western was stymied on offense. And, again, Gibbs went to work as

Murray took over on its 42. Following a five-yard run by fullback

Tony Lester, Gibbs scrambled up the right sideline to the Western 42. Then, with just 1:47 left in the half, Gibbs hit Robbins for the 42-yard score. Robbins had slipped behind the 'Topper secondary and was all alone once again.

"I guess they probably executed on big plays better than anyone against us since 1973 (in a 34-0 loss to Louisiana Tech in the Division II national championship game)," Feix said. "We were doing everything we could. They picked up our stunts, plus they threw the ball perfectly on tight man-to-man coverage. Just about everything they did was them instead of our mistakes. We didn't make that many mistakes. The effectiveness and efficiency with which they threw the ball was the difference in the ballgame, obviously." Down 35-0 at the half, Feix knew his

team was in serious trouble. Perhaps a close loss would still get his team in the four-team national playoffs and he told his team the third quarter was very crucial.

"We felt like we needed to score three times in the third quarter. We needed to go into the fourth quarter two behind,"

he explained, "We had to take a lot of chances and do a lot of things And that's what happens when you try to double up and catch up. You just get farther and farther behind.

Western found itself embarassed in the third period when Murray took the ball on its first third-period possession and went in from 25 yards out to make it 42-0 The big play was a blocked Farmer punt by the Racers' John Walsh

In five plays, on fourth-and-goal from the one, Gibbs rolled left and hit Kris Robbins for the score

Murray got its final score on a fouryard dive by Hudspeth late in the third period.

The victory gave Murray a share for second place in the conference and left a glimmer of hope for the tenth-ranked Racers of getting into the playoffs with their 9-2 mark

"I feel Western still won the league championship and I still fell like they should represent the league," Gottfried said. "I think with our decisive win that we would still be in consideration but I don't know what everybody else did, so I

think that's important " Said Feix of his team's playoff chances, which appeared to be crumbled by the rout. "I don't have any idea I don't know what the committee will do It's purely a subjective evaluation.

don't see how they can pick another Ohio Valley Conference team ahead of us unless it's Murray

Staff Photo by Keith Williams

Lindsey Hudspeth (facing camera) was congratulated by teammates after scoring the first touchdown in Murray's 49-0 romp past Western.



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# **A Funny Thing Happened**

# Fired-Up Murray

# Routs Western 49-0 on the Way to the Playoffs ...

#### By Gene McLean Staff Writer

MURRAY - Late in yesterday's game with Western Kentucky, the Murray fans stood and applauded as the boosters presented Violet Cactus, the 11-year-old thoroughbred and team mascot, with flowers.

It's a wonder the poor horse had the strength to walk to midfield.

Violet Cactus circles the field each time Murray scores a touchdown. Yesterday she made so many laps it looked like the Indianapolis 500.

For the record, Murray sent the horse on seven trips while running over Division I-AA's undefeated and No. 1-ranked Hilltoppers 49-0 in the last regular-season game for both teams.

"This is the kind of game a coach always dreams about," said Murray coach Mike Gottfried in the noisy locker room afterwards. "Western is a great, great football team. They are well-coached and have an awful lot of

Murray scored seven points in the (Turn to MISSING, C-4)

class. But today was just our day."

first quarter, added 28 more in the second and then put 14 more on the scoreboard in the third before Gottfried put in his second string. The 49 points were the most a Murray team has had since Gottfried took over

# Missing Murray Offense Returns to Blast Western

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three years ago. It's the most since a 53-49 shoot-out with Austin Peav in 1969.

It was done by a team which has caught more criticism than touchdown passes all year for its lack of offense. Entering the game, Murray was averaging just 17.7 points a game and fresh off a 24-0 shutout by Austin Peay. It also was done to a WKU team which had allowed only an average of 12 points a game.

"We wanted to open things up early today and just go right at 'em," said Gottfried. "We kinda changed our offense a little by putting in a rollout passing attack, rather than just the straight drop back which we had been using all year. And it worked great. It gave our quarterback more protection and we really generated some offense."

Murray showed it had an offense

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when the Racers took the opening kick on its own 20 and marched to the Western 18 yard line. But the drive stalled there, and it appeared Western had escaped when Jeff Lancaster missed a 43-yard field goal.

The next five times the Racers had the ball, however, they scored.

After Lancaster's miss, Western took over at its own 26, managed one first down and punted, Murray taking over on its own 40.

Behind the passing of junior quarterback Gino Gibbs and the running of senior tailback Lindsey Hudspeth, the Racers marched 60 yards in just eight plays. Hudspeth, who finished with 150 yards rushing and four touchdowns to tie an Ohio Valley Conference record, capped the drive with a 15-yard option play around the left end. David Tuck's kick made it 7-0 with 2:47 left in the first quarter.

After stopping Western again, the Racers took over at their own 14. A couple of Gibbs passes and a couple of runs moved the ball to the Western 48. Gibbs then rolled out to the left, spotted Anthony Robbins streaking down the middle the field and hit him with a perfect strike. Tuck's kick made it 14-0 with 11:31 left in the first half.

Again, Murray's defense stopped Western and forced a punt. This time, the Racers took over at their own 19. On the third play, Hudspeth took the handoff from Gibbs on a draw play, spurted through the left side and sprinted down the sideline 75 yards for Murray's third TD in a row. Tuck's kick made it 21-0 with 5:43 left.

Up 21-0, it didn't take Murray long to put the game out of reach. Western took the ensuing kickoff on its own 20 and on the first play from scrimmage, senior defensive back Tommy Houk picked off a pass from Ralph Antone at the 30 and returned it to the Western 8. An unsportsmanlike conduct call on Houk, for holding up the ball and tempting the Western players, moved it back to the 23 but it didn't matter. Three straight runs by Hudspeth produced another TD and Tuck made it 28-0 with 4:17 to go.

### **Toppers'** Chances Now 50-50 Says Feix

#### Associated Press

Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix says he doesn't know what effect his football team's shocking 49-0 loss to Murray State will have on the previously unbeaten Hilltoppers' chances for a playoff bid.

"I think we have about a 50-50 chance," Feix said Sunday. "But then, I think the Ohio Valley Conference champion every year should have a bid."

Murray was so domineering Saturday that Western made only one serious scoring threat. With three minutes left to play the Hilltoppers moved to Murray's 13-yard line, but the drive ended on third down when third-string quarterback Marty Jaggers was sacked 14 yards.

"We ran into an awfully wellprepared Murray football team," Feix said. "They played up to their potential...and we didn't. It was just one of those days."

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### Lehigh, Boise State in playoffs; Eastern, Western are on hold

#### By STAN SUTTON Courier-Journal Staff Writer

Lehigh and Boise State were chosen yesterday to fill half of the field for the NCAA's Division I-AA playoffs, and both Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky are among five teams still under consideration to fill the two remaining berths.

Eastern athletic director Don Combs, who has been one of four men voting on the I-AA poll this season, said the final two selections probably will be announced Sunday. Under consideration are Grambling, South Carolina State, Delaware, Eastern and Western, he said.

Lehigh (9-0-2) will be the site of a first-round game on Dec. 13. The other first-round game will be played the same day, with one of the undetermined representatives serving as host. The winners will advance to the NCAA Division I-AA title game at Sacramento, Calif., Dec. 20.

The playoff field will be made up of a representative from three regions plus an at-large representative. Lehigh represents the East Region, Boise State (8-3) the West. The South Region team will be chosen from among Grambling, South Carolina State, Eastern and Western. Delaware and the three teams rejected for the South Region bid will be considered for the atlarge entry, Combs said.

Because of conflicts of interest, two of the four men determining the I-AA ratings will not vote in the final poll, which is to be released on Dec. 3. Combs will be replaced by A. L. Williams of Northwest Louisiana. Milt Hunter of South Carolina State will be replaced by, Walter Reed of Jackson State. Both Williams and Hunter have served as South Region advisors to

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Delaware (9-2)	No.	6

Combs and have been in on weekly ratings conversations all season.

One reason Lehigh was selected as a first-round site was because that school had competed in six previous playoffs and had not had a home game.

All of the contending teams have finished their seasons except Grambling, which meets archrival Southern Saturday. Grambling has a 9-1 record and handed South Carolina State its only loss. Western also has lost only once, but it was a 49-0 setback at Murray State last Saturday that is certain to topple the Hilltoppers several notches in this week's poll, which will be released Wednesday. Western was tied with Lehigh for the No. 1 spot last week.

Eastern has two defeats, but has lost only to Western in its last nine games. Delaware is 9-2 and is the defending NCAA Division II champion, having advanced a class this season.

"Delaware has consistently been a contender in Division II. They are familiar with post-season competition and average about 18,000 to 20,000 a See OVC

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### OVC schools await poll outcome

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game," said Combs, emphasizing that these money-making considerations would not influence the selection of teams, but would be considered when playoff sites are determined.

Most teams in the East don't play intersectional games, so Delaware has met only one mutual opponent of either Eastern or Western. Eastern blitzed Youngstown State 45-0, while Delaware beat the Penguins 20-13.

Combs said that with the exception of Grambling, it was unlikely that any of the other teams would change position in next week's poll because their seasons are completed. The at-large team will be selected from the high-

est-rated team not winning a regional berth. Thus, if either of the Kentucky schools trails two other South Region teams in Wednesday's ratings, it presumably is out of luck.

Eastern figures to benefit from winning the national championship last season, when it buried Lehigh 30-7 in the championship game. Western won the Ohio Valley Conference championship, and the OVC has had three teams in the top 10 all season.

There are 46 colleges playing Division I-AA football. Combs said that if that number ever approached 64 teams the NCAA probably would lean toward increasing the playoff field to eight schools.

### Lehigh, Boise St. Claim I-AA Berths; Others Wait

MISSION, Kan. (AP) – Lehigh, Pa., 9-0-2, and Boise State, Idaho, 8-3, have been named to compete in the NCAA Division I-AA football championship playoffs.

Two more teams will be selected Nov. 30 to complete the four-team bracket.

Lehigh will host one of the semifinal games to be played Dec. 13. In Division II quarter-finals Saturday, Eastern Illinois, 9-2, hosts Northern Colorado, 7-3; North Alabama, 9-1, hosts Virginia Union, 9-1-1; Santa Clara, Calif., 8-2, hosts Northern Michigan, 9-1, and California Poly San Luis Obispo, 7-3, hosts Jacksonville State, 8-2.

Semifinals will be played Dec. 6 with the winners advancing to the Zia Bowl Dec. 13 in Albuquerque, N.M.

### Eastern, Western Playing Waiting Game in I-AA

#### By Mike Johnson Assistant Sports Editor

The waiting game has begun for Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky.

The Division I-AA football committee announced yesterday that it had selected Lehigh from the East and Boise State from the West to fill two of the four spots in the playoffs for the national championship. That was no surprise.

The committee also announced that it would pick the other two playoff teams — the South representative and and at-large team that will most likely come from the South — Sunday after Grambling plays Southern University in the Louisiana Superdome Saturday night. That was no surprise, either.

Eastern, Western, Grambling and South Carolina State appear to be the only teams still under consideration for the two remaining playoff spots. Which teams will get them is anybody's guess.

However, the I-AA weekly poll released yesterday offers some indications. Lehigh was ranked No. 1, with Grambling No. 2, Eastern and South Carolina State tied for No. 3 with Western ranked No. 5. Delaware, Boise State, Northwestern, La., and Boston University followed in order with Murray State, Massachusetts and Connecticut tied for 10th.



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"It gets kind of hairy," said Lyle Smith, athletic director at Boise State and chairman of the I-AA national committee. "I think what we'll probably do Sunday is take the teams still in consideration and go over their schedules. We'll look at their opponents and what their opponents did. Then we'll cuss and discuss it."

Western, of course, was tied with Lehigh for No. 1 last week. Western could have assured itself a playoff invitation by beating Murray Saturday. The Hilltoppers lost 49-0, however, and severely damaged their playoff chances.

"It would have made things a heck of a lot easier if Western Kentucky hadn't lost," Smith said. "It hurt them, that's for sure."

If a team from the Ohio Valley Conference gets a playoff berth, Eastern now seems to be the most likely selection. The Colonels have won four

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### Western's Feix Is OVC Coach Of Year

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jimmy Feix, head coach of Ohio Valley Conference champion Western Kentucky, has been chosen the league's football coach of the year.

Feix was selected for the honor in balloting by his fellow OVC coaches, conference officials said Monday.

Feix, an All-American football player at Western in the early 1950s, guided the Hilltoppers to a 9-1 regular season record and the league crown this year. For most of the season, Western was ranked in top ten of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division I-AA, at one point tied for first.

He collected five of eight possible first-place votes to win the award. Coach Watson Brown of Austin Peay received two votes and Tom Lichtenberg of Morehead State received one vote.

In his 13th year of directing Western Kentucky's football program, Feix also received coach-of-the-year honors in 1973 ad 1978.

Murray State coach Mike Gottfried received the honor last year.

### Lehigh, Boise in I-AA Playoffs; Other Bids to Go Out Sunday

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straight games since losing at Western 13-10, they, have beaten two Division I-A teams and they are the defending national champions.

The fact that Western is the OVC champion apparently does not hurt Eastern's case. The committee members point out that conference affiliation has nothing to do with the selection of the playoff teams. They say they look at the 48 I-AA teams as a whole without regard to conferences or conference championships.

"In the West last year Montana State won the Big Sky Conference and beat Nevada-Reno but Reno got in the playoffs," Smith said. "We got a lot of criticism for it, but I'd seen both teams play. The difference in the game was just two points and Montana State lost its last game of the season to a Division II team. Winning a conference championship doesn't make you an automatic choice."

If Grambling wins Saturday, the Tigers almost certainly will be issued a playoff bid. Then the committeewould have to choose between South Carolina State, Eastern and Western. The fact that Eastern is the defending champion and that South Carolina State and Western each lost their final game is also in Eastern's favor. South Carolina State is also hindered by a weak schedule that included four Division II teams.

Should Grambling lose to Southern, it appears that the Tigers would then be knocked out of the picture. Then the two remaining playoff spots would be awarded to South Carolina State, Eastern or Western.

Eastern athletic director Don Combs sits on the South advisory committee and also on the national committee. However, because Eastern is under consideration for a playoff berth, Combs has been replaced on the national committe by A.L. Williams of Southwestern, La.

"I really don't know how I feel right now about Eastern's chances," Combs said. "I got some surprises this morning. I was surprised when Western dropped to fifth and I was surprised when Murray didn't move up in the poll after beating Western. "I do think if Grambling wins, they'll be in. It's just a difficult decision to make. Look, Eastern beat Murray when they were ranked No. 1. South Carolina State, Western and Murray all lost when they were ranked No. 1. Western beat Eastern, Eastern beat Murray and Murray beat Western. That's a lot to consider and then try to make some sense out of it."

✓ Southeastern Conference football coaches have chosen Georgia's Vince Dooley receive the Nashville Banner's SEC coach of the year award.... Western Kentucky's Jimmy Feix was picked coach of the year by his cohorts in the Ohio Valley Confrence. Austin Peay quarterback Sonny Defilippis and George Floyd, an Eastern Kentucky defensive back, were named offensive and defensive players of the year.

### **Murray Lands Four On Team**

## Western, Eastern Top All-OVC

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Nine football players from Ohio Valley Conference champion Western Kentucky and five from Eastern Kentucky head up the 1980 all-conference first team.

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Four players were repeat selections from the 1979 all-OVC squad. They were tight end Ricky Gwinn of Western Kentucky, defensive end Glenn Jones of Murray State, safety Terry Love of Murray State and guard Kevin Greve of Eastern Kentucky.

The 24-man all-conference first team includes 14 seniors and 10 juniors.

Western Kentucky selections to the team were: runningback Troy Snardon, the OVC's leading scorer; Gwinn; offensive tackle Phil Rich; Walters; punter Ray Farmer; wide receiver Jerry Flippin; defensive lineman Donnie Evans; defensive backs Barry Bumm and LaMont Meacham. Eastern Kentucky placed second in the balloting with five all-conference players. They were: Greve; offensive tackle Darryl Lawson; center Joe Schipske, defensive lineman James Shelton; and defensive back George Floyd.

Four Murray State players were selected, as were three from Austin Peay, one from Akron, one from Morehead State and one from Tennessee Tech.

In balloting for the second

team, Eastern Kentucky placed six players; Tennessee Tech had four; Western Kentucky, Murray State and Morehead State had three apiece; Akron and Austin Peay placed two each; and Middle Tennessee had one.

### Austin Peay, Eastern Boast Top Players In OVC Football Action

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Austin Peay quarterback Sonny Defilippis and George Floyd, a defensive back at Eastern Kentucky, have been named Ohio Valley Conference offensive and defensive football players of the year.

The two were chosen Monday in balloting by conference coaches.

Defilippis, a senior from Savannah, Ga., led the Governors to a 7-4 overall record — the team's secondstraight 7-4 season and fourth consecutive winning year. The 6-foot-1, 185-pound quarterback led the OVC in total offense this season, compiling 2,199 yards the fifth-best single season performance in the OVC's 32year history.

Until Austin Peays seasonending game Saturday against Arkansas State, Defilippis had the conferrence record for the most yards rushing by a quarterback. But Saturday, he was held to minus yardage and fell nine yards short of the record of 590 yards.

He was personally responsible for 22 Austin Peay touchdowns this season, passing for 12 and rushing for 10, the highest combined total in the league this year.

Defilippis is the first Austin Peay player ever selected for the OVC offensive award. He collected 31 of a possible 36 points to edge out of Western Kentucky's Troy Snardon for the honor.

Western Kentucky quarterback John Hall was the 1979 winner.

Floyd, a junior from Brooksville, Fla., narrcwly edged Austin Peay's Brett Williams 15 points to 14 points for the defensive player honor.

Floyd led the conference with 129 yards on five interceptions this season, along with making 63 tackles, 27 assists, one fumble recovery and seven tackles for loss totallying 39 yards.

He also finished second in the OVC with an 8.4 average in punt returns. Floyd is only the second Eastern Kentucky player to win the defensive award, the other being Buddy Pfaadt in 1966.

Terry Love of Murray State was the 1979 recipient.

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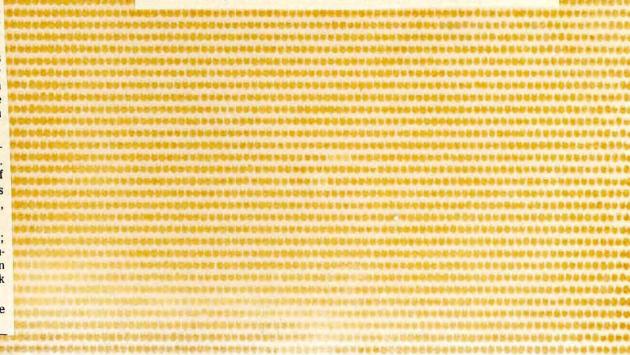
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Eastern's selections were: Greve; offensive tackle Darryl Lawson; center Joe Schipske, defensive lineman James Shelton; and defensive back George Floyd.

Eastern placed six players on the second team.



### Feix is Coach of the Year Eastern's Floyd named best in OVC on defense

#### **Associated Press**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - George Floyd, a defensive back at Eastern Kentucky, was chosen as the year's best defensive player in the Ohio Valley Conference, narrowly edging Austin Peay State's Brett Williams, 15 points to 14 points.

Jimmy Feix, who guided Western Kentucky to a 9-1 regular season and the OVC championship, has been selected the league's Coach of the Year. Feix collected five of eight possible first-place votes from fellow conference coaches.

Quarterback Sonny Defilippis became the first Austin Peay player ever selected OVC Offensive Player of the Year. He collected all but five of 36 possible points in the voting.

Western Kentucky's Troy Snardon was runner-up for the offensive honor.

Feix's Western team was ranked in Top 10 of the NCAA's Division I-AA for most of the season and at one point was tied for first.

An All-America player at Western ior from Savannah, Ga., helped Austin in the early 1950s, Feix is in his 13th Peay to a 7-4 overall record.

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#### Special to The Courier-Journal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Western Kentucky guard Pete Walters and Austin Peay State wide receiver Steve Puthoff were the only unanimous selections on the All-Ohio Valley Conference team announced last night.

Both the offensive and defensive teams were dominated by Kentucky players. Western had five representives on the 12-member offensive team, and Eastern Kentucky had three. Murray State, first nationally in Division I-AA in scoring defense, and Western each placed four members on the defensive team, and Eastern placed three. Morehead State's lone firstteam representative was running back Dorron Hunter.

Western's first-team offensive players are fullback Troy Snardon, tight end Ricky Gwinn, tackle Phil Rich, wide receiver Jerry Flippin

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and Walters. Eastern landed center Joe Schipske, guard Kevin Greve and tackle Darryl Lawson on the offensive team.

Murray's defensive representives are tackle Rick Landpher, end Glenn Jones, linebacker Donald White and safety Terry Love. Western end Donnie Evans, defensive backs Barry Bumm and Lamont Meacham and punter Ray Farmer are first-team members, while Eastern has tackle James Shelton and back George Floyd on the defensive team.

The offensive and defensive Players of the Year and the Coach of the Year will be announced today.

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### Eastern, Western have a difference of opinion

#### By LEO PECKENPAUGH Sports Editor What we have here is a difference of opinion.

On one side of the fence there's Eastern Kentucky coach Roy Kidd, whose Colonels were 9-2 this season in the NCAA's Division 1-AA. Currently, Kidd's team is tied for third

with South Carolina St. in the ratings. Looking through the fence at Kidd is Western Kentucky coach Jimmy Feix and his

ROY KIDD

Hilltoppers. They're the 1980 Ohio Valley Conference champions, having defeated Eastern 13-10 in Bowling Green. Western, ranked fifth, is 9-1.

The contrast between Kidd and Feix, a pair of coaching adversaries for 13-years, is their feelings as to who the NCAA should invite to the

four-team post-season playoffs. "I would think that if the NCAA takes an OVC team it would be the conference champion," Feix said by telephone from Bowling Green Wednesday.

That would mean Western would join Lehigh, Boise St. and a yet-to-be-named representative. "They (the NCAA selection committee) pick

you according to the ratings," Kidd said from Richmond shortly after returning from a threeday recruiting mission.

Kidd's process would leave the NCAA the alternative of choosing either Eastern or South Carolina St, which is tied with Eastern for third place behind Lehigh and Grambling. Sunday, the NCAA announced that Lehigh

would represent the East Region and Boise St. the West Region. Following this weekend's play, the final two teams will be announced. One will be the South's representative and the other will be the wild card choice.

Having lost to Murray 49-0 last week, many felt Western blew its chances of manking it into the tournament.

Says Feix, "We had a chance to play

ourselves into the playoffs and didn't. So, I'm not going to have any complaints if we don't get invited. I know there's a lot of politicking involved in selection of teams and I could be on the phone trying to enhance our chances. But I'm not going to do that. I haven't talked to a sole.

"I started to call some people Monday to see if I could find out any details on when they would choose the other two teams, but I decided against it. I don't want anyone thinking we talked ourselves into it."

Like Feix, Kidd hasn't talked with NCAA officials.

As of Wednesday afternoon, he hadn't even talked with Eastern athletic director Don Combs, who has been on the ratings panel this season. Combs will not be involved in this week's selections, since he has a tie with Eastern.

"I feel good about our chances of getting it (the bid)," Kidd said. "Being conference champion has nothing to do with it. They (the NCAA) go strictly by records and the difficulty of your schedule. At least they better. We beefed up our schedule in order to help us in situaions like this and, hell, if they don't take this into consideration, I'm anxious to find out how they pick the damn thing."

The defending national champion, Eastern finished second in the OVC last year, and received the wild card bid behind conference champion Murray, which was the South rep.

"I really think what killed Jimmy (Feix) was getting beat so bad at Murray," Kidd added. actually thought they would win that one. I told our assistants I thought Western would win."

But a Murray ambush seems to have thrown a monkey wrench into smooth-running Western's playoff ambitions.

Should Western not receive a bid, it would be the second time in three years that Feix' team has been crowned OVC champions and failed to make the playoffs.

"We'll have a team meeting Monday afternoon and either talk about the playoffs or the team banquet," Feix laughed. In Richmond, Kidd gave his team the entire week off, as did Feix.

The playoffs don't begin until Dec. 13, with the championship scheduled for the Camellia Bowl in Sacramento, Calif. on Dec. 20 before a national television audience.

"At this point of the year, we are a better team than last year," Kidd said. "We have improved and are at the peak of our game. If we don't get in the playoffs, I hope they take someone from the OVC.

This week's ratings changed considerably, with Western dropping from a first-place tie with Lebits to fill with Lehigh, to fifth.

Having finished with a 9-2 record and a second-place conference tie with Eastern, Murray didn't move up a notch.

Last week the Racers were ranked in a tie for tenth.

This week, after shocking the nation's number one team 49-0, the Racers are still in a three-way tie for tenth.

The NCAA didn't choose all four teams for the playoffs because Grambling plays Southern University Saturday. A loss by Grambling would probably eliminate the Louisiana school from the playoff picture.



JIMMY FEIX

### Eastern gains in poll, Western falls to fifth

**Complied from AP and Special Dispatches** 

Lehigh took over sole posession of first place and Grambling and Eastern Kentucky moved up in the NCAA Division I-AA football poll, which was released yesterday.

Grambling, which was third last week, was ranked second while Eastern moved from fourth place to a tie for third with South Carolina State.

Western Kentucky, tied for first place in last week's poll, fell to No. 5 after being shellacked 49-0 by Murray State last Saturday.

Murray did not fare well in the poll. Despite its lopsided victory over Western, Murray remained tied for 10th.

Eastern, Western, Grambling, South Carolina State and sixth-ranked Delaware are under consideration for the remaining two berths in the Division I-AA playoffs. Rankings in the poll will be used in determining the final playoff teams. Lehigh and Boise State have already been selected for the playoffs.



### **OVC places 3 on I-AA All-America team**

#### Special to the Courier-Jeurnal

ROCHESTER, N.Y. - The Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year from Eastern Kentucky, a four-year starter at offensive guard and a defensive lineman from Western Kentucky have been selected to the Kodak Class I-AA All-America team.

The American Football Coaches Association yesterday named offensive guard Pete Walters and defensive lineman Tim Ford of Western and defensive back George Floyd of Eastern to the team.

Walters, a 6-foot-3, 235-pound sen-

ior, was a four-year starter and a unanimous pick on the All-OVC team. He played his high school football at Webster County.

Ford, a 6-4, 245-pound junior, is a graduate of Stuart High in Jefferson County. He was a first-team All-OVC pick as a sophomore and was named to the second team this year. Ford led Western in tackles this past season with 111.

Floyd, a 5-11, 188-pound junior, a second-team OVC pick as a sophomore, has been a three-year starter at Eastern. He is a native of Brooksville. Fla



#### Kodak All-America team NCAA DIVISION I-AA

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## In again Eastern gets another playoff bid

#### By MICHAEL EMBRY **Associated Press Writer**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) Eastern Kentucky Coach Roy Kidd believed his team deserved and earned its berth in the Division I-AA college football playoffs.

Third-ranked Eastern Kentucky, the division's defending champion, accepted an at-large bid to the playoffs Sunday. The Colonels meet top-rated Lehigh University, 9-0-2, on Dec. 13 in Bethlehem, Pa.

No. 1 ranked Grambling, representing the South, also accepted an invitation Sunday to the four-team playoffs. Grambling, 10-1, will meet No. 7 Boise State. of the West, on Dec. 13 in Boise, Idaho.

The championship will be



Sacramento, Calif.

"From the way we have been playing lately, I believe we deserved the invitation," said Eastern Kentucky Coach Roy Kidd, whose team won its last four game in compiling a 9-2 record.

After a slow start this season, which included a 21-

Dec. 20 at Hughes Field in 10 setback to Akron in their second game, the Colonels finished in a flurry. Eastern Kentucky's only loss in its last nine games was 13-10 to arch-rival Weatern Kentucky.

"At the beginning of the year I was wondering just how good a football team we were," he said. "But after a slow start, I thought maybe we could be 7-4 or 8-3 at best. But after the Akron game we kept improving week to week."

Kidd credited much of the

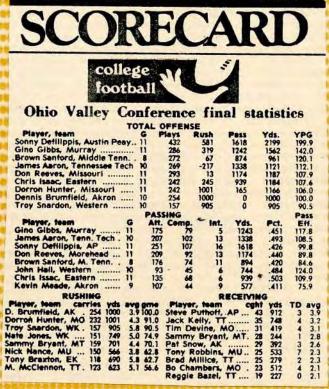
team's improvement to the play of noseguard Buddy Moor and quarterback Chris Issac.

The Colonels whipped Lehigh 30-7 in last year's championship game, but Kidd believes his squad will have a lot tougher time in the rematch.

"The tables are turned around this year," he said. 'Last year they beat Murray State (in the first round of the playoffs) and we were able to catch them, perhaps, overlooking us. But that certainly is not going to happen this year.

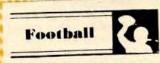
"They've got to be an excellent team. They're ranked number one. They're the only undefeated team in our division. They'll be quite a challenge for us."

Lehigh, representating the East, and Boise State received their playoff invitations last Monday.



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### **AP All-America team**

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First Team Offense

Tight End - Mike Maher, Western III-nois, 6-5, 232, Senior, Macomb, III Wide Receivers — Reggie Eccleston, Connecticut, 5-11, 182, Senior, New London, Conn.; Trumaine Johnson, Grambling State, 6-3, 190, Sophomore, Baker, La Baker, La

Tackles — Mike McDonald, Buckneil, 64, 245, Graduate, Lancaster, Pa., Todd Thomas, North Dakota, 6-6, 255, Senior, Cedarburg, Wis.

Guards — Don Greco, Western Illi-nois, 6-3, 256, Senior, St. Louis, Mo., Pele Waters, Western Kentucky, 6-3, 255, Senior, Shepherdsville, Ky.

Center - Steve Wigton, Capital, 6-2, 220, Senior, Loudonville, Ohio

Quarterback - Neil Lomax, Portland State, 6-3, 215, Senior, Lake Oswego, Ore

Running Backs — Frank Hawkins, Ne-sida-Reno, 5-11, 212, Senior, Las egas, Nev, Bobby Hedrick, Elon, 6-0, 77, Senior, Sedalia, N.C.

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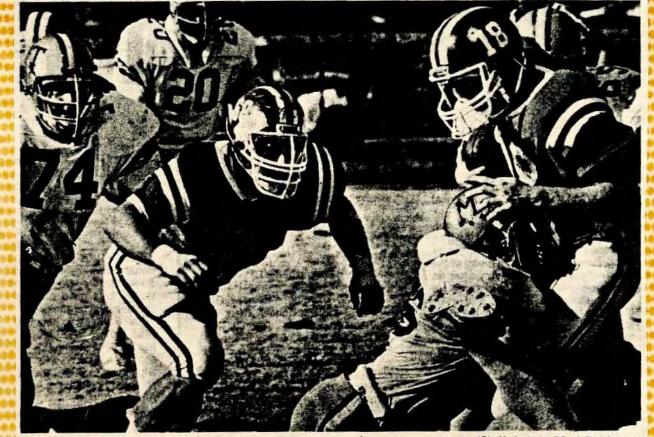
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#### (Staff photo by Mark Workman)

### **Named All-American**

WESTERN'S Pete Walters (68), a 6-3, 255-pound offensive guard from Webster County, has been named to the Associated Press 1980 College Division All-American team announced Wednesday. Walters, a four-year starter at offensive guard for the Hilltoppers,

captained this year's OVC championship squad and played an integral in the team's 9-1 season. Austin Peay defensive end Brett Williams and Eastern defensive back George Floyd were also named to the first team.

# **All-American**

Western's Walters is honored nationally

Daily News

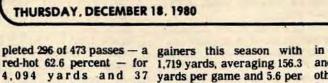
SPORTS

By The Associated Press Frank Hawkins, a running back from Nevada-Reno, was named to The Associated Press 1980 College Division All America football team Wednesday for the third year in a row. He was joined in the backfield by Neil Lomax of Portland State, college football's all-time passing king.

Three players from the Ohio Valley Conference were named to the honor squad, including Western senior offensive guard Pete Walters (6-3, 255). A fouryear starter from Webster County, Walters played a large part in the Hilltop-pers' drive to the OVC title this fall.

Besides Hawkins, the only other repeater was defensive end Pete Catan of Eastern Illinois.

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The College Division AllAmerica team was picked from all four-year football-playing colleges except the 139 members of the NCAA's Division IA.

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### Walters selected as All-American

From Gleaner Staff and AP reports Western Kentucky's Pete Walters, a senior tackle out of Webster County High School, was named Wednesday to the Associated Press first team Little All-American football team. The team is comprised of players from the NCAA's Division 1-AA, II and III members.

The 6-3, 255 pounder, who is originally from Shepherdsville, Ky., was named two weeks ago the Kodak All-American team.

Walters, in a phone conversation Wednesday night, said he was very happy and honored to be named to the team. "I would just like to praise the Lord for everything I have received from him. If it were not for him I would not have been selected to this team," commented Walters.

A deeply religious person, Walters went to Western on just a half scholarship, became a starter midway through his freshman season and held the position the next three-and-a-half seasons.

"He's a jewell, really something else," said Western offensive coordinator Butch Gilbert from Bowling Green Wednesday afternoon. "He is such a fine person it is really hard to describe him. When he came down here as a freshman he told us that religion came first and that's the way it's been. But he has dedicated himself both on and off the field and has been the most dedicated person on the weights I've ever seen."

Walters is on record as being the one of the strongest players ever to wear a Hilltopper uniform, bench-pressing an amazing 465 pounds last winter.

"If he had one drawback, it's that he didn't solely concentrate on football like some of our kids do," Gilbert said in describing Walters. "But there's a story behind that. One morning before a game, when a lot of our players were preparing for the opponent, we found Pete on the phone in our offices calling someone to come visit a friend of his on campus who was in need of something. That's the kind a person he is, something special."

Walters graded out at an 85 percent efficiency for Western this season and was simply awesome at times, according to Gilbert.

"I have worked out on campus with the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Washington Redskins and the New York Giants. All have expressed an interest in my services as a pro but nothing is definite yet," added Walters.

He has several pro teams interested in his services and Gilbert notes, "Three NFL teams, Pittsburgh, Washington and the New York Giants, have all been back to see Pete for a second look in special workouts. That should mean they think pretty highly of him. And he wants to play pro football. That's were he thinks he can serve the Lord best."

The silent Hilltopper leader is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Walters. His father is a pastor.

In closing Walters said, "I would just like to thank all the folks back home for all their support. My coaches at Webster County, Walter Hawkins in football and Ken Sheridan wrestling, were always telling us how good we could be. They were pushing us all the time but always had time to help us when we needed it."

Walters wasn't the only player from Kentucky schools to make the honor squad. Eastern Kentucky's George Floyd, a defensive back who is just a junior, was also named to the first team.

Murray St. defensive end Glenn Jones was tabbed for the second team and Terry Love of Murray, a first-teamer last year, was a third-team selection this season.

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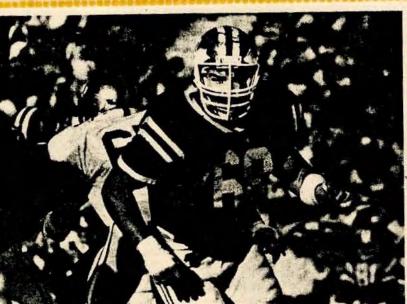
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Gleans

Western's Pete Walters looks around for someone to hit during a game with Middle Tennessee. Walters was selected to the Little All-American first team.

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# Eastern's Floyd, Western's Walters **AP All-Americas**

#### By Herschel Nissenson

Associated Press

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Floyd, Eastern's strong safety, was named the Ohio Valley Conference defensive player of the year. The 5foot-11, 188-pound junior from Brooksville, Fla., intercepted five passes, including one that he returned 100 yards for a touchdown, and was third on the team with 63 solo tackles.

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#### Associated Press

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Floyd, the OVC Defensive Player of the Year, and Walter also were selected to the Kodak All-America first team that was named earlier this month.

Eastern offensive guard Kevin Greve was named to the second team along with defensive end Glenn Jones of Murray State. Named to the third team were defensive back

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