

WKU HILLTOPPERS

Bowling Green, KY

WEATHER ZIP: 42101

Enrollment: 17,030 (#9/#89)

Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.75 2020 Schedule Difficulty - #85		T U R F	L I N E	FINAL SCORE		W L	CAREER PASSING LEADERS	CAREER RUSHING LEADERS	CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
DATE	OPPONENT			WKU	OPP		1. Brandon Doughty 12,855 '11-'15	1. Bobby Rainey 4,542 '08-'11	1. Taywan Taylor 4,234 '13-'16
Sep. 3							2. Jeff Cesarone 8,566 '84-'87	2. Nicholas Norris 3,091 '13-'16	3. Curtis Hamilton 2,324 '04-'07
Sep. 12	at Louisville	A					3. Mike White 8,540 '16-'17	3. Willie Taggart 3,997 '95-'98	
Sep. 19	Liberty	A							
Sep. 26									
Oct. 3	at Middle Tennessee	A							
Oct. 10	Marshall	A							
Oct. 17	at UAB	A							
Oct. 24									
Oct. 31	at BYU	G							
Nov. 7	at FAU	G							
Nov. 14	<small>SOUTHERN MISS IS OFF BYE</small> Southern Miss	A							
Nov. 21	FIU	A							
Nov. 28	at Charlotte	A							

Bonus: WKU is 17-5 in home openers, but have dropped their last two openers to FCS foes Maine and Central Arkansas.

WKU is 12-21-1 all-time vs their in-state rivals but haven't beat the Cardinals since 1975. LTHWKU were off a loss to an FCS foe and led 14-3 2Q. The 'Toppers finished with a 429-293 yd edge but missed a 51 yd fg & lost 20-17.

WKU is 0-2 all-time vs Liberty. The last meeting was back in 1996 (Liberty won 23-14) as FCS foes. Hilltoppers are 19-4 vs non-conference foes from Non-P5 conferences (2 of 3 losses in bowls).

Bonus: Entering '19, the 'Toppers are 11-3 at home vs non-conference opponents.

Home tm has won 5 of L/6 meetings. LTHWKU was riding a three-gm losing streak and ply'd 3 QB's. WKU would surrender 474 yds and 27 Fd against the Blue Raiders and would drop their fourth str, 29-10.

WKU won 3 str from '14-'16, but have lost the L/3 matchups by a td and fg twice. WKU is 4-6 all-time vs Marshall. In '18 the 'Toppers were held to 61 yds in the 20-17 loss. WKU is on a 6-0 ATS run.

The visitor has won 5 of the last 8. Last trip to Birmingham was in 1997, WKU lost 20-16. The 'Toppers have faced the Blazers only twice since 1997, splitting the two matchups.

Bonus: WKU had the best turnaround in the CUSA in '18, going from 3 wins in '18 to a 9 win season and bowl victory in '19.

First meeting, this is the Hilltoppers first ever game in Utah and the fourth-furthest they've ever traveled west. The 'Toppers are 4-7 SU/4-6-1 ATS in non-conference road tilts.

WKU has allowed 862 rush yds in the last 3 mtgs incl 315 in LTH's 34-15 loss. WKU only trailed 10-9 at half despite getting outgained 271-185. WKU has dropped 5 of the L/7 mtgs.

WKU is 3-0 all-time vs Southern Miss. The last meeting in Bowling Green was in '15 and it was for the CUSA title. WKU was an 8 point favorite and the Hilltoppers amassed 521 yards during the 45-28 win.

WKU is 7-6 all-time vs FIU. The 'Toppers have won 5 of the L/7 against the Panthers, but dropped 2 of the L/3. WKU had a Fd edge in '18 but would lose by three td to FIU, 38-17.

The home team has won all three meetings in this series, winning by an avg of 24.3 ppg. LTH WKU trailed 9-7 at half. UC went for 164 yds on 21 plays in 3 consecutive td drives in the 3Q and won 40-14.