2012 Football Preview

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The official start of WKU’s football season is just two days away!

In this week’s View from the Hill, Amy Bingham shows us how the Tops are more than ready to pick up where they left off last year.

Seven conference wins and just shy of a bowl bid in 2011. It was a strong finish that left the Hilltopper Nation anxious to see just what 2012 has in store.

Members of the Hilltopper football team are ready for their closeup.

Jamarcus

 “Our focus is just Austin Peay, September first, all white. That’s the only thing just worry about the peay.”

But first they had a chance to get up close and personal with some of their biggest fans at Family Fun Day.

 “What we do is for the community and this university as well and having them behind us it gives you a great sense of pride.”

The event drew a record crowd of more than three thousand people and also marked the debut of a catchy new t-shirt.

 “We’ve got the will on the hill t-shirt, it’s the official t-shirt of the 2012 football season.”

That “will” has been evident during weeks of pre-season camp. The Tops are hungry for success after coming up short last year.

 “Two things we didn’t do last year…didn’t win sun belt championship and didn’t go to a bowl game.”

 “You can’t start off any kind of season slow, you have to treat every game like your bowl chances depend on it.”

The team is also confident about filling the void left by star running back Bobby Rainey.

Sean

 “Bobby was good but we’ve got some of the best running backs coming back.”

 “Bobby always gave credit to his offensive line.”

You have the chance to see them for yourselves this Saturday.

 “I will be very very disappointed if the game doesn’t sell out.

 “We need to all tailgate, bring our families make this a snake pit for anyone to come here and play.

These Will on the Hill shirts are available at the WKU store on campus in Garrett and at the Nashville Road location for 9.99. A dollar from every sale goes to the athletic general scholarship fund.

The Hilltoppers take on Austin Peay this Saturday at 6 pm at Houchens/LT Smith Stadium. It’s a white out game and the first four thousand fans receive a free Live-United White Out T-shirt.

With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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