Hilltoppers with Heart

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In just over a month, the WKU football team kicks off it’s season against the University of Kentucky in Nashville.

But before they get down to business, the team is giving back to the community. Amy Bingham explains in this week’s View from the Hill.

Nearly 140 volunteers from WKU athletics took part in yesterday’s third annual United Way Day of Caring. It was their way of showing that the Hilltoppers are all Heart!

Instead of their typical Wednesday off, Hilltopper football players found themselves at Bowling Green’s historic Houchens Center for a different kind of work-out.

 “The yard is a mess”

 “Me and my teammates, we pulled out a tree. That was fun, I aint ever pulled out a tree by hand.”

 “It’s been hot but it’s been good to get away from football and do something in the community as opposed to running in the heat, it’s better to be working for a good cause.”

The effort was part of the United Way’s Day of Caring and it was the perfect launch for a brand new program by WKU Athletics called “Hilltoppers with Heart.”

 “That just is a way, a platform for us, to let everybody in the community know we care about the community, not only do we ask you to come to WKU, to our games at Houchens Smith Stadium or Diddle Arena, but we want to come to you.”

It wasn’t all yard work, there were plenty of tasks to be done inside as well, including polishing the silver.

 “I’d say most people on the team haven’t polished silver.”

WKU Athletics is hoping do to two to three more events of this magnitude throughout the year.

 “It feels good, it’s like karma, what you do its gonna come back to you. So we like doing stuff like that you know.”

 “It’s a great way to get our name out and get more people at our games.”

 “As you can see, everyone has a task and they’re doing it. This is what its all about, giving back to the community, getting them to experience life after college.”

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The volleyball team and men’s basketball team worked at other locations during yesterday’s event. To learn more about “Hilltoppers with Heart”, log on to wkusports.com. With this week’s View from the Hill, I’m Amy Bingham.

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