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1968 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
March 20	Wittenburg	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 29	Tennessee Tech (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 30	Bellarmine (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 1	Campbellsville	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 2	*Austin Peay (2)	Clarksville, Tenn.
April 3	Centre (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 4	Buffalo (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 6	*Middle Tennessee (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 9	*Murray (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 13	*Austin Peay (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 20	David Lipscomb (2)	Nashville, Tenn.
April 24	*Murray (2)	Murray, Ky.
April 27	Southern Illinois (2)	Carbondale, Ill.
April 29	*Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Ky.
May 1	Campbellsville	Campbellsville, Ky.
May 2	David Lipscomb (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 8	Tennessee Tech (2)	Cookeville, Tenn.

*OVC Western Division game

NOTE: Home doubleheaders begin at 1 p.m. (CST); Wittenburg single game at 2 p.m. (CST); Campbellsville single game at 3 p.m. (CST).
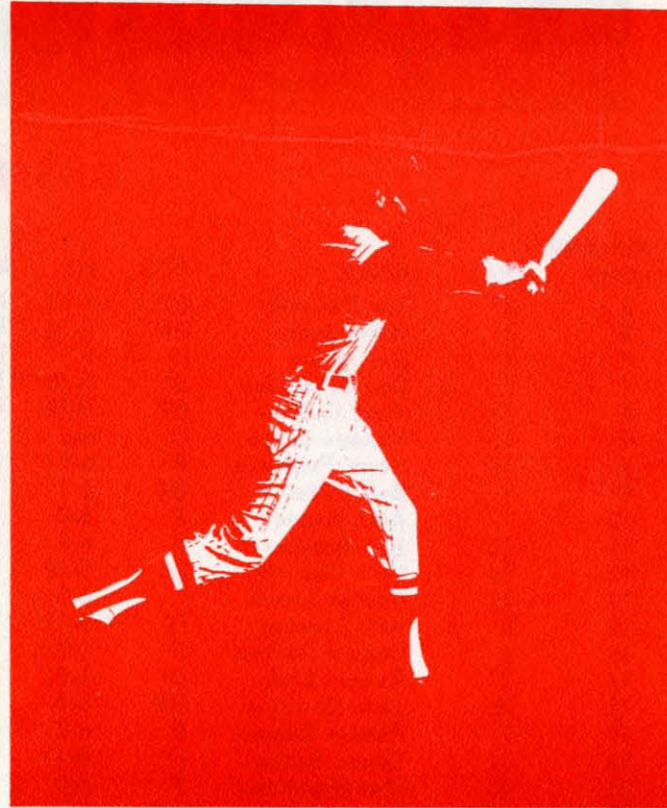
1967 RESULTS

Overall Record: 13-16-2   OVC Record: 4-8

WK		OPP.	WK		OPP.
10	Campbellsville	2	9	at Bellarmine	2
10	Bellarmine	2	3	*Middle Tennessee	4
3	Tennessee Tech	12	2	*Middle Tennessee	5
1	Tennessee Tech	1	5	*Murray	7
5	*at Murray	9	3	*Murray	6
1	*at Murray	4	3	at Campbellsville	0
14	at Centre	4	1	Southern Illinois	0
12	at Centre	6	1	Southern Illinois	8
2	at St. Louis	3	1	Southern Illinois	2
13	at St. Louis	12	2	at Tennessee Tech	14
4	at Washington (Mo.)	13	5	at Tennessee Tech	5
4	*at Middle Tennessee	1	4	*at Austin Peay	3
4	*at Middle Tennessee	5	5	*at Austin Peay	6
14	*Austin Peay	6	2	at David Lipscomb	7
2	*Austin Peay	1	3	at David Lipscomb	6
9	at Kentucky				

*OVC Western Division game

1968 HILLTOPPER BASEBALL

WESTERN KENTUCKY
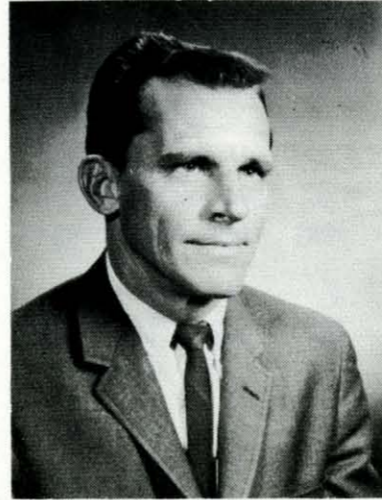## UNIVERSITY

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1952   1953

Coach JIM PICKENS

Jim Pickens is in his third season as head coach of the Hilltoppers. His background and experience fit him ably for the assignment.

The Princeton, Kentucky, native was a star pitcher, as well as an outstanding football quarterback, for Western Kentucky in his collegiate playing days. He later pitched professionally as a member of the Detroit Tigers' Organization.

Pickens came to Western as baseball coach in the fall of 1965 after a sparkling coaching career in the high school ranks, where he put together championship teams in both baseball and football. In six seasons at Bowling Green, High School, his baseball teams won 118 games while losing only 20, a percentage of .855. He climaxed his coaching stint there by guiding the Purples to the State Championship in 1965.

Prior to coaching at Bowling Green, Pickens held similar positions at Danville and Elizabethtown High Schools. Over a 15 - year span, his high school diamond teams won 78.9 per cent of their games, racking up 221 victories against 59 loses.

Pickens' first two teams at Western have been inexperienced and beset with the lack of solid hitting punch. Nevertheless, his Hilltopper teams had a 22-27-2 record going into the current campaign, a creditable record for a beginning in a league where outstanding collegiate baseball is a tradition of long standing.

In addition to his coaching duties, Pickens is Assistant to the Director of Extension and Field Services. He received the B. S. and M. A. degrees from Western in 1951 and 1962, respectively.

He and his Wife, Ann, a former Hilltopper cheerleader, have one son, Jimmy Jr., 8.

1968 OUTLOOK

Western Kentucky's baseball should be ready to make a definite improvement this spring. More veteran players sprinkled throughout the roster and added pitching depth are the principal reasons for this optimistic outlook.

"We have eight pitchers to call on this spring," said Coach Jim Pickens, "as compared to only four last year. Since five of our losses last season were by only one run, you have to feel that more pitching depth could make a difference in our record."

The pitching staff is a blend of proven performers and newcomers and will be led by crafty lefthander Stan Markham, one of the Ohio Valley Conference's best.

Overall team speed and defense should both be better than in 1967. Frosh Phil Allen at short and established glove man Don Schneider at second base should anchor the infield. Bob Elliott, who led the team in hitting a year ago with a .327 mark, is the top returnee in the outfield.

The two big questions marks appear to be in catching and hitting. Last season's two top receivers, All-OVC Johnny Vance and Jim Vorhees, are gone (Vance because of a serious football injury; Vorhees to concentrate on spring football and his studies). Versatile Vanous Lloyd, who has played just about every position for the Hilltoppers, has been moved the plate.

As for hitting, only Elliott showed consistency in '67 but if Jim Bunnel, Lloyd, Schneider and others could regain some of the form they had in prior seasons, any possible problem would be eliminated.

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1967 STATISTICS

BATTING

NAME, POS.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	AVG
Bob Elliott, OF	25	65	18	21	5	2	0	30	4	8	9	1	.323
Johnny Vance, C	20	61	16	19	1	3	3	35	14	11	7	3	.311
George Lynch, C	15	29	8	9	1	0	0	10	3	5	6	0	.310
Danny Butler, IF	16	39	10	12	0	0	0	12	2	7	1	0	.307
Jim Bunnell, OF-IF	27	89	20	24	3	1	0	29	10	13	10	4	.267
Neil Lawson, IF	12	25	5	6	1	0	0	7	3	6	6	1	.240
Vanous Lloyd, IF-OF	27	94	19	22	4	2	0	30	11	3	10	2	.233
John Daly, OF	16	45	9	10	4	0	0	14	10	9	19	0	.222
Terry Howell, IF	10	14	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	0	.214
Don Schneider, IF	29	88	16	18	1	0	1	22	3	9	4	4	.204
David Southard, OF	3	5	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	.200
Bob Bugel, IF	18	51	9	10	0	2	0	14	1	2	4	0	.198
Joe Mac Hill, OF	21	49	8	9	3	1	0	14	3	4	12	0	.187
Gary Broenneke, OF	29	67	10	12	4	1	0	18	0	17	12	1	.171
Jim Oller, IF	18	53	9	9	1	2	1	26	9	12	8	0	.166
John Sanders, OF	10	14	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	4	9	0	.147

PITCHING

NAME	G	IP	R	ER	H	SO	BB	HB	W	L	ERA
Vanous Lloyd	2	11	6	5	7	8	7	1	1	1	4.17
Stan Markham	10	62	43	29	49	40	29	5	4	5	4.20
Dero Downing	5	19	10	9	11	11	7	2	1	0	4.29
Alan Hapney	6	30	17	15	4	20	16	0	2	2	4.54
Elliott Miles	8	61	43	31	49	50	38	1	3	4	4.56
Mike Ringo	7	48	30	26	49	24	23	0	2	4	4.91

1968 HILLTOPPERS

BASEBALL ROSTER

NUMBERS HOME	AWAY	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	T - B	LTRS.	HOMETOWN
2	2	Jim Zweisler	OF	5-10	165	Soph.	L - L	0	Dayton, Ohio
3	3	Harry Jones	OF	5-10	165	Soph.	R - R	0	Media, Pa.
4	4	Phil Allen	IF	5-11	165	Fresh.	R - R	0	Bowling Green, Ky.
5	5	Don Schneider	IF	5-10	160	Sr.	R - R	2	Louisville, Ky.
6	19	Andy Colburn	OF	5-10	175	Soph.	R - R	0	Dukedom, Tenn.
7	16	Vanous Lloyd	C	6-2	190	Jr.	R - R	2	Bowling Green, Ky.
8	18	Larry Fentress	P	6-1	165	Fresh.	R - R	0	Leitchfield, Ky.
9	9	Bob Elliott	OF	6-1	175	Jr.	R - R	2	Lebanon, Ky.
10	12	Alan Hapney	P	6-0	165	Jr.	R - R	1	Glasgow, Ky.
11	10	Bill Bathhurst	P	6-0	185	Jr.	R - R	0	Alden, N. Y.
12	14	Mike Coberly	IF	5-10	175	Jr.	R - R	0	Tip City, Ohio
14	11	George Lynch	C	6-0	175	Jr.	R - R	2	Campbellsville, Ky.
15	8	Neil Lawson	IF	5-11	170	Jr.	R - L	2	Canmer, Ky.
16	6	Donald Durham	P	6-0	170	Fresh.	R - R	0	Liberty, Ky.
17	21	Ronnie Link	IF	6-0	200	Sr.	L - L	0	Franklin, Ky.
18	26	Dero Downing	OF	6-1	180	Jr.	R - R	2	Bowling Green, Ky.
19	7	Ronnie Rogers	P	6-2	190	Jr.	R - R	0	Columbia, Ky.
20	17	Danny Butler	IF	5-11	170	Jr.	R - L	2	Greensburg, Ky.
21	22	Stan Markham	P	6-0	175	Jr.	L - L	2	Bowling Green, Ky.
22	27	Joe Mac Hill	OF	6-2	190	Sr.	R - R	2	Beaver Dam, Ky.
23	25	Jim Bunnell	IF	6-1	188	Sr.	R - R	3	Louisville, Ky.
24	20	Bruce Alexander	P	6-0	170	Soph.	R - R	0	Irvington, Ky.
25	23	Barrett Barnard	IF	6-0	180	Fresh.	R - R	0	Russell Springs, Ky.
27	28	Frank Chambers	OF	6-1	205	Jr.	R - R	0	Owensboro, Ky.
28	24	Elliott Miles	P	6-1	185	Jr.	R - L	1	Hopkinsville, Ky.