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## 1969 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
March 28	Tennessee Tech (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 29	Bellarmine (2)	Louisville, Ky.
March 31	*Middle Tennessee (2)	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
April 3	Campbellsville	Campbellsville, Ky.
April 4	Anderson College (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 5	Anderson College (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 15	*Austin Peay (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 16	Centre (2)	Danville, Ky.
GOVERNOR'S INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT--CARBONDALE, ILL.		
April 17	Southern Illinois (7:30 p.m.)	
April 18	St. Louis (2 p.m.)	
April 19	Illinois (11 a.m.)	
April 19	Air Force Academy (2 p.m.)	
April 20	Western Illinois (11 a.m.)	
April 21	Kentucky Southern (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 22	*Murray (2)	Murray, Ky.
April 25	Southern Illinois	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 26	Southern Illinois (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 28	*Murray (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 1	*Austin Peay (2)	Clarksville, Tenn.
May 3	David Lipscomb (2)	Nashville, Tenn.
May 5	David Lipscomb (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 7	*Middle Tennessee (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 8	Tennessee Tech (2)	Cookeville, Tenn.

\*OVC Western Division games

## 1968 RESULTS

Overall Record: 13 - 11

OVC Record: 5 - 5

WKU	OPP.	WKU	OPP.
4	Tennessee Tech	5	0 at Southern Illinois
1	Tennessee Tech	9	2 at Southern Illinois
4	Bellarmine	3	3 *at Middle Tennessee
15	Campbellsville	2	3 *at Middle Tennessee
0	*Middle Tennessee	11	6 David Lipscomb
2	*Middle Tennessee	4	5 David Lipscomb
5	*Austin Peay	3	5 Centre
4	*Austin Peay	0	3 Centre
6	at David Lipscomb	4	2 *at Austin Peay
1	at David Lipscomb	6	6 *at Austin Peay
12	*at Murray	4	4 at Tennessee Tech
9	*at Murray	6	7 at Tennessee Tech

\*OVC Western Division games

## WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

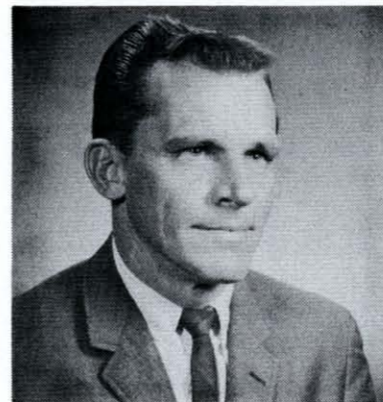


OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1952

1953

## Coach JIM PICKENS



Jim Pickens is in his fourth season as head coach of the Hilltoppers. Both 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 in the fall of 1965 after a sparkling coaching career in the high school ranks, where he fashioned 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.

Before coaching at Bowling Green, Pickens held similar positions at Danville and Elizabethtown High Schools. Over a 15-year span, his high school baseball teams won 221 victories against just 59 losses, a .789 percentage.

Pickens' first three teams at Western have suffered from both inexperience and a lack of solid hitting. Nevertheless, his overall record, going into the current campaign, showed 35 wins, 38 losses and two ties. Last spring's club was 13-11 overall and tied for second place in the Ohio Valley Conference's Western Division race.

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., 9.

## 1969 OUTLOOK

Western Kentucky's success in its quest for the 1969 Ohio Valley Conference baseball championship will depend upon the Hilltoppers' ability to come up with a consistent hitting attack. The other necessary factors--defense, pitching and experience--which have been missing at one time or another during the first three seasons of Coach Jim Pickens' tenure at Western are apparently present in this year's squad.

"We MUST improve our hitting to have a chance at the title," stated Pickens flatly. "We have some proven hitters like Harry Jones and Vanous Lloyd, but we must get some consistency out of our other kids to go along with these two."

Potential hitting help is found in Frank Chambers, who led the team in RBIs (12) last year; Jim Zweisler, ready to go again after suffering a broken ankle at the outset of last season; and Fred Jones, a Freshman with promising power.

The pitching looks stronger, with nine hurlers shaping up as potential front-liners. The mound corps is headed by veterans Stan Markham and Alan Hapney and sophomore Don Durham, who was outstanding in his freshman season. His strikeout-walk ratio, 28-5, was especially impressive, as were his 2.46 ERA and 3-1 record. Markham led the team in strikeouts with 32 and had a 2.41 ERA.

The vital catching spot seems to be in good hands. Johnny Vance is back for another season after being sidelined last spring by a football injury. He should get plenty of help from Bob Clark, a transfer from Navy, Ken Gray and George Lynch.

The defense also figures to be improved by the shift of Jones from centerfield to shortstop. "This is really his normal position," said Pickens. "He has a great ability to get to the ball and a fine arm."

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Conference: Ohio Valley, NCAA

Nickname: Hilltoppers Colors: Red and White

President: Dr. Kelly Thompson Enrollment: 10,570

Chairman, Faculty Athletic Committee: Dr. John D. Minton

Athletic Director: Ted Hornback

Baseball Coach: Jim Pickens

Athletic Office Phone: Area 502, 745-3542 or 745-3348

--FOR INFORMATION ON ALL SPORTS--

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## 1968 STATISTICS

### BATTING

NAME, POS.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	SB	AVG
Harry Jones, OF	21	72	19	24	5	1	1	34	8	11	2	15	.333
Vanous Lloyd, C-IF	21	65	13	21	4	0	1	28	9	3	8	4	.323
Danny Butler, IF	18	41	7	12	2	0	0	14	1	6	5	0	.292
Jim Bunnell, IF	16	46	7	13	2	0	3	24	9	4	5	4	.283
Frank Chambers, OF	17	46	8	13	2	0	1	18	12	7	12	1	.283
Bob Elliott, OF	12	22	4	6	0	1	1	11	6	6	8	0	.272
Joe Mac Hill, OF	10	23	3	6	1	0	0	7	2	2	8	0	.260
Mike Coberly, IF	18	48	7	12	2	0	2	20	5	6	8	1	.250
Don Schneider, IF	22	57	8	14	2	0	1	19	6	6	10	3	.245
George Lynch, C	20	45	6	11	3	0	0	14	8	11	7	0	.222
Phil Allen, IF	9	19	3	4	1	1	1	10	5	3	9	1	.210
Neil Lawson, IF	15	30	7	6	0	1	0	8	0	11	2	1	.200
Barrett Barnard, IF	10	26	2	5	0	0	0	5	2	2	5	0	.192
Dero Downing, OF	11	18	1	3	0	0	0	3	0	3	4	0	.172
Andy Colburn, OF	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

### PITCHING

NAME	G	W	L	PCT	IP	ER	R	H	BB	SO	ERA
Bruce Alexander	5	0	1	.000	17	3	8	12	8	6	1.58
Bill Bathurst	5	1	1	.500	24	6	18	25	8	23	2.25
Stan Markham	6	3	3	.500	41	11	27	36	23	32	2.41
Don Durham	7	3	1	.750	22	6	11	18	5	28	2.46
Elliott Miles	5	2	3	.400	31	9	24	26	25	16	2.61
Alan Hapney	4	2	1	.667	18	6	12	15	9	16	3.00
Larry Fentress	4	1	0	1.000	11	4	6	5	6	5	3.28
Ronnie Rogers	3	1	1	.500	6	6	6	5	9	6	9.00

## 1969 HILLTOPPERS



Kneeling: Lynch, Hapney, Clark, Butler, Gray, Hickman, Durham, Coberly, Bathurst, F. Jones, Markham, Elliott  
 Standing: Coach Pickens, Vance, Helm, Zweisler, H. Jones, Chambers, Miles, T. Davis, Allen, Bernard, Fentress, J. Davis, Van Meter

## BASEBALL ROSTER

NUMBERS	HOME	AWAY	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CLASS	T - B	LTRS.	HOMETOWN
2	2	2	Jim Zweisler	OF	5-11	160	Jr.	L - L	0	Dayton, Ohio
3	3	3	Harry Jones	IF	5-11	165	Jr.	R - R	1	Media, Pa.
4	4	4	Phil Allen	IF	6-1	170	Soph.	R - R	1	Bowling Green, Ky.
5	19	19	Fred Jones	OF	5-10	170	Fresh.	R - R	0	Greensburg, Ky.
6	6	6	Don Durham	P	6-0	170	Soph.	R - R	1	Liberty, Ky.
7	21	21	Butch Gray	C	5-11	175	Fresh.	R - R	0	Shelbyville, Ky.
9	9	9	Bob Elliott	IF	6-0	195	Sr.	R - R	3	Lebanon, Ky.
10	10	10	Bill Bathurst	P	6-0	180	Sr.	R - R	1	Alden, N. Y.
11	11	11	George Lynch	IF	6-0	180	Sr.	R - R	3	Campbellsville, Ky.
12	12	12	Alan Hapney	P	6-0	160	Sr.	R - R	2	Glasgow, Ky.
14	14	14	Phil Van Meter	P	6-0	160	Fresh.	L - R	0	Bowling Green, Ky.
15	7	7	Johnny Vance	C	6-4	190	Jr.	R - L	1	Glasgow, Ky.
16	5	5	Jay Hickman	IF	5-10	160	Soph.	R - R	0	Lakeland, Fla.
17	17	17	Danny Butler	IF	5-10	160	Sr.	R - L	3	Greensburg, Ky.
18	18	18	Larry Fentress	P	6-1	175	Soph.	R - R	1	Leitchfield, Ky.
20	20	20	Jay Davis	OF	5-11	175	Fresh.	R - R	0	Henderson, Ky.
21	16	16	Vanous Lloyd	IF	6-3	180	Sr.	R - R	3	Bowling Green, Ky.
22	8	8	Mike Coberly	IF	5-10	170	Jr.	R - R	1	Tip City, Ohio
23	23	23	Barrett Barnard	OF	6-1	180	Soph.	R - R	1	Russell Springs, Ky.
24	24	24	Elliott Miles	P	6-2	195	Sr.	R - L	2	Hopkinsville, Ky.
25	25	25	Terry Davis	P	6-2	170	Fresh.	R - R	1	Shelbyville, Ky.
26	26	26	Bob Clark	C	6-1	180	Soph.	R - R	0	Roswell, N. M.
27	22	22	Stan Markham	P	6-0	180	Sr.	L - L	3	Bowling Green, Ky.
28	28	28	Frank Chambers	OF	6-2	210	Sr.	R - R	1	Owensboro, Ky.
			Lawrence Helm	P	6-2	210	Fresh.	R - R	0	Bowling Green, Ky.