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# 1970 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
March 21	Bellarmine (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 23	Anderson College (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 25	Ferris St. College (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 26	Ferris St. College	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 28	Milliken University (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 30	Louisville (2)	Louisville, Ky.
March 31	Tennessee Tech (2)	Cookeville, Tenn.
April 1	Campbellsville (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 2	Louisville (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 4	*Murray (2)	Murray, Ky.
April 15	Centre (2)	Danville, Ky.
April 16	*Middle Tennessee (2)	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
April 18-19	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS INVITATIONAL TOURNEY--CARBONDALE, ILL.	
	Illinois	
	St. Louis	
	Southern Illinois	
	Western Kentucky	
April 21	David Lipscomb (2)	Nashville, Tenn.
April 23	*Murray (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 25	Southern Illinois (2)	Carbondale, Ill.
April 27	*Austin Peay (2)	Clarksville, Tenn.
April 30	*Middle Tennessee (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 4	*Austin Peay (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 7	Tennessee Tech (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 8	Belmont (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 9	David Lipscomb (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 11	Vanderbilt (2-Night)	Nashville, Tenn.
May 12	Evansville (2)	Evansville, Ind.

\*OVC Western Division games

## 1969 RESULTS

Overall Record: 17-11      OVC Record: 10-1

WKU	OPP.	WKU	OPP.
9	*Middle Tennessee	0	2
3	Centre	2	1
1	Centre	2	6
7	Air Force	6	9
2	Southern Illinois	7	6
11	Kentucky Southern	0	9
8	Kentucky Southern	3	11
0	*Murray	1	0
5	*Murray	2	8
3	Southern Illinois	10	4
2	Southern Illinois	6	2
1	Southern Illinois	0	
7	*Murray	6	
5	*Murray	3	
2	Tennessee Tech	1	
			OVC PLAYOFF--at Morehead
			6 Morehead
			3 Morehead

\*OVC Western Division games

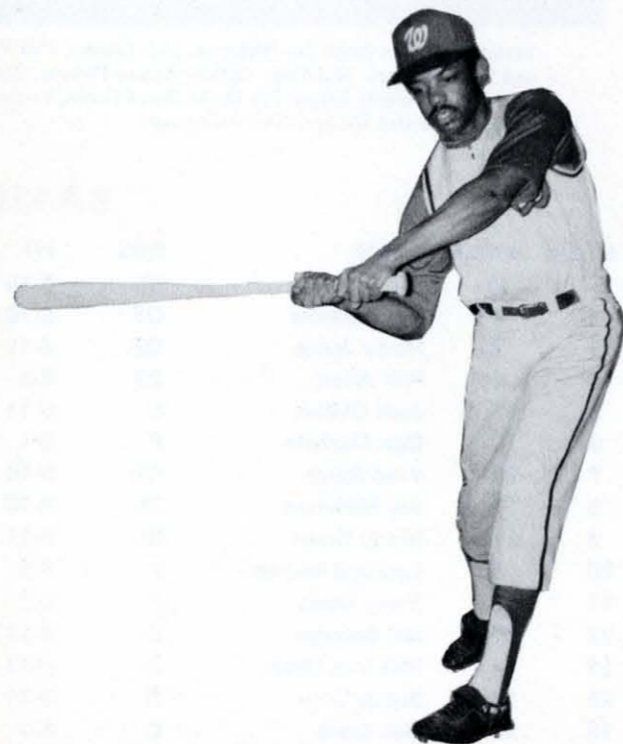
# WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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## HILLTOPPER



## BASEBALL



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1952

1953

WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1969

# Coach JIM PICKENS



Jim Pickens is in his fifth 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.

After suffering through three lean years at Western due to inexperience and a lack of solid hitting, Pickens' 1968 squad posted a 13-11 season and a second place finish in the Ohio Valley Conference's Western Division race. Last year the Hilltoppers registered a 17-11 worksheet and won 10 of eleven OVC games to claim their Division title.

Pickens' overall record, going into the current campaign, showed 52 wins, 49 losses and two ties.

In addition to his coaching duties, Pickens is Director of University Centers. 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. 10.

# 1970 OUTLOOK

Hilltopper diamond fortunes have been steadily rising since Jim Pickens came to the Western helm. Last spring's team won the Ohio Valley Conference's Western Division before dropping the championship playoff to powerful Morehead.

Graduation hurt the Toppers, but the key to a successful season will be Western's ability to replace two unexpected absentees on the roster. All-OVC catcher John Vance decided this spring to bypass his final year of baseball eligibility and sign a pro contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates. And, Bill Bathurst, counted on to be one of the mainstays of the Western mound staff, suffered an injury to his throwing arm.

Nevertheless, Pickens feels that the 1970 squad, led by the sparkling all-around ability of All-OVC outfielder Harry Jones, will have to be reckoned with. Jones led the 1969 team in four statistical categories and batted a healthy .317.

Pickens forecasts that his outfield of Jones, Jim Zwiesler and Jay Davis will be as strong defensively as any in college ball. Zwiesler led last year's squad in doubles, triples and total bases and he hit at a .352 clip.

The return of Neil Lawson, after sitting out a year, should bolster the infield. Pickens also looks for strong performances from top-notch freshmen Marty Braun and Jack Glasser. Braun is a shortstop and Glasser, a catcher, might help solve the vacancy behind the plate.

Graduation cost the pitching staff the services of All-OVC Stan Markham, as well as Alan Hapney and Elliott Miles. However, two fine returnees and a transfer should form the nucleus of a good mound corps. Don Durham and lefty Phil Van Meter will be back in uniform and Jim Howes, a big hard-throwing righthander, will join the Hilltoppers.

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky

Conference: Ohio Valley, NCAA

Nickname: Hilltoppers      Colors: Red and White

President: Dero G. Downing      Enrollment: 11,069

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—

Assistant Public Relations Director: Ed Given

Phone: 745-4295

## 1969 STATISTICS

### BATTING

NAME, POS.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
BARRETT BERNARD, OF	10	23	4	9	0	0	0	7	5	4	7	.391
JIM ZWIESLER, OF	20	54	11	19	4	4	1	34	5	5	5	.352
BUTCH GRAY, C	5	12	2	4	2	0	0	6	0	1	4	.333
HARRY JONES, OF	27	82	17	26	2	1	1	33	16	11	5	.317
Vanous Lloyd, IF	25	67	14	19	0	0	1	21	10	8	7	.284
JAY HICKMAN, IF	9	15	4	4	0	1	0	6	0	1	2	.267
DON DURHAM, P-OF	17	49	10	13	1	0	3	19	6	3	12	.265
JAY DAVIS, IF	11	23	4	6	0	0	1	8	4	2	7	.262
Frank Chambers, OF	15	31	9	8	1	1	1	12	6	6	8	.258
Bob Elliott, IF	12	31	2	8	0	0	0	8	2	2	6	.258
PHIL ALLEN, IF	13	24	5	6	0	0	0	6	0	4	9	.250
MIKE COBERLY, IF	15	42	7	10	2	1	0	14	8	4	12	.238
Danny Butler, IF	21	61	12	14	3	0	0	17	1	11	7	.230
George Lynch, IF	15	32	5	7	3	1	0	12	1	8	3	.213
John Vance, C	22	52	8	10	2	0	1	15	8	16	14	.192
BOB CLARK, C	14	29	5	4	0	0	1	7	1	9	12	.138
FRED JONES, OF	12	23	2	3	0	0	0	3	2	6	7	.130
TEAM	28	650	133	170	20	9	10	228	75	101	133	.262

NOTE: Returnees capitalized

### PITCHING

NAME	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HP	SO	BB	W	L	ERA
Vanous Lloyd	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	0.00
TERRY DAVIS	3	1	0	8 1/3	9	5	1	0	6	5	0	0	1.23
Bill Bathurst	3	2	1	10 1/3	2	2	2	0	8	3	1	0	1.71
Elliott Miles	8	6	4	41 2/3	26	13	8	2	36	21	4	1	1.74
LARRY FENTRESS	2	2	1	8	9	7	2	1	8	1	1	0	2.25
Stan Markham	9	7	6	47 1/3	44	28	12	1	54	13	4	3	2.28
PHIL VAN METER	2	2	1	11 1/3	9	6	4	0	3	2	1	1	3.20
Alan Hapney	6	4	3	39 1/3	30	22	15	0	41	20	2	3	3.46
Lawrence Helm	1	1	1	6	5	4	3	0	3	3	0	1	4.50
DON DURHAM	7	4	2	22 2/3	29	22	14	0	24	17	2	2	5.14
TEAM		29	19	198	164	109	61	4	186	87	*17	11	2.77

\*One game won by forfeit

NOTE: Returnees Capitalized

## 1970 HILLTOPPERS



Seated (l-r): Jim Hoff, Jay Hickman, Jack Glasser, Phil Van Meter, Barrett Bernard, Butch Gray, Fred Jones, Neil Lawson, and Ron Bronson. Standing: Batboy Jimmy Pickens, Coach Jim Pickens, Manager Buford Williams, Larry Young, Mike Coberly, Harry Jones, Marty Braun, Jay Davis, David Curtis, Leonard Mullens, Jim Howes, Bob Clark, Phil Allen, Don Durham, Bill Sevedge, Jim Zwiesler and Manager Ron Fulkerson.

## BASEBALL ROSTER

HOME	AWAY	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	T-B	LTRS.	HOMETOWN
1	10	Larry Young	SS	5-10	160	Fr.	R-R	0	Campbellsville, Ky.
2	2	Jim Zwiesler	OF	5-10	165	Jr.	L-L	2	Dayton, Ohio
3	3	Harry Jones	OF	5-11	165	Sr.	R-R	2	Media, Pa.
4	4	Phil Allen	2B	6-0	165	Jr.	R-R	2	Bowling Green, Ky.
5	11	Jack Glasser	C	5-11	170	Fr.	R-R	0	Bowling Green, Ky.
6	6	Don Durham	P	6-1	170	Jr.	R-R	2	Liberty, Ky.
7	18	Fred Jones	OF	5-10	165	So.	R-R	1	Greensburg, Ky.
8	16	Jay Hickman	2B	5-10	160	Jr.	R-R	1	Lakeland, Fla.
9	21	Marty Braun	SS	5-11	180	Fr.	R-R	0	Louisville, Ky.
10	8	Leonard Mullens	P	6-1	180	Jr.	R-R	0	Deland, Fla.
11	12	Terry Davis	P	6-2	175	So.	R-R	1	Shelbyville, Ky.
12	24	Bill Sevedge	P	5-11	170	Jr.	L-L	0	St. Louis, Mo.
14	14	Phil Van Meter	P	5-11	160	So.	L-R	1	Bowling Green, Ky.
15	15	Butch Gray	C	5-11	175	So.	R-R	1	Shelbyville, Ky.
18	26	Bob Clark	C	6-1	175	Jr.	R-R	1	Roswell, N.M.
19	25	Jim Hoff	P	6-3	180	So.	R-R	0	Lexington, Ky.
20	20	Jay Davis	OF	5-11	170	So.	R-R	1	Henderson, Ky.
22	7	Mike Coberly	3B	5-10	175	Sr.	R-R	2	Tip City, Ohio
23	23	Barrett Bernard	3B	5-11	170	Jr.	R-R	2	Russell Springs, Ky.
24	22	Neil Lawson	1B	5-11	175	Sr.	R-L	3	Canmer, Ky.
25	17	Ron Bronson	P	6-1	175	So.	R-R	0	Louisville, Ky.
27	27	David Curtis	1B	6-3	200	So.	R-L	0	Uniontown, Ky.
28	28	Jim Howes	P	6-4	205	Jr.	R-R	0	Owensboro, Ky.