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1977 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent (Games)	Site	Time (Local)
March 5	Campbellsville (2)	Away	1:00
March 12	Tennessee Wesleyan (1)	Away	1:00
March 12	Shorter (1)	Away	3:00
March 13	Columbus (1)	Away	1:00
March 14	Mercer (1)	Away	1:00
March 15	Mercer (1)	Away	1:00
March 15	Tennessee Tech (1)	Away	3:00
March 16	Mercer (1)	Away	1:00
March 16	Tennessee Tech (1)	Away	3:00
March 17	Georgia (1)	Away	1:00
March 18	Mercer (1)	Away	1:00
March 19	Georgia Southwestern (1)	Away	1:00
March 20	Jacksonville State (1)	Away	1:00
March 22	Louisville (1)	Away	2:00
March 23	Evansville (1)	Home	3:00
March 26	*Austin Peay (2)	Away	1:00
March 28	Western Michigan (2)	Home	1:00
March 29	Louisville (2)	Home	1:00
March 30	Kentucky Wesleyan (1)	Away	3:00
March 31	David Lipscomb (1)	Home	3:00
April 1	Indiana-Purdue (1)	Home	3:00
April 2	*Murray State (2)	Home	1:00
April 4	Vanderbilt (1)	Home	3:00
April 6	*Middle Tennessee (2)	Home	1:00
April 7	Bellarmine (2)	Home	1:00
April 9	*Middle Tennessee (2)	Away	1:00
April 11	Bellarmine (1)	Away	1:30
April 12	Kentucky Wesleyan (1)	Home	3:00
April 13	*Austin Peay (2)	Home	1:00
April 14	David Lipscomb (1)	Away	3:00
April 15	Evansville (1)	Away	3:00
April 16	*Murray St. (2)	Away	1:00
April 18	Vanderbilt (1)	Away	2:30
April 19	Southern Illinois (2)	Away	1:00
April 22	Centre (1)	Away	2:30
April 26	Trevecca (1)	Home	3:00
April 29	Eastern Kentucky (1)	Home	3:00

*Ohio Valley Conference Western Division games

1976 RESULTS

OVERALL: 7-21 OVC: 2-8

Date	Opponent	Results	Date	Opponent	Results
3/5	at Valdosta St.	L3-8	4/7	*at Middle Tenn.	L3-5
3/6	at Valdosta St.	L1-5	4/7	*at Middle Tenn.	L3-5
3/7	at Virginia	W5-3	4/10	*Middle Tenn.	L0-3
3/8	at Mercer	L3-5	4/10	*Middle Tenn.	L3-4
3/10	at Jacksonville	L5-6	4/14	*at Austin Peay	W7-0
3/11	at Jacksonville	L5-6	4/14	*at Austin Peay	W2-1
3/20	at Vanderbilt	L7-8	4/17	*at Murray St.	L4-6
3/23	Vanderbilt	W8-2	4/17	*at Murray St.	L4-10
3/24	at Louisville	W12-11	4/20	Southern Ill.	L4-6
3/24	at Louisville	L4-26	4/20	Southern Ill.	L3-6
4/3	*Murray St.	L1-5	4/22	Ky. Wesleyan	L0-4
4/3	*Murray St.	L0-5	4/22	Ky. Wesleyan	W7-0
4/5	Lipscomb	L4-7	4/26	at Ky. Wesleyan	L4-5
4/5	Lipscomb	W6-4	4/26	at Ky. Wesleyan	L6-7

*Ohio Valley Conference Western Division game

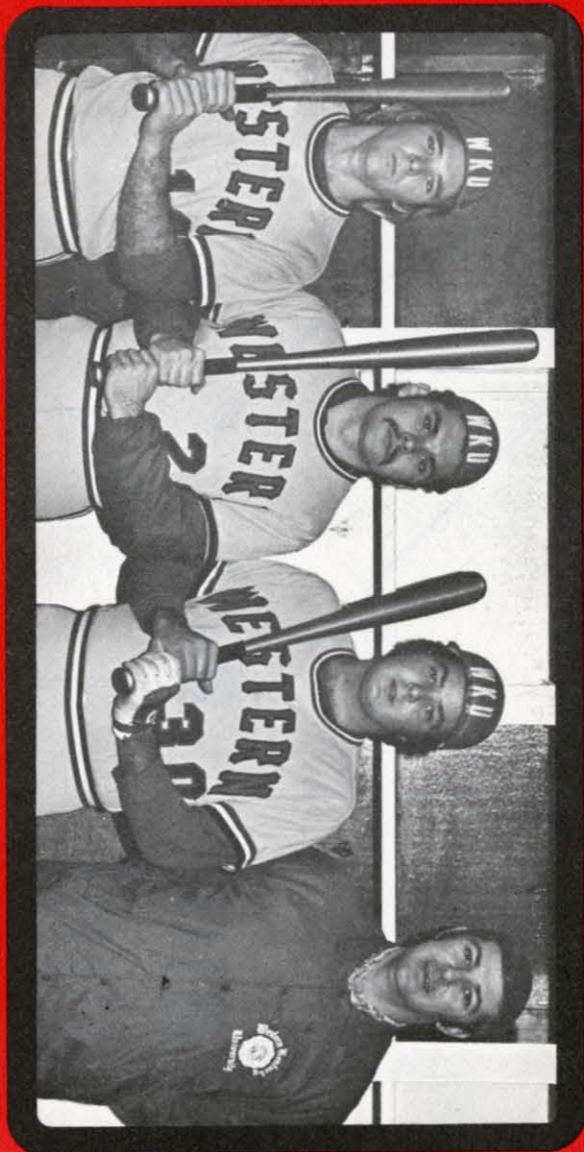
UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Bowling Green, Ky. 42101
 Conference: Ohio Valley Conference
 Nickname: Hilltoppers Colors: Red and White
 President: Dr. Dero G. Downing
 Enrollment: 13,352 (1976-77)
 Chairman, University Athletic Committee: Dr. John Minton
 Athletic Director: John Oldham
 Baseball Coach: Dr. Barry Shollenberger
 Home Field: Nick Denes Field
 Athletic Office Phone: Area 502 745-3542 or 745-3348

—FOR INFORMATION ON ALL SPORTS—

Assistant Public Relations Director: Ed Given
 Phone: 745-4295

1977
 Western
 Kentucky
 University
 BASEBALL



Gary Larimore

Terry Tedder

Wally Moss

Coach Barry Shollenberger

DR. BARRY SHOLLENBERGER
 Head Coach



Dr. Barry Shollenberger, a veteran of the high school, junior college and college coaching ranks, is in his first year at Western Kentucky University.

The 36-year-old Pennsylvania native comes to the Hilltoppers after a one-year stint at Middle Georgia College, where he led the Warriors to a 44-10 record and the Georgia State Junior College Conference championship.

In 1974 and 1975, he was assistant baseball coach at the University of Alabama, where he helped mold the Crimson Tide pitching staff into one of the strongest in the nation. Alabama's staff had a combined earned average of 2.06, ninth best in the nation, in 1974 and 2.85 in 1975.

He coached at Brewster High School (now Tampa Bay Tech) in Tampa, Fla., for eight years, where he worked with football and basketball, as well as baseball.

He received the B.A. degree from Moravian College in 1965, his M.A. degree from Western in 1970 and the Ed.D. degree from the University of Alabama in 1975.

Shollenberger was voted the outstanding American Legion player in Pennsylvania in 1959 and was twice named to the All-Middle Atlantic Conference team at Moravian College.

He spent five seasons in professional baseball after signing with the Boston Red Sox in 1961. Pitching for Waterloo, Iowa, in 1962, he led the Midwest League in strikeouts with 226, posted the league's lowest ERA at 2.14 and was named the league's Rookie of the Year.

However, he injured his arm in September of that year. After being drafted to the major league roster of the Cincinnati Reds in November, 1962, he advanced as high as San Diego in the Class AAA Pacific Coast League before retiring from pro baseball in August, 1965, because of chronic tendonitis.

His coaching career has been marked by his ability to develop outstanding pitchers and top-flight won-lost records. His pitching staff at Middle Georgia, for example, had a composite earned run average of only 1.57. His combined coaching record over 11 seasons is 218-93, a .701 percentage.

Shollenberger is married to the former Renee Ryals and they have two daughters, Kimberly 11, and Juli, almost 2.

1977 OUTLOOK

Dr. Barry Shollenberger, in his first year as head coach of Western Kentucky University's baseball team, unabashedly calls 1977 "a rebuilding year."

"I don't know how we could classify it as anything else," he declared, "since we have 21 new faces (including 12 freshmen) among the 33 names on our roster."

"While we don't have a lot in numbers," he continued, "we do have some 'quality' people back from last season."

"If we can find enough 'quality' players among our newcomers to complement them, we could become a darkhorse contender."

Shollenberger vows the Hilltoppers' strong point will be a positive attitude.

"We'll hustle, whether we're winning by 20 runs or losing by 20," he declared.

"Our next biggest asset is pitching depth. Baseball is a game that begins and ends with pitching. We do have

depth... we'll have to see if enough of our pitchers come up to Ohio Valley Conference standards.

"Our hitting is best termed as inexperienced. Returnees Terry Tedder (first base), Gary Larimore (outfield) and Wally Moss (catcher-designated hitter) will provide some solid leadership there, but our other hitters are virtually untested against quality pitching."

In mid-winter, Shollenberger saw defense as the area in which the Hilltoppers needed the most work, "but we can't work on defense indoors. We'll have to wait until we get outside and see what we can put together."

He added, "Our speed and base-running are adequate, but not outstanding. We'd like to run and put as much pressure as possible on the defense. I don't know yet how much pressure our speed will let us bring to bear."



HILLTOPPER STANDOUTS



BOB BRISTOW

A senior with a wealth of experience, Bristow could serve as prototype for the kind of defensive centerfielder every team needs: plenty of speed and a strong accurate throwing arm. He is also a solid base-stealing threat.

GEORGE BROOKS

As the only senior on the pitching staff, Brooks ranks as the team's "crafty veteran," challenging hitters with an assortment of fastballs, curves and off-speed pitches, usually on the "black" part of the plate.



GARY LARIMORE

Larimore is a good bet to hold down the clean-up spot in the batting order after proving himself as a power hitter over the past two seasons. He is a highly capable fielder with a strong arm from his right field spot.

WALLY MOSS

Moss is a veteran catcher expected to have an outstanding season. How much he is used behind the plate and how often he will be used as the designated hitter will likely be determined by how well he has recovered from a shoulder injury suffered last fall.



PAUL ORBERSON

A hard-throwing left hander, Orberon was voted the squad's outstanding pitcher at the end of fall practice. Only a junior, he could become the team's "big game" pitcher this spring.

STEVE ROBERTSON

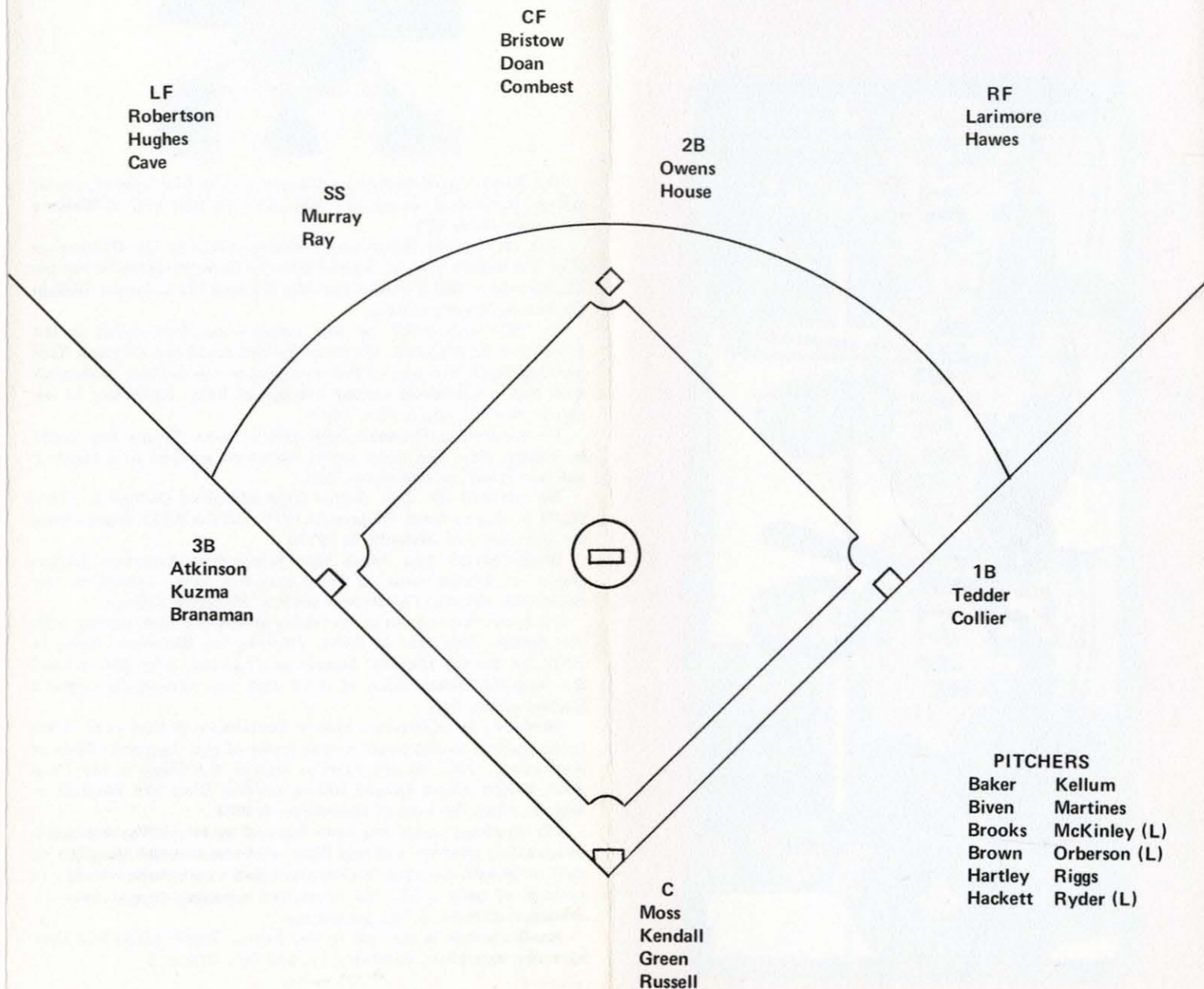
This junior outfielder is bouncing back from a fall practice injury that sidelined him for two months. Prior to that, his consistent contact at the plate and all-around defensive ability marked him as a prime contender for the left field position.



TERRY TEDDER

Tedder, a first-baseman, is a complete player and a quality hitter. He batted above .300 in both his freshman and sophomore seasons. He runs exceptionally well and has a strong throwing arm.

HILLTOPPER DEPTH CHART



1977 ROSTER

Name, Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	B-T	Class	Hometown (High School)
Jim Atkinson, 3B	6-1	190	R-R	So.	Auburn, N.Y. (Auburn)
Rick Baker, P	6-1	175	R-R	Fr.	Reistertown, Md. (Franklin)
Mark Biven, P	5-11	190	R-R	So.	Louisville, Ky. (DeSales)
Bill Branaman, 3B	6-2	165	R-R	Fr.	Corbin, Ky. (Corbin)
Bob Bristow, OF	6-0	185	R-R	Sr.	Mt. Washington, Ky. (Bullitt Cen.)
George Brooks, P	6-0	195	R-R	Sr.	Owensboro, Ky. (Catholic)
Gary Brown, P	6-1	165	R-R	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky. (Davies Co.)
Larry Cave, IF-OF	5-8	160	L-R	Jr.	Elizabethtown, Ky. (Elizabethtown)
Mike Collier, 1B	5-10	165	R-L	Fr.	Benton Harbor, Mich. (St. Joseph)
Rick Combest, OF	5-8	185	L-R	Fr.	Henderson, Ky. (Henderson Co.)
Greg Doan, OF	6-0	190	R-R	Fr.	Shepherdsville, Ky. (Bullitt Cen.)
Mike Green, C	6-0	195	L-R	So.	Gainesville, Ga. (Johnson)
Terry Hackett, P	6-0	195	R-R	Jr.	Merrillville, Ind. (Merrillville)
Wendell Hartley, P	5-8	170	R-R	Fr.	Pasadena, Texas (Cleveland)
David Hawes, IF-OF	5-10	145	R-R	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky. (Davies Co.)
Ronald House, SS	5-10	170	R-R	So.	Gainesville, Ga. (Gainesville)
Frank Hughes, OF	5-8	160	R-R	Jr.	Decatur, Ga. (Henderson)
Tim Kellum, P	6-3	170	R-R	Fr.	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
David Kendall, C	5-10	180	R-R	Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Warren Cen.)
Jerry Kuzma, 3B	6-1	205	R-R	So.	Merrillville, Ind. (Merrillville)
Gary Larimore, OF	6-0	175	R-R	Sr.	Horse Cave, Ky. (Caverna)
Tony Martines, P	6-3	185	R-R	Jr.	Pensacola, Fla. (Tate)
Jeff McKinley, P	6-2	185	R-L	So.	Campbellsville, Ky. (Campbellsville)
Wally Moss, C	6-0	190	R-R	Sr.	Elizabethtown, Ky. (Napierville)
Mike Murray, SS	6-0	170	R-R	So.	Ft. Mitchell, Ky. (Beechwood)
Paul Orberon, P-OF	5-11	170	L-L	Jr.	Danville, Ky. (Boyle Co.)
Gary Owens, 2B	5-8	140	R-R	Fr.	London, Ky. (Laurel Co.)
Ronnie Ray, SS	5-10	170	R-R	Fr.	Shepherdsville, Ky. (Bullitt Cen.)
Mike Riggs, P	6-0	160	R-R	Jr.	Owensboro, Ky. (Owensboro)
Steve Robertson, OF	5-8	155	L-L	Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
Robert Russell, C	6-0	195	R-R	Fr.	Pearl City, Hawaii (Pearl City)
Mitch Ryder, P	6-2	210	L-L	So.	Gainesville, Ga. (Johnson)
Terry Tedder, 1B	5-9	170	L-L	Jr.	Columbia, Ky. (Adair Co.)

1976 STATISTICS

BATTING

(Returning Players in Bold Face Type)

Player	AB	H	R	RBI	2B	3B	HR	AVG
Harold Craft	92	31	12	5	3	2	0	.337
Terry Tedder	83	25	10	11	5	1	3	.301
Gary Larimore	86	25	13	10	7	1	1	.291
Mark Biven	7	2	3	1	0	0	1	.285
Jim Atkinson	73	17	12	6	4	0	3	.233
Steve Robertson	27	6	3	2	2	0	0	.222
Steve Keck	88	19	12	7	1	1	2	.216
Steve Patton	24	5	5	1	0	1	0	.208
Larry Cave	34	7	8	1	2	0	0	.206
Wally Moss	39	8	3	2	5	0	0	.205
Jeff Baker	48	9	11	2	0	0	0	.188
David Kendall	11	2	2	2	0	0	0	.182
Richard Hoffman	23	3	2	0	1	0	0	.130
Darrell Stevenson	47	6	8	5	3	0	1	.127
Jerry Kuzma	17	2	1	0	0	0	0	.118
Others	32	9	9	6	1	0	0	.281
TOTALS	731	176	114	61	33	6	11	.241

PITCHING LEADERS

Pitcher	G	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Paul Orberon	9	36	15	11	24	17	21	3	4	2.75
Kim Kirby	9	29	14	9	19	8	8	1	3	2.79
Terry Hackett	12	33	17	12	20	20	11	2	5	3.27
Jim Cox	5	17	12	7	14	14	1	0	3	3.71
Jeff McKinley	6	18	12	9	12	16	14	0	3	4.50
Bill Sheckles	9	18	11	11	15	15	8	1	2	5.50

PITCHERS

Baker Kellum
 Biven Martines
 Brooks McKinley (L)
 Brown Orberon (L)
 Hartley Riggs
 Hackett Ryder (L)