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1978 Baseball

Western Kentucky University



Frank Hughes

Paul Orberon

Terry Tedder



Dr. BARRY SHOLLENBERGER
Head Coach

Dr. Barry Shollenberger, a veteran of the high school, junior college and college coaching ranks, is in his second year as head coach of the Western Kentucky University baseball program.

The 37-year-old Pennsylvania native came 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.

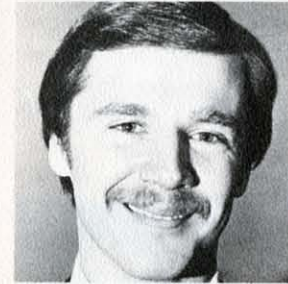
In 1974 and 1975 he was assistant baseball coach at the University of Alabama, where he helped mold the Crimson Tide pitching staff into one of the strongest in the nation. Alabama's staff had a combined earned run average of 2.06, ninth best in the nation, in 1974 and 2.85 in 1975.

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.

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 is married to the former Renee Ryals and they have two daughters, Kimberly 12, and Juli, almost 3.



JOEL MURRIE
Graduate Asst. Coach

Western Kentucky is fortunate to have a graduate assistant baseball coach with the background and credentials of Joel Murrie.

He played his collegiate baseball at Chipola Junior College, Marianna, Fla., which was ranked fifth nationally, before completing his career at the University of Florida, where he led the Southeastern Conference in stolen bases in 1975.

He has also spent two years in the high school coaching ranks at Crestview High School, Crestview, Fla., where he compiled a 37-12 record.

His areas of expertise in assisting Head Coach Barry Shollenberger will be in working with the outfielders and teaching the Hilltoppers the proper techniques of good baserunning.

The 24-year-old native of Russell, Ill., is completing an M.A. degree in Education while at Western and is married to the former Wanda Brunson of Marietta, Fla.

1978 OUTLOOK

"I feel I have learned a lot in my first year of coaching here at Western," Head Baseball Coach Barry Shollenberger says, "and I feel the program here is developing very much to my liking."

After a successful season last year — a "rebuilding" year in which the Hilltoppers established 23 new team and individual records, including most wins ever in a season (20) — Shollenberger feels he has an excellent mixture of veterans and recruits to make Western a serious contender for the Ohio Valley Conference Western Division crown.

"We have a very poised team this year," he adds, "and I am very pleased with the team attitude, the willingness of the players to do what is needed to win."

The Hilltoppers will certainly be tested this season, for in addition to the rugged Conference schedule, they will also be playing four clubs that went to the NCAA playoffs last year: third-place Southern Illinois (the only team to beat NCAA Champion Arizona State), the University of Florida, the University of Miami and Morehead State.

Western will also be taking on NAIA national champion David Lipscomb, as well as Georgia Southern and Florida State, two teams which combined for 74 victories last season.

PITCHING

As a former professional baseball pitcher himself, Shollenberger knows the importance of a strong mound staff.

"Pitching means the difference between a successful and a non-successful season," Shollenberger says, adding that "last year our pitchers were young, but talented. This year we have our top eight pitchers back, as well as several newcomers who fit into our program well."

Among the newcomers are junior college transfers Wayne Denton and Rick Gittens. Denton is a lefthander who played two years at Volunteer State Junior College in Gallatin, Tenn., while Gittens is a righthander from Middle Georgia College. According to Shollenberger, the experience gained by both while at junior college will be invaluable to the Hilltoppers.

Leading the returnees is senior tri-captain Paul Orberon, who had a disappointing 1-4 record last year in pitching Western's "tough" games. An All-OVC performer last year because of his .323 batting average, Orberon, whom Shollenberger rates as potentially the best pitcher on the staff, will concentrate only on his mound work this year.

Another leading returnee is junior Jeff McKinley, a lefthanded fireballer who recorded 58 strikeouts in 47 1/3 innings of work to rank fifth nationally in strikeout ratio. "All Jeff needs to be a really dominating pitcher is more consistency," Shollenberger says.

Other experienced returnees include sophomore Ricky Baker (1-3), junior Mark Biven (2-2 with 2 saves), senior Tony Martinez (4-2), and senior Mike Riggs (2-0 with 2 saves). All four are righthanders.

"We are very deep in pitching," Shollenberger says, "and all of them are capable of being front-line pitchers. The real question is whether we will have two who will take charge and become our stoppers when we get into conference play."

INFIELD

"Defense was one of our glaring weaknesses last year," Shollenberger admits, "and I have tried to shore it up by making some personnel changes. The late season improvement of sophomore Mike Murray (who batted .299 and was second in the OVC in stolen bases his freshman season) at shortstop makes us optimistic that this phase of our game will be much improved this season."

A fixture for the Hilltoppers at first base in recent years has been senior tri-captain Terry Tedder, who will be returning for his fourth campaign. An All-OVC selection last year and bona fide All-American candidate, the lefthander led the team with a .359 average last year and set school records in number of hits (55), doubles (11), home runs (7) and runs batted in (41). "And there is no telling how many throwing errors he saves with his glove," Shollenberger adds.

The second base position was won outright in the fall by junior college transfer Freddie Carlisle, a 5-8, 160-pounder from Albany, Ga. He played at Middle Georgia College the last two years, batting a hefty .355 his final season there.

There are three contenders for the third base slot: transfer Ron Rocco, a native of Pittsburgh, Pa.; junior college transfer Charlie Payne, who was a two-time Tennessee State Junior College Batting Champion at Volunteer State Junior College; and freshman Rene Zarate, who was the leading hitter for Tampa Catholic High School last year — a school ranked among the top 10 prep schools in the nation.

Tommy Sapp, an All-State performer while at Middle Georgia College, where he batted .345, could step in at any infield position and is a valuable reserve for the Hilltoppers.

OUTFIELD

"Our outfield will be much stronger, defensively, this year and we will have more overall speed," Shollenberger says.

Frank Hughes, an All-OVC selection last year as a second baseman, returns to his natural position as he moves into leftfield. A very steady player, he made a school record 167 appearances at the plate last year, belting out another school record 11 doubles and finishing with a .311 batting average. The senior tri-captain also won the Golden Glove Award last year as he committed only four errors.

Centerfield will be patrolled by junior college transfer Mike Atwell, whom Shollenberger labels "a prototype centerfielder." An All-State selection while playing at Wabash Valley Junior College in Illinois, Atwell has excellent speed, a strong and accurate throwing arm, and good leadership qualities to go along with a batting average that has consistently hovered around the .400 mark.

Two Hilltoppers are battling for the rightfield position, Jim Atkinson and Leonard Phillips. Atkinson, who held down the third base slot last year, is better able to utilize his exceptional speed and rifle throwing arm from the outfield position and carries a dangerous bat. He hit .305 last year. Phillips, a junior college transfer, batted .324 at Middle Georgia College last season, including seven home runs and five triples. He also recorded 14 steals in 14 attempts.

Reserves Larry Mitchell, a freshman from nationally-ranked Tampa Catholic High School; David Hawes, an Owensboro, Ky., freshman walk-on; and Lloyd Williford, a junior from Bowling Green, provide the Hilltoppers with excellent depth.

CATCHING

Shollenberger is a firm believer in having two starting catchers in his squad. "Catching is the most hazardous position on the field, as far as injuries are concerned," he says. "With two starting catchers, if one goes down, the other is ready to step in."

The two Hilltoppers who will be sharing starting assignments behind the plate are David Kendall, a senior from Bowling Green, and Mike Green, a junior from Gainesville, Ga. Both are excellent receivers, with Green getting the nod as the better offensive player and Kendall the better defensive player. Both work their pitchers well and are blessed with strong and accurate arms to cut down baserunners.

The two will be backed up by two freshmen: Tim Pickerrell, a 6-0, 185-pounder from Elizabethtown, Ky., and Sam Royse, a 5-10, 190-pounder from Glasgow, Ky.

WKU BASEBALL RECORDS

TEAM SEASON (HITTING)

Most at Bats: 1318 (1977)
Most Runs: 234 (1977)
Most Hits: 372 (1977)
Most Doubles: 61 (1977)
Most Triples: 20 (1970)
Most Home Runs: 33 (1977)
Most Total Bases: 549 (1977)
Most Runs Batted In: 203 (1977)
Most Walks: 198 (1977)
Best Batting Average: .303 (1970)

TEAM SEASON (PITCHING)

Most Innings Pitched: 323 (1977)
Best Earned Run Average: 2.70 (1968)
Most Strikeouts: 249 (1977)
Most Complete Games: 20 (1971; 1977)
Most Shutouts: 5 (1913; 1959; 1973)

TEAM SINGLE GAME

Largest Winning Margin: 22 (22-0 vs. Eastern Ky., 1913; 24-2 vs. Bethel, 1959)
Most Runs: 26 (vs. Lindsey Wilson, 1934)
Most Strikeouts: 14 (vs. Austin Peay, 1973; vs. Bellarmine, 1970)

INDIVIDUAL SEASON (HITTING)

Most at Bats: 167 (F. Hughes, 1977)
Highest Batting Avg. (min. 50 at bats): .418 (D. Durham, 1970)
Most Hits: 55 (T. Tedder, 1977)
Most Total Bases: 91 (T. Tedder, 1977)
Most Runs: 35 (H. Jones, 1970)
Most Doubles: 11 (F. Hughes, 1977)
Most Triples: 6 (J. Zweisler, 1971; D. Durham, 1970)
Most Home Runs: 7 (T. Tedder, 1977)
Most Runs Batted In: 41 (T. Tedder, 1977)
Most Walks: 25 (T. Tedder, 1977)
Fewest Strikeouts/ at Bats: 2/72 (H. Jones, 1968)
Most Stolen Bases: 15 (M. Murray, 1977)

INDIVIDUAL SEASON (PITCHING)

Most Appearances: 13 (M. Biven, 1977)
Most Victories: 6 (D. Durham, 1970)
Most Complete Games: 8 (D. Durham, 1970; P. VanMeter, 1971)
Most Strikeouts: 80 (D. Durham, 1970)
Fewest Hits/Innings Pitched: 31/55 (D. Durham, 1970)
Most Innings Pitched: 62 (S. Markham, 1967)
Fewest Walks/Innings Pitched: 13/47 (S. Markham, 1969)
Lowest Earned Run Avg. (min. 25 innings): 0.87 (L. Mullins, 1970)

TEAM SEASON (MISCELLANEOUS)

Most Games: 44 (1977)
Most Victories: 20 (1977)
Longest Winning Streak: 12 (1928)

1977 RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Result	Pitcher of Record
Mar. 8	Campbellsville College	W20-0	McKinley (1-0)
Mar. 14	Mercer	L3-8	Kellum (0-1)
Mar. 15	Tennessee Tech	W7-1	Baker (1-0)
Mar. 15	Mercer	L6-7	Hackett (0-1)
Mar. 16	Tennessee Tech	W6-0	Martines (1-0)
Mar. 17	Valdosta State	L2-4	Brooks (0-1)
Mar. 18	Mercer	L4-9	McKinley (1-1)
Mar. 19	Georgia Southwestern	W2-1	Biven (1-0)
Mar. 20	Jacksonville State	L1-8	Martines (1-1)
Mar. 22	Louisville	L3-4	Kellum (0-2)
Mar. 23	Evansville	L10-13	Baker (1-1)
Mar. 26	Austin Peay	L0-5	Orberson (0-1)
Mar. 26	Austin Peay	W7-4	Kellum (1-2)
Mar. 28	Western Michigan	W3-2	Riggs (1-0)
Mar. 29	Louisville	L3-4	Baker (1-2)
Mar. 29	Louisville	L4-5	Biven (1-1)
Mar. 30	Kentucky Wesleyan	W11-8	Riggs (2-0)
Mar. 30	Kentucky Wesleyan	W10-0	Hackett (1-1)
Mar. 31	David Lipscomb	W8-2	McKinley (2-1)
Apr. 1	Indiana-Purdue	W11-3	Martines (2-1)
Apr. 2	Murray State	L1-4	Orberson (0-2)
Apr. 6	Middle Tennessee	L1-5	Baker (1-3)
Apr. 6	Middle Tennessee	L2-5	Kellum (1-3)
Apr. 7	Bellarmine	W5-3	Hackett (2-1)
Apr. 7	Bellarmine	W10-5	Martines (3-1)
Apr. 9	Middle Tennessee	L0-3	Orberson (0-3)
Apr. 9	Middle Tennessee	L1-5	McKinley (2-2)
Apr. 11	Bellarmine	W8-7	Biven (2-1)
Apr. 11	Bellarmine	W13-6	Kellum (2-3)
Apr. 12	Kentucky Wesleyan	W9-6	Hackett (3-1)
Apr. 12	Kentucky Wesleyan	L0-2	Martines (3-2)
Apr. 13	Austin Peay	W5-2	McKinley (3-2)
Apr. 13	Austin Peay	L1-3	Biven (2-2)
Apr. 14	David Lipscomb	L5-7	Brooks (0-2)
Apr. 15	Evansville	L5-6	Kellum (2-4)
Apr. 16	Murray State	L2-10	Orberson (0-4)
Apr. 16	Murray State	L6-12	McKinley (3-3)
Apr. 18	Vanderbilt	W7-5	Hackett (4-1)
Apr. 18	Vanderbilt	T3-3	
Apr. 19	Southern Illinois	L0-7	McKinley (3-4)
Apr. 26	Trevecca Nazarene	W8-1	McKinley (4-4)
Apr. 29	Eastern Kentucky	W4-3	Orberson (1-4)
Apr. 29	Eastern Kentucky	W9-3	Martines (4-2)
Apr. 30	Murray State	L12-13	Hackett (4-2)

1978 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Mar. 6	Indiana State	Bowling Green, Ky.	2 p.m.
Mar. 8	*Wisconsin	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Mar. 9	*Wisconsin	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Mar. 12	Georgia Southern	Statesboro, Ga.	1:30 p.m.
Mar. 13	Hillsborough College	Tampa, Fla.	3 p.m.
Mar. 14	Hillsborough College	Tampa, Fla.	3 p.m.
Mar. 15	Valencia College	Orlando, Fla.	3 p.m.
Mar. 16	Miami	Miami, Fla.	7:30 p.m.
Mar. 17	Florida State	Tallahassee, Fla.	5 p.m.
Mar. 18	Columbus College	Columbus, Ga.	12 noon
Mar. 20	Iowa	Bowling Green, Ky.	3 p.m.
Mar. 21	*Louisville	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Mar. 23	*Eastern Illinois	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Mar. 24	*Eastern Illinois	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Mar. 25†	*Austin Peay	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Mar. 28	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	3 p.m.
Mar. 30	Evansville	Bowling Green, Ky.	3 p.m.
Apr. 1	*Murray State	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 4	Kentucky Wesleyan	Bowling Green, Ky.	3 p.m.
Apr. 5	*Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Apr. 6	Indiana-Purdue (Ft. Wayne)	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 7	Campbellsville College	Bowling Green, Ky.	3 p.m.
Apr. 8	*Middle Tennessee	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 10	Florida	Bowling Green, Ky.	3 p.m.
Apr. 11	Tennessee State	Bowling Green, Ky.	3 p.m.
Apr. 12†	*Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Apr. 13	David Lipscomb	Nashville, Tenn.	3 p.m.
Apr. 15†	*Murray State	Murray, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 16	Bellarmine	Louisville, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 18	Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn.	2:30 p.m.
Apr. 21	Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 22	Morehead State	Morehead, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 23	Kentucky State	Frankfort, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 24	Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	3 p.m.
Apr. 26	David Lipscomb	Bowling Green, Ky.	3 p.m.
Apr. 27	Southern Illinois	Bowling Green, Ky.	1 p.m.
Apr. 28	Trevecca Nazarene	Nashville, Tenn.	1 p.m.
Apr. 29	Kentucky Wesleyan	Owensboro, Ky.	1 p.m.
	*Doubleheader		
	† Conference games		

UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky
Conference: Ohio Valley, NCAA
Nickname: Hilltoppers Colors: Red and White
President: Dr. Dero G. Downing
Enrollment: 13,521
Chairman, University Athletic Committee: Dr. John Minton
Athletic Director: John Oldham
Baseball Coach: Dr. Barry Shollenberger
Graduate Assistant Baseball Coach: Joel Murrie
Athletic Office Phone: (502) 745-3542 or 745-3348
Home Field: Nick Denes Field

-FOR INFORMATION ON ALL SPORTS-

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

1977 FINAL BASEBALL STATISTICS

HITTING

Player, Position	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	Bat. Avg.	PO	A	E	Field Avg.
Terry Tedder, 1B	153	32	55	11	2	7	41	25	24	6	.359	318	27	7	.980
Paul Orberon, DH-OF-P	124	23	40	5	0	1	23	20	10	3	.323	16	10	3	.897
Frank Hughes, 2B-OF	167	26	52	11	2	2	17	14	23	13	.311	70	67	4	.972
Jim Atkinson, 3B	127	28	39	7	2	4	26	21	23	14	.305	37	54	15	.861
Mike Murray, SS	137	27	41	6	1	4	14	14	25	15	.299	56	78	19	.876
*Bob Bristow, CF	134	24	38	4	0	3	18	6	29	6	.284	64	3	4	.944
*Gary Larimore, RF	152	19	43	8	1	5	24	23	25	1	.283	64	4	1	.986
*Wally Moss, C	49	1	13	2	0	0	5	16	10	0	.265	129	11	1	.993
*Steve Robertson, LF	43	11	10	1	0	0	6	9	6	1	.233	26	0	2	.929
*Ron House, 2B	26	2	6	1	0	0	5	1	2	0	.231	2	0	0	1.000
Mike Green, C-DH	57	6	10	1	0	4	12	18	20	0	.175	14	0	1	.933
*Larry Cave, 2B	46	16	8	1	0	1	3	5	2	7	.174	17	18	7	.833
Lou Kendall, C	53	3	9	1	0	1	4	7	27	0	.170	128	16	4	.973
*Jerry Kuzma, 3B	24	4	4	0	0	2	5	5	11	0	.167	2	7	3	.750
*Gary Owens	26	12	4	2	0	0	0	14	8	0	.154	10	13	3	.885
Team Totals	1318	234	372	61	8	33	203	198	245	66	.282	969	353	83	.941

PITCHING

Pitcher	G	GS	CG	IP	H	E-ER	BB	SO	W	L	S	ERA	PO	A	E	Field Avg.
Mark Biven	13	2	2	33 2/3	28	14-9	18	21	2	2	2	2.41	2	5	0	1.000
Paul Orberon	11	7	2	43 1/3	45	27-13	26	41	1	4	0	2.70	0	0	0	1.000
Tony Martines	8	7	3	36 2/3	27	16-11	12	22	4	2	0	2.70	5	3	3	.727
Mike Riggs	8	0	0	20 2/3	18	9-8	10	17	2	0	2	3.48	1	4	0	1.000
Rick Baker	8	7	3	49 --	54	31-20	27	44	1	3	0	3.67	0	3	2	1.000
Terry Hackett	8	5	4	35 2/3	41	30-18	15	15	4	2	0	4.54	0	3	2	.600
Jeff McKinley	11	7	3	47 1/3	39	28-24	40	58	4	4	0	4.57	2	8	0	1.000
*George Brooks	5	3	1	17 1/3	14	13-8	12	11	0	2	1	4.16	3	6	2	.818
Tim Kellum	10	6	2	35 2/3	53	37-26	25	17	2	4	0	6.56	3	11	2	.875
*Mitch Ryder	2	0	0	2 --	0	3-3	6	2	0	0	0	13.50	0	0	0	.000
*Gary Brown	2	0	0	1 2/3	0	2-0	3	1	0	0	1	0.00	0	0	0	.000
Team Totals	--	44	20	323--	319	210-140	194	249	20	23	6	3.90	16	43	9	.866

*Not Returning in 1978

1977 ROSTER

Player	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown	Player	Pos.	B-T	Ht.	Wt.	Class	Hometown
Jim Atkinson	OF	R-R	6-1	190	Jr.	Auburn, N.Y.	Jeff McKinley	P	R-L	6-2	195	Jr.	Campbellsville, Ky.
Mike Atwell	OF	L-L	5-8	160	Jr.	Logansport, Ind.	Larry Mitchell	OF	L-L	6-4	170	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.
Ricky Baker	P	R-R	6-2	175	So.	Reisterstown, Md.	Mike Murray	SS	R-R	6-0	175	So.	Ft. Mitchell, Ky.
Mark Biven	P	R-R	5-10	195	Jr.	Louisville, Ky.	Paul Orberon	P	L-L	5-11	170	Sr.	Danville, Ky.
J.T. Buck	IF-OF	R-R	5-7	150	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky.	Charlie Payne	3B	L-R	5-9	160	Jr.	Portland, Tenn.
Freddie Carlisle	2B	L-R	5-8	160	Jr.	Albany, Ga.	Leonard Phillips	OF	L-L	6-0	190	Jr.	Roswell, Ga.
Wayne Denton	P	R-L	5-11	160	Jr.	Old Hickory, Tenn.	Tim Pickerrell	C	R-R	6-0	185	Fr.	Elizabethtown, Ky.
Rick Gittens	P	R-R	5-10	180	Jr.	Gainesville, Ga.	Mike Riggs	P	R-R	6-0	170	Sr.	Owensboro, Ky.
Mike Green	C	L-R	6-0	195	Jr.	Gainesville, Ga.	Ron Rocco	IF	R-R	6-0	190	So.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
Terry Hackett	P	R-R	6-0	195	Sr.	Merrillville, Ind.	Sam Royle	C	R-R	5-10	190	Fr.	Glasgow, Ky.
David Hawes	OF	S-R	5-10	150	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky.	Tommy Sapp	SS	R-R	6-0	185	Jr.	Loganville, Ga.
Pete Hiryak	P	R-L	5-10	150	Fr.	Boyertown, Pa.	Mel Stewart	P	L-L	6-2	190	So.	Griffin, Ga.
Frank Hughes	OF	R-R	5-9	155	Sr.	Decatur, Ga.	Terry Tedder	1B	L-L	5-10	170	Sr.	Knifley, Ky.
Tim Kellum	P	R-R	6-3	175	So.	Fairfield, Ohio	Mike Williams	P-1B	R-R	6-1	185	Fr.	Simpsonville, Ky.
David Kendall	C	R-R	5-10	180	Sr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lloyd Williford	P-OF	R-R	6-0	165	Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Tony Martines	P	R-R	6-4	185	Sr.	Pensacola, Fla.	Rene Zarate	3B	R-R	5-11	180	Fr.	Tampa, Fla.

FREDDIE CARLISLE
Bats-L
Throws-R
5'8"
160 lbs.
Carlisle, an outstanding Hilltopper recruit from the junior college ranks, was twice an All-State performer at Middle Georgia College, as well as being named Most Valuable Player in the Region 17 tournament and participating in the NJCAA World Series in 1975. Showing his prowess with the bat, he maintained a .353 batting average in 1976.



TONY MARTINES
Bats-R
Throws-R
6'4"
185 lbs.
Martines had a fine season last year with a 4-2 record and an outstanding 2.70 earned run average. Showing good control, he walked only 12 batters in 36 2/3 innings. One of his two losses was a one-hitter against Kentucky Wesleyan.
1977 36 2/3 27 16-11 12 22 2.70 4-2



JEFF MCKINLEY
Bats-R
Throws-L
6'2"
195 lbs.
Campbellsville, Ky. (Campbellsville)
If anyone justly deserves to be labelled a "fireballer" it has to be Western's Jeff McKinley. Jeff rode the strength of his left arm to 58 strikeouts in 47 1/3 innings, the fifth-best strikeout ratio in the nation last year. One of his victories in 1977 saw him record 14 strikeouts against NALA National Champion David Lipscomb.
1976 18 12 12-9 16 14 4.50 0-3
1977 47 1/3 39 28-24 40 58 4.57 4-4



TERRY TEDDER
Bats-L
Throws-L
5'10"
170 lbs.
Knifley, Ky. (Adair County)
Tedder, a three-year letterman at Western, holds six Hilltopper batting records and is a bona fide All-American candidate. Carrying a career batting average of .331, Tedder has been selected to the All-OVC team his sophomore and junior years and last year was named Most Valuable Player for the Hilltoppers.
1975 84 11 26 6 1 1 11
1976 83 10 25 5 1 3 11
1977 153 32 55* 11* 2 7* 41*
*School record
AB R H 2B 3B HR RBI Avg.
.310
.301
.359



MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

PAUL ORBERSON

Senior, P-DH



Bats-L
Throws-L
5'10"
165 lbs.

Danville, Ky. (Boyle County)
Orberson does double duty for the Hilltoppers as a pitcher who draws the "tough" games and as a designated hitter. Although his mound record was a disappointing 1-4, he maintained a fine 2.70 earned run average. At the plate, he pounded out 40 hits and 23 RBIs on the strength of a .323 batting average. He was named to the All-OVC team in 1977.

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
1977	124	23	40	5	0	1	23	.323
	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L	
1975	25 1/3	34	21-12	10	11	4-26	1-3	
1976	36	24	15-11	17	21	1.75	3-4	
1977	43 1/3	45	27-13	26	41	2.70	1-4	

FRANK HUGHES

Senior, LF-2B



Bats-R
Throws-R
5'9"
155 lbs.

Decatur, Ga. (Henderson)
Hughes earned the reputation as one of the steadiest players on the Hilltopper squad last year. He recorded only four errors in the field for an excellent .972 fielding average, earning him the Golden Glove Award. He was also busy at the plate, with a school record 167 appearances, and belted another school record 11 doubles to finish with a fine .311 average.

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
1977	167*	26	52	11*	2	2	17	.311

*School record

MIKE RIGGS

Senior, P



Bats-R
Throws-R
6'0"
168 lbs.

Owensboro, Ky. (Davies Co.)
Riggs, a junior college transfer from Edison Community College in Ft. Myers, Fla., possesses an exceptional curve which he used to advantage last season by winning two games and saving two for the Hilltoppers. He also recorded 17 strikeouts in 20 2/3 innings of work.

	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L	
1977	20 2/3	18	9-8	10	17	3.48	2-0	

LEONARD PHILLIPS

Junior, OF



Bats-L
Throws-L
6'0"
190 lbs.

Roswell, Ga. (Roswell)
As a transfer from Middle Georgia College, Phillips brings excellent credentials to the Hilltopper squad. Last season he batted .324 at Middle Georgia, including seven home runs and five triples, in leading it to a 38-10 record. He is also a threat on the basepaths, having recorded 14 steals last year in 14 attempts.

TERRY HACKETT

Senior, P



Bats-R
Throws-R
6'0"
195 lbs.

Merrillville, Ind. (Merrillville)
Hackett, one of the strongest righthanded pitchers on the Hilltopper mound staff, tied for most wins (4) last year and had four complete games in five starts. One of his victories last year was an impressive complete-game win over Vanderbilt University.

	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L	
1975	7 2/3	88	6-4	7	4	4.69	0-0	
1976	33	20	17-12	20	11	3.27	2-5	
1977	35 2/3	41	30-18	15	15	4.54	4-2	

DAVID KENDALL

Senior, C



Bats-R
Throws-R
5'10"
180 lbs.

Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
Kendall will be sharing the starting catching duties this year. He is blessed with a very strong arm and is an excellent receiver — especially on handling the low pitches. He maintained a nifty .971 fielding average last year with 16 assists.

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
1976	11	2	2	0	0	0	2	.182
1977	53	3	9	1	0	1	4	.170

MIKE GREEN

Junior, C



Bats-L
Throws-R
6'0"
195 lbs.

Gainesville, Ga. (Johnson)
Green was slowed by a knee injury in 1977 but finished the season strongly with two home runs and five RBIs in Western's final game against Murray State. He will be sharing catching duties with David Kendall this spring.

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
1977	57	6	10	1	0	4	12	.175

CHARLIE PAYNE

Junior, 3B



Bats-L
Throws-R
5'9"
160 lbs.

Portland, Tenn. (Goodlettsville)
Payne was a two-time Tennessee state batting champion while playing at Volunteer State Junior College in Gallatin, Tenn. He was heavily recruited by nearly all area four-year schools, but the talented infielder has chosen to cast his lot with the Hilltoppers for the next two seasons.

MARK BIVEN

Junior, P



Bats-R
Throws-R
5'10"
195 lbs.

Louisville, Ky. (Desales)
One of the most consistent Hilltopper righthanders last season was Mark Biven, who allowed only nine earned runs in 33 2/3 innings pitched for a club-leading 2.41 ERA. Mark was credited with two saves to go along with his two victories, as he appeared in a school record 13 games last year. His accomplishments earned him the Most Outstanding Pitcher award last season.

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
1976	7	3	2	0	0	1	1	.285
	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L	
1977	33 2/3	28	14-9	18	21	2.41	2-2	

JIM ATKINSON

Junior, RF



Bats-R
Throws-R
6'2"
195 lbs.

Auburn, N.Y. (Auburn)
Atkinson, blessed with outstanding speed (14 stolen bases) and a rifle throwing arm, maintained a hefty .305 batting average for the Hilltoppers last season. He kept his baseball skills honed during the summer by playing for the Orleans Cardinals in the Cape Cod League.

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
1976	73	12	17	4	0	3	6	.233
1977	127	28	39	7	2	4	26	.305

MIKE MURRAY

Sophomore, SS



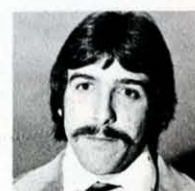
Bats-R
Throws-R
6'0"
175 lbs.

Ft. Mitchell, Ky. (Beechwood)
Murray made the difficult leap from high school to major college baseball with great success, pounding out 41 hits in 137 appearances at the plate and stealing a school record 15 bases as a freshman last year. He won the 1977 Coaches Award.

	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg.
1977	137	27	41	6	1	4	14	.299

MIKE ATWELL

Junior, CF



Bats-L
Throws-L
5'8"
160 lbs.

Logansport, Ind. (Logansport)
Atwell is another talented junior college transfer who has chosen to become a part of Western's baseball program. He was an All-State selection while playing at Wabash Valley Junior College in Illinois, and was among the few selected to play in the Illinois Junior College North-South game at Chicago's Comiskey Park in 1977.