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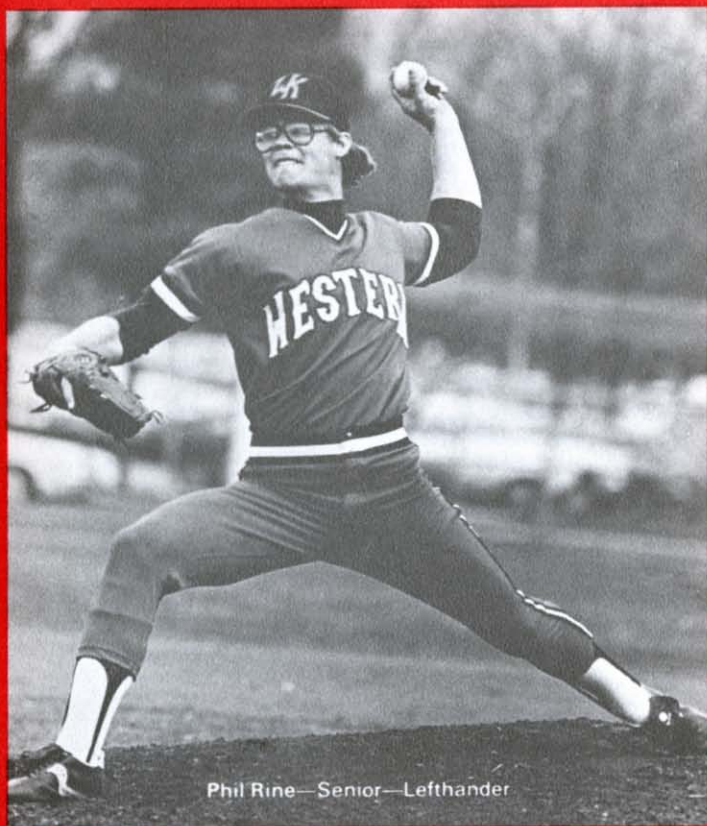
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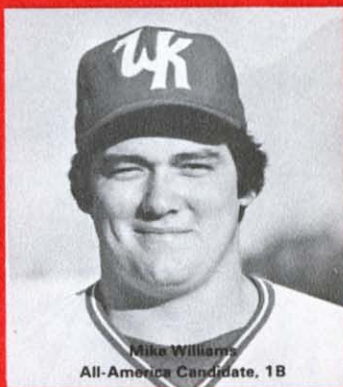
1981 Hilltopper Baseball



Phil Rine—Senior—Lefthander



Joel Murrie—Coach-of-the-Year
NCAA South Region



Mike Williams
All-America Candidate, 1B

1980 Results

Overall Record: 47-13-1 (.779)

OVC Record: 17-3, Champion (.850)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Pitcher, Record</i>
3/9	EVANSVILLE	W 4- 2	Mason, 1-0
	EVANSVILLE	T 4- 4	-----
3/15	Ky. Wesleyan (n)	W 12- 1	Becker, 1-0
	Ky. Wesleyan (n)	W 17- 0	Jones, 1-0
3/16	@Valdosta St.	L 0-10	Glasscock, 0-1
	@Valdosta St.	W 7- 3	Varnadoe, 1-0
3/17	@Florida	L 7- 8	Despaux, 0-1
3/18	@Florida	L 15-16	Brown, 0-1
3/19	@South Fla.	W 5- 2	Becker, 2-0
3/20	@Tampa	L 9-14	Jones, 1-1
3/21	Ill. Benedictine (n)	W 10- 0	Martin, 1-0
3/21	@Valdosta St.	W 8- 6	Glasscock, 1-1
3/22	@Columbus Coll.	W 13- 4	Ma. Williams, 1-0
	@Columbus Coll.	L 5- 6	Varnadoe, 1-1
3/23	@Troy St.	W 4- 3	Mason, 2-0
3/27	INDIANA-SE	W 14- 5	Rine, 1-0
3/29	@Middle Tenn.	W 3- 0	Ma. Williams, 2-0
	@Middle Tenn.	W 5- 1	Mason, 3-0
4/1	LOUISVILLE	W 8- 3	Glasscock, 2-1
	LOUISVILLE	W 3- 2	Despaux, 1-1
4/2	@Ky. Wesleyan	W 7- 2	Raymer, 1-0
	@Ky. Wesleyan	W 4- 0	Varnadoe, 2-1
4/3	McKENDREE COLL.	W 1- 0	Jones, 2-1
4/4	McKENDREE COLL.	W 18- 4	Martin, 2-0
	McKENDREE COLL.	W 3- 1	Brown, 1-1
4/5	EASTERN KY.	W 4- 1	Mason, 4-0
	EASTERN KY.	W 20- 0	Becker, 3-0
4/6	@Austin Peay	W 5- 4	Ma. Williams, 3-0
	@Austin Peay	W 9- 8	Varnadoe, 3-1
4/7	QUINCY (ILL.) COLL.	W 14- 4	Raymer, 2-0
	QUINCY (ILL.) COLL.	W 6- 1	Sanders, 1-0
4/9	THOMAS MORE	W 20- 3	Jones, 3-1
	THOMAS MORE	W 7- 1	Martin, 3-0
4/10	MURRAY ST.	L 0- 5	Mason, 4-1
	MURRAY ST.	L 6- 8	Varnadoe, 3-2
2/12	MIDDLE TENN.	W 6- 1	Ma. Williams, 4-0
	MIDDLE TENN.	W 5- 2	Glasscock, 3-1
4/17	@Tenn. Tech	W 9- 3	Jones, 4-1
	@Tenn. Tech	W 7- 3	Varnadoe, 4-2
4/19	@Morehead St.	W 20- 4	Glasscock, 4-1
	@Morehead St.	W 14-11	Ma. Williams, 5-0
4/20	@Eastern Ky.	W 6- 5	Mason, 5-1
	@Eastern Ky.	W 12- 8	Raymer, 2-0
4/22	@Kentucky	L 0- 3	Rine, 1-1
	@Kentucky	L 5- 6	Raymer, 2-1
4/24	AUSTIN PEAY	W 5- 3	Glasscock, 5-1
	AUSTIN PEAY	W 16- 1	Ma. Williams, 6-0
4/26	MOREHEAD ST.	W 9- 2	Mason, 6-1
	MOREHEAD ST.	L 4- 9	Varnadoe, 4-3
4/30	KENTUCKY	W 10- 6	Martin, 4-10
5/1	MIDDLE TENN.	L 5- 8	Rine, 1-2
5/2	MOREHEAD ST.	W 1- 0	Ma. Williams, 7-0
	MIDDLE TENN.	W 8- 2	Jones, 5-1
5/3	MURRAY ST.	W 10- 5	Mason, 7-1
	MURRAY St.	W 11- 8	Despaux, 2-1
5/6	CAMPBELLSVILLE	W 12-11	Despaux, 3-1
5/8	@David Lipscomb	W 10- 7	Varnadoe, 5-3
5/22	Vanderbilt (n)	W 15- 4	Ma. Williams, 8-0
5/24	@Florida St.	L 7-19	Mason, 7-2
5/24	New Orleans (n)	W 4- 3	Glasscock, 6-1
5/25	@Florida St.	L 5-10	Jones, 5-2

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University Information

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky 42101

Conference: Ohio Valley, NCAA

Nickname: Hilltoppers

Colors: Red and White

President: Dr. Donald W. Zacharias

Enrollment: 13,339

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

Athletic Director: John Oldham

Baseball Coach: Joel Murrie

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Jim Pickens, Jr.

Baseball Assistant



Joel Murrie **Head Coach**

Joel Murrie enters his second year as head baseball coach at Western Kentucky after having one of the most successful debut seasons of any coach in the history of collegiate baseball.

Murrie, just 28, led the Hilltoppers to Ohio Valley Conference regular season and tournament baseball championships; helped Western to its finest record ever, 47-13; and watched his talented group finish as runners-up to Florida State in the NCAA South Region tournament.

For his efforts in 1980, Murrie was named Coach-of-the-Year in both the OVC and in the NCAA South District.

Despite his youthfulness, Murrie had outstanding experience as both a baseball player and coach before coming to "the Hill" as a graduate assistant in 1978.

He started his collegiate playing career at Chipola (Fla.) Junior College, which was ranked fifth nationally when Murrie was a sophomore. He concluded his playing career at the University of Florida, where he was a two-year starter and leadoff hitter for the powerful Gators.

His coaching career began at Crestview (Fla.) High School, where he spent two years (1976-77) and compiled an impressive 37-12 record.

As a Topper graduate assistant, Murrie was instrumental in recruiting some of the club's top players.

Murrie, one of the nation's youngest coaches, credits some of the coaches he has played for, and worked under, as being the reason for his quick ascent to the head job at Western.

"I have been fortunate to have been associated with some of the nation's top coaches. People like Barry Shollenberger (Alabama), Jay Bergman (Florida) and Ellis Dungan (Chipola) have had a great affect on my coaching strategy and philosophy."

The Russell, Ill., native received his M.A. Degree at Western and recently received the Specialist Degree in Education at WKU.



Tim Weisheim **Assistant Coach**

Tim Weisheim begins his first season as an assistant baseball coach at Western Kentucky.

The 24-year old native of Phoenix, Arizona, comes to "the Hill" after a brilliant playing career.

Weisheim began his career as a standout for Sunnyslope High School in Phoenix, where he earned first team All-Division honors in 1973-74.

His Collegiate career began at Glendale (Ariz.) Community College, where he starred for two seasons. From there, Weisheim moved on to Mississippi State University, where he played in the 1979 College World Series as a senior.

Weisheim possesses an outstanding knowledge of the game of baseball, and is pleased with his new surroundings.

"I'm excited about being part of an outstanding baseball organization here at Western Kentucky," he said. "We're enthusiastic about the 1981 Hilltoppers and feel that we have the potential to be an excellent college baseball team once again this spring."

1981 Prospectus

Western Kentucky University is coming off its greatest baseball season ever, by far. All the 1980 Hilltoppers did was win a school, and conference, record 47 games against only 13 loses; for the first time in the school's history win both the Ohio Valley Conference regular season and post-season championships; and finish runners-up to perennial power Florida State in the NCAA South Region Tournament.

Despite losing four regulars, including '80 OVC Player-of-the-Year Mike Murray, and the entire pitching rotation, WKU may again be the team to beat in the '81 OVC baseball race.

Western returns seven .300 hitters from a club that batted a resounding .343 as a team last season.

Heading the list for the 'Toppers is All-American candidate Mike Williams, a 215-pound first baseman who batted a scorching .420 with an OVC record 23 homers and 79 runs batted in. Williams, a first-team selection to the All-OVC and All-NCAA South Region teams, was drafted in the 12th round by Montreal following the conclusion of his brilliant campaign last spring.

Other infield returnees include third baseman Robert Pickett (.305), catchers Rene Zarate (.295) and Rick Alfonso (.341), and designated hitter Ralph Antone (eight homers, .314).

A pair of junior college transfers, Kevin Birkhofer (Columbia State (Tenn.) JuCo, and Jim Hess (Allen County Kan., Comm. Coll.) will battle it out for the starting shortstop position while junior transfer Mark Ashby (Volunteer State, Tenn.) and sophomore newcomer Brian Day will have at it for the second base job.

JuCo transfer Paul Knuth will press Pickett at third, and junior Rick Shakee will see action at all infield positions.

Three .300 hitters return to bolster the Western outfield. They include leftfielder Randy Anderson (.317); leftfielder-centerfielder Donnie Thomas, who hit .338 and earned All-South Region honors in the NCAA tourney; and speedy centerfielder Brent Harris, who stole 15 bases and batted an even .300.

The rightfield job looks to be in the hands of junior college transfer Rick Parrish, who starred for two years at Valencia (Fla.) Community College.

The Hilltoppers lost four hurlers to professional baseball last spring and pitching is the club's only real question mark going into the season.

WKU returns only three lettermen from the 1980 staff, and they will be counted on to provide leadership and experience as well as steady mound work.

Sophomore righthanders Craig Martin (4-0, 2.21 ERA) and Greg Raymer (3-1, 5.40 ERA) are strong challengers for spots in the starting rotation while senior lefty Phil Rine (1-2, 3.90 ERA) will be the 'Top's first man out of the bullpen in long relief situations.

A bevy of first-year pitchers is expected to lend the Hilltoppers immediate help. The most notable of these "rookies" is lefthander Chris Joslin, a 5-11, 175-pound freshman from Gaines, Mich. Joslin was named to the national high school All-American team a year ago and was drafted by the Texas Rangers following his graduation.

Also expected to provide the 'Tops with pitching prowess are junior college transfers Cam Walker (6-4, 205), Kevin Benzing (6-1, 175), Doug Metz (6-4, 205). Freshman Dave DeLello (6-1, 185) and Ronnie Fishback (5-11, 180) should also be of assistance once they gain needed collegiate experience.

Strong-armed righthander Tim Wright (5-11, 180) will be counted on as one of the staff's top short relievers. Wright, a sophomore, sat out last spring as a red-shirt.

Overall, Western could again be ranked as one of the South's top teams. The Hilltoppers will again possess a potent offensive attack with good speed and power. Defensively, the team's first year key-stone combo at second and short is a question mark, but the gloves are fine elsewhere. Williams is as good in the field as he is at the plate, if that's possible. Pitching has to be a question due to inexperience, but a stellar group of young hurlers has things looking up.

1981 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School)
45	Alfonso, Rick**	C	R/R	5-9	170	Sr.	Tampa, Fla (Catholic)
9	Anderson, Randy*	OF-1B	L/L	6/1	175	Sr.	Hamilton, OH (Garfield)
19	Antone, Ralph*	C-OF	R/R	6-2	190	So.	McMurray, PA (Peters Township)
2	Ashby, Mark	2B	R/R	5-7	155	Jr.	Shelbyville, KY (Shelby Co)
27	Benzing, Kevin	P	L/L	6-1	175	Jr.	Gays Mills, WI (Seneca)
11	Birkofer, Kevin	SS	L/R	6-1	188	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH (LaSalle)
39	Day, Brian	2B	R/R	5-9	160	So.	Aurora, IL (West)
54	DeLello, Dave	P	R/R	6-1	185	Fr.	Carmel, IN (Carmel)
42	Fishback, Ronnie	P	L/L	5-11	180	Fr.	Shelbyville, TN (Shelbyville)
1	Harris, Brent*	OF	L/R	5-9	150	Sr.	Bowling Green, KY (Warren Cent.)
5	Hess, Jim	SS	R/R	6-1	180	Jr.	Colorado Springs, CO (Doherty)
17	Joslin, Chris	P	L/L	5-11	175	Fr.	Gaines, MI (Linden)
40	Knuth, Paul	3B	R/R	6-3	215	Jr.	St. Joe, MI (St. Joe)
49	Martin, Craig*	P	R/R	6-3	200	So.	Bowling Green, KY (BGHS)
34	Metz, Doug	P	R/R	6-4	190	Jr.	Harrison, OH (Harrison)
12	Parrish, Rick	OF	R/R	6-0	180	Jr.	Largo, FL (Seminole)
10	Pickett, Robert*	3B	L/R	5-11	175	Sr.	Campbellsville, KY (Green Co.)
7	Raymer, Greg*	P	R/R	6-1	175	So.	Bowling Green, KY (Warren Cent.)
37	Rine, Phil*	P	L/L	6-1	190	Sr.	Lakeland, FL (Lakeland)
8	Shaker, Rick	2B-OF	R/R	5-8	180	Fr.	Flint, Mich. (Powers)
14	Thomas, Donnie**	OF	L/L	6-2	180	Jr.	Elizabethtown, KY (Elizabethtown)
41	Walker, Cam	P	R/R	6-4	205	Jr.	Souris, Manitoba, Can. (Neelin)
16	Williams, Mike***	1B	R/R	6-1	215	Sr.	Simpsonville, KY (Shelby Co)
20	Wright, Tim*	P	R/R	5-11	180	So.	Bowling Green, KY (BGHS)
30	Zarate, Rene***	C	R/R	5-11	180	Sr.	Tampa, FL (Catholic)

*Denotes letters earned

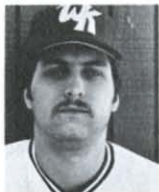
Numerical Roster

1-Brent Harris, OF	20-Tim Wright, P
2-Mark Ashby, 2B	27-Kevin Benzing, P
5-Jim Hess, SS	30-Rene Zarate, C
7-Greg Raymer, P	34-Doug Metz, P
9-Randy Anderson, OF	37-Phil Rine, P
10-Robert Pickett, 3B	39-Brian Day, 2B
11-Kevin Birkofer, SS	40-Paul Knuth, 3B
12-Rick Parrish, OF	41-Cam Walker, P
14-Donnie Thomas, OF	42-Ronnie Fishback, P
16-Mike Williams, OF	45-Rick Alfonso, C
17-Chris Joslin, P	49-Craig Martin, P
19-Ralph Antone, C-DH	54-Dave DeLello, P





Alfonso



Anderson



Antone



Ashby

Rick Alfonso Senior, C Tampa, Fla.

Saw action in 18 games last season, hitting a solid .341 while adding outstanding depth behind starting catcher Rene Zarate. . .dependable, consistent backstop with good arm and fine glove. . .known for his ability to "handle" pitchers well. . .a "take charge" leader, he should see much more action this spring, both behind the plate and as a pinch and designated hitter against lefthanded hurlers. . .as a senior at powerful Tampa Catholic High he was named prep All-American and had the distinction of "catching" a future pro pitcher in each of his four seasons with the club. . .came to Western after an outstanding season at Miami Dade Community College. . .pinch-homer at Morehead last spring sparked key OVC win for 'Tops, reviving WKU's championship hopes last spring.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1980	18	41	4	14	1	0	2	9	0-0	.341

Randy Anderson Senior, 1B-OF Hamilton, Ohio

Batted .317 in 45 games for 'Toppers in 1980 as part-time starter and designated hitter vs. righty pitchers. . .versatile performer who can play a number of positions well. . .should see even more action this season in left field with the departure of graduated star Ron Stewart. . .line drive hitter who nearly always makes contact. . .shows occasional power. . .has fine outfield arm and glove as well as good speed. . .came to Western in 1979 after two seasons at Indiana University. . .an all-stater at Hamilton's Garfield High, he batted .526 as a junior and .504 as a senior, earning regard as one of the top prep players in the state. . .an excellent defensive first baseman as well.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1980	45	104	19	33	6	1	2	24	3-5	.317

Ralph Antone Sophomore, C-DH McMurray, Pa.

Had fine "rookie" season for WKU in 1980, batting .314 while seeing action in 42 games as designated hitter, pinch-hitter and backup catcher. . .showed power potential by blasting eight homers. . .was credited with two game-winning RBI's and enters 1981 season with 10 game hitting streak intact. . .an all-around athlete, he is also a quarterback on the Western football team. . .probably best known in high school (Peters Township, Pa., High) for his outstanding play in hockey, setting several school records along the way. . .also found time to earn all-league honors in football and hit over .400 as a junior and senior baseballer. . .a definite pro prospect.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1980	42	121	21	38	6	1	8	22	1-2	.314

Mark Ashby Junior, 2B Shelbyville, Ky.

Transfer from Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn. . .scrappy, hard-nosed infielder recruited to fill the shoes of departed All-OVC second sacker Kenny Fox. . .excellent gloveman with consistent bat that shows surprising power at times. . .played with Hilltopper star Mike Williams at Shelby County High School, where he twice earned All-District honors in baseball. . .also played basketball at Shelby County, and considers top athletic thrill winning the Kentucky State Basketball Championship in '78.



Benzing



Birkofer



Day



DeLello

Kevin Benzing Junior, P Gays Mills, Wisc.

Lefthanded moundsman comes to Western after two years at Indian Hills Community College where he established himself as one of state's best JuCo pitchers. . .a hard-throwing strikeout artist who should loom large on 'Topper hill staff this spring. . .three-time all-conference performer at Seneca (Wisc.) High School, where he was named town's Jaycee Athlete-of-the-Year in 1977. . .set season and career strikeout marks at Seneca.

Kevin Birkofer Junior, SS Cincinnati, Ohio

Comes to WKU after transferring from Columbia (Tenn.) State Junior College where he was a standout for two seasons. . .had outstanding fall exhibition season for 'Tops in '80, leading club in virtually all offensive categories. . .has great power and speed. . .emerged from practice as Hilltoppers' starter at short. . .is ready for challenge of replacing Mike Murray, now in Cincinnati Reds organization.

Brian Day Sophomore, 2B Aurora, Ill.

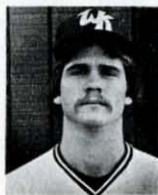
Red-shirted last season after signing with Mississippi State in 1979. . .Excellent glove man who turns double play pivot extremely fast. . .has fine potential offensively and continues to improve in that area of game. . .will push newcomer Mark Ashby for starting second base job this spring. . .a two-time all-conference selection at West Aurora (Ill.) High where he hit .368 with 25 runs batted in and a school record 31 runs scored as a senior. . .a standout in the classroom, was in top 10 percent of prep graduating class.

Dave DeLello Freshman, P Carmel, Ind.

Young righty fireballer comes to "the Hill" with impressive credentials after stellar career at Carmel (Ind.) High. . .earned total of 12 letters in baseball, basketball and football as prepster. . .named Indiana's Jaycee Athlete-of-the-Year as a senior. . .also named all-county and all-conference in both baseball and football. . .highly-recruited hurler has had fastball clocked at above 90 m.p.h. . .should see action as both starter and reliever this spring. . .has fine slider to go along with his "smoke."



Fishback



Harris



Hess



Joslin

Ronnie Fishback Freshman, P Shelbyville, Tenn.

Highly recommended to 'Toppers by several professional baseball clubs. . .hard-throwing lefty expected to see action out of Western bullpen this spring. . .missed all of fall baseball practice because of duties as placekicker and defensive back on Western's OVC football championship team. . .had outstanding athletic career at Shelbyville Central High School as both baseball and football standout.

Brent Harris Senior, OF Bowling Green, Ky.

Speed merchant had fine season for 'Tops in '80 after two successful years at Gadsden State (Ala.) Junior College where he hit over .400 each campaign. . .batted an even .300 last spring, appearing in 43 of Western's 60 games. . .used as pinch-runner on a number of occasions, and responded by scoring 38 runs which was the fourth highest figure on the club. . .a good fielder, his tremendous speed enables him to be one of the most valuable outfielders on the squad. . .can go get 'em with the best. . .punch hitter who gets his share of infield hits during course of year. . .shows surprising power at times for player of his stature. . .a local product, Harris had fine career at Warren Central High where he twice captured All-District honors as a second baseman. . .readily available for infield duty at any position if called upon, but will most likely remain a strong contender for starting outfield role. . .could emerge as catalyst 'Toppers are looking for following departure of 1980 OVC Player-of-the-Year Mike Murray.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1980	43	50	38	15	1	0	0	6	15-16	.300

Jim Hess Junior, SS Colorado Springs, Colo.

Comes to Western after a season at Allen County (Kan.) Community College. . .a highly-touted shortstop who starred in baseball and football at Doherty (Colo.) High School, where he set virtually all of the school's hitting and quarterback records. . .named All-State in baseball three straight varsity seasons and was named Southern Colorado Player-of-the-Year as a senior. . .has excellent bat control and is regarded as fine defensive infielder. . .fine student, who was named to Who's Who in America as prep junior and senior.

Chris Joslin Freshman, P Linden, Mich.

May be Western's most celebrated first-year hurler in history. . .sought after by 175 colleges and universities throughout the United States, before finally deciding to attend WKU. . .little fireballing left-hander was drafted by the Texas Rangers last spring but opted to go to school instead. . .known for blazing fastball that has been clocked at above 90 miles per hour. . .reminds many of New York Yankee star Ron Guidry. . .a two-time All-American at Linden (Mich.) High School, he set virtually every school pitching record during brilliant four-year career. . .once struck out an amazing 31 batters in a row, and had nine no-hitters during legendary prep years. . .also a record-setting quarterback at Linden. . .posted microscopic 0.77 ERA during senior season while batting at a hefty .428 clip. . .potential truly unlimited.

**Knuth****Martin****Metz****Parrish****Paul Knuth Junior, 3B St. Joseph, Mich.**

Starts first season with 'Tops after two outstanding campaigns at Kalamazoo Community College, where he earned regard as one of Michigan's top JuCo hitters. . .batted scorching .439 last season with seven homers and 38 RBI's while earning first team JuCo honors. . .has good power and is considered a fine fielding third sacker as well. . .has good arm and runs well for size. . .will battle veteran Robert Pickett for third base job this spring.

Craig Martin Sophomore, P Bowling Green, Ky.

Coming off tremendous freshman campaign which saw him go 4-0 with a fine 2.21 ERA. . .split time as starter and long reliever and performed well in both areas. . .threw 10-0 shutout in collegiate debut last spring. . .completed two of his three starts during spring. . .hard-throwing righthander one of only three returning moundsmen and

will be relied upon to provide leadership. . .hard-nosed competitor who likes a challenge. . .came to "the Hill" after three-year stint with Bowling Green's Post 23 American Legion club. . .also starred for three seasons at Bowling Green High, going 21-4 on the mound.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1980	6	20.33	12	6 - 5	12	16	2.21	4-0

Doug Metz Junior, P Harrison, Ohio

Tall righthander starts first season at WKU after two successful years at Cumberland (Tenn.) Junior College. . .smart, finesse pitcher with excellent control. . .possesses wicked slider and sneaky-quick fastball as well. . .known for ability to stay poised in tight situations. . .was four-sport star at William Henry Harrison High, where he led the city of Cincinnati in K's as senior with 92 in 46 2/3 innings. . .helped lead his local 16-year-old team to national championship in 1976, posted unblemished 13-0 record along the way. . .looks to be one of Western's top moundsmen this spring.

Rick Parrish Junior, OF Clearwater, Fla.

Talented flychaser comes to "the Hill" after two fine years at Valencia (Fla.) Community College. . .very competitive player with an outstanding outfield throwing arm. . .has tremendous speed and will be a threat on the basepaths throughout the spring. . .exciting player to watch. . .will be strong challenger for starting right field job and is likely to see plenty of action during '81 campaign. . .was Seminole (Fla.) High Most Valuable Player as a senior in '78.



Pickett



Raymer



Rine



Shaker

Robert Pickett Senior, 3B Campbellsville, Ky.

Had fine season for 'Tops' in '80, hitting .305 as club's regular at third base. . .had three game-winning RBI's, four game-winning runs scored and four different hitting streaks of four games. . .was consistent at third, committing just five errors during season to help stabilize trouble spot for club. . .lefthanded swinger who likes to drive ball to opposite field alleys. . .has smooth stroke and rarely strikes out. . .has rocket arm from "hot corner" and is once again slated to hold down starting spot. . .came to Western from Campbellsville College where he enjoyed two fine campaigns. . .a prep star at Campbellsville High, Pickett batted .396 as a senior and was named the team's most valuable player.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1980	47	141	35	43	6	6	3	22	3 - 3	.305

Greg Raymer Sophomore, P Bowling Green, Ky.

Performed well in first season as Hilltopper hurler last year. . .used as both starter and short reliever against top-notch competition throughout '80 campaign. . .flame-throwing righty who will be counted on heavily once again this season. . .credited with two complete games. . .regarded as one of state's best pitchers as senior at Warren Central High and also had fine '79 season for Bowling Green's Southern Kentucky American Legion team, winning six games while recording 106 strikeouts in 86 1/3 innings pitched and posting an impressive 1.92 ERA.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1980	7	21.2	12	14-13	30	23	5.40	3-1

Phil Rine Senior, P Lakeland, Fla.

Crafty lefthander had fine season in '80 as one of club's stalwart relievers. . . was called upon time and time again to get 'Tops out of pressure-packed jams in big games. . . had fine 26/16 strikeout-walk ratio. . . will once again be relied upon as one of Western's top moundsmen and should see action as full-time starter. . . came to "the Hill" after a year at Polk (Fla.) Community College. . . possesses sharp breaking ball and excellent control. . . cool customer in tight spots.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1980	7	32.33	22	19-14	16	26	3.90	1-2

Rick Shaker Freshman, INF-OF Flint, Mich.

Versatile freshman will add great depth to 'Topper infield and outfield in '80. . . comes to WKU after leading Luke M. Powers High to Michigan state baseball championship a year ago. . . batted .455 as junior and .400 last spring. . . named to All-State baseball team in '80. . . also starred in football and basketball as prepster. . . helped lead Centilli and Smith summer league squad to runner-up finish in Connie Mack World Series held in New Mexico last year. . . has good bat control, and is expected to see plenty of action for 'Tops this spring because of great versatility.



Thomas



Walker



Williams



Wright

Donnie Thomas Junior, OF Elizabethtown, Ky.

Had outstanding .338 season at plate for Hilltoppers in 1980. . . versatile player who performs well at every outfield position as well as first base. . . drove in 25 runs last season and was credited with four game-winning RBI's. . . had fourth longest hitting streak on team, hitting safely in 12 consecutive games. . . named to All-South Region Tournament team in NCAA at Tallahassee after fine hitting display which included key grand slam homer in WKU's 15-4 win over SEC champ Vanderbilt. . . former point guard on Western's basketball team. . . batted .275 in injury-riddled frosh campaign. . . came to Western after outstanding career at Elizabethtown High, where he helped lead the Panthers to the 1975 Kentucky state baseball championship. . . fine all-around athlete with good speed and good glove to go along with his consistent bat. . . fine student.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1979	18	40	7	11	1	0	0	2	1 - 1	.275
1980	47	145	35	49	6	1	1	25	8 - 11	.338
Career	65	185	42	60	7	1	1	27	9 - 12	.324

Cam Walker Junior, P Souris, Manitoba, Canada

Another transfer from Indian Hills Community College in Iowa. . . big, hard-throwing righthander will add needed experience to 'Toppers' young pitching. . . Canadian-born fireballer could easily emerge in Western's starting rotation for '81. . . was voted to Canadian prep All-American teams in both baseball and hockey. . . set virtually every pitching record at Neelin High in Canada, where he was star in baseball, hockey and football. . . relies on blazing speed for big strike-out totals. . . good student.

Mike Williams Senior, 1B Simpsonville, Ky.

All-American Candidate for 1981. . . without question, one of the finest hitters to ever play in the Ohio Valley Conference. . . won league's Triple Crown a year ago, finishing first in the conference in home runs (23), runs batted in (79) and batting average (.420). . . also finished as OVC leader in total bases (174) and slugging percentage (.841). . . clubbed four homers in NCAA South Region tournament in Tallahassee, where he was named to all-tournament team. . . set league records in homers, RBI's total bases, and slugging percentage last

spring. . . finished among nation's top five in HR's and RBI's. . . led Hilltopper regulars in fielding, handling 415 chances at first base and making only three errors in 57 games. . . drafted in 12th round by Montreal Expos upon conclusion of '80 season, but decided to finish collegiate career at WKU. . . had eight HR, 50 RBI and .382 average in '79 when he was named to the All-OVC second team. . . a first team selection, of course, last year. . . came to Western after All-America career at Shelby County High where he clubbed 15 homers as a senior. . . hits for power to all fields, bats for average, runs well for size and fields with the very best. . . Another fine spring could make him a threat to break collegiate career home run record (56) set by Bob Hoerner (now with the Atlanta Braves) at Arizona State from 1975-78.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1978	12	24	4	4	1	0	1	2	0 - 0	.167
1979	52	165	30	63	8	2	8	50	0 - 0	.382
1980	57	207	55	87	16	1	23	79	4 - 4	.420
Career	121	396	89	154	25	3	32	131	4 - 4	.389

Tim Wright Sophomore, P Bowling Green, Ky.

Returns to squad after sitting out 1980 season as red-shirt. . . was used as short reliever for 'Tops as Frosh in '79 and is expected to be one of club's top hurlers out of bullpen this spring. . . hard-throwing righthander gained experience last summer in Nashville summer league. . . came to WKU after fine three-year career at Bowling Green High where he had a lifetime mark of 24-5 and twice earned All-District honors. . . was named to 1978 All-State Tournament team. . . smart pitcher with excellent move to first base.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1979	4	5	9	7-6	8	2	10.80	0-0



Zarate



Lindsey

Rene Zarate Senior, C Tampa, Fla.

Battled back last season after disappointing '79 to have banner year. . . batted solid .295 in 42 games and, more importantly, emerged as team's "take charge" guy as starting catcher. . . had excellent year defensively, handling 231 chances with just six errors. . . played brilliantly in NCAA South Region tournament, earning respect as one of tourney's best backstops. . . is fine fielder with good arm and handles pitchers extremely well. . . became consistent both at and behind the plate early in '80 season and hung on to starting job throughout the spring. . . could quite possibly emerge as "team leader" in '81. . . had excellent season at WKU as freshman, batting .342 in 20 games. . . a converted third baseman, he has excellent power for size. . . another standout in the classroom.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1978	20	38	5	13	4	0	2	9	0 - 0	.342
1979	28	51	7	8	0	0	0	5	0 - 0	.157
1980	42	112	18	33	8	0	3	25	1 - 1	.295
Career	90	201	30	54	12	0	5	39	1 - 1	.269

Jeff Lindsey Manager

Jeff "Bo Pete" Lindsey begins his fourth seassn as head manager of the Hilltopper baseball squad.

A public relations major from Dublin, Ga., Lindsey is in charge of the Hilltopper uniforms and equipment and also performs the duty of head groundskeeper at Nick Denes Field.

Lindsey travels to all Hilltopper away games, and is considered by Murrie as "a very valuable member of the Western Kentucky baseball 10 program."

Coach Murrie Takes A Look At The 1981 Season

Question: What do you do for an encore after such an outstanding first season at Western Kentucky?

Murrie: I've got just as much enthusiasm about this year's club as I did about last year's at the same point in time. We have two ingredients that I feel are essential if you want to have a winning ballclub. First, we have athletes with great talent and, secondly, we have players with leadership abilities. Our goal is to win the NCAA South Region tournament. We're going to work as hard or harder than any team we play this year in an effort to attain that goal.

Question: What is your view of the 1981 team?

Murrie: We're very inexperienced, but as a whole we have as much talent as did last year. We have thirteen new members on our squad, and if they didn't have the ability to play in the Ohio Valley Conference they wouldn't be here. We expect many of our young players to step in and help us right away.

Question: How do you see Western's chances of repeating as Ohio Valley Conference champions in 1981?

Murrie: The conference is getting stronger and stronger. It's getting to be a hard chore to win the conference, let alone repeat as league champs. If I'm able to bring our players along like I should, I believe we'll be in the same situation we were last year. One thing is for sure, however, and that's that we are not going to sneak up on anybody like we did last year. Some, if not all, of the teams could possibly see us as the team to beat in 1981.

Question: How does the rest of the OVC shape up for 1981?

Murrie: I think Murray State, Morehead and Middle Tennessee will be very competitive once again, but I think you'll see Eastern Kentucky as a factor also. This is a very balanced league and any team can beat you on a given day.

Question: What type of ballclub can Hilltopper fans expect to see in 1981?

Murrie: We'll be as aggressive as we were last year, if not more so. Because we are a predominantly young ballclub, I anticipate that our enthusiasm will be great. Last year, I said it would take a disciplined team to beat us. This season, I believe we'll have to be disciplined to beat other teams because many consider us the team to beat. Offensively, we have good team speed and power. Defensively, we need to be a little more consistent, but I think that will come as the season progresses. Our pitching staff is extremely youthful with a lot of raw talent and has the potential to do as well or better than our '80 staff



1980 STATISTICS

OVERALL RECORD: 47-13-1** (.779)

OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE RECORD: 17-3, Champion (.850)

Player, Pos.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Sac	BB	HP	SO	SB-SBA	Avg	TB	Avg	PO	A	E	Avg
Rick Alfonso, C	18	41	4	14	1	0	2	9	0	4	0	3	0-0	.341	21	.512	68	6	2	.975
Randy Anderson, OF-1B	45	104	19	33	6	1	2	24	4	13	1	19	3-5	.317	47	.451	67	4	2	.972
Ralph Antone, C-DH	42	121	21	38	6	1	8	22	1	10	2	28	1-2	.314	70	.579	100	10	1	.991
Rick Despaux, DH-P	37	92	27	27	5	1	6	23	2	18	2	25	7-7	.293	52	.565	16	1*	0	1.000
Kenny Fox, 2B	59	202	52	69	12	4	10	53	6	29	3	20	8-9	.342	119	.589	105	129	12	.951
Brent Harris, OF	43	50	38	15	1	0	0	6	2	9	2	3	15-16	.300	16	.320	18	0	1	.947
Brian Harris, OF	14	7	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1-1	.143	1	.143	1	0	0	1.000
Walt McThenny, OF	59	197	44	68	7	1	16	47	1	37	1	22	7-8	.345	125	.635	59	4	6	.913
Mike Murray, SS	59	240	71	92	20	5	10	46	3	13	3	9	34-42	.383	152	.633	94	168	20	.929
Robert Pickett, 3B	47	141	35	43	6	6	3	22	2	19	1	15	3-3	.305	70	.496	25	65	5	.947
Ron Rocco, Inf-DH	47	136	31	42	9	0	1	18	2	28	0	19	0-2	.308	54	.397	21	61	20	.804
Ron Stewart, OF	50	115	37	44	7	1	4	22	5	14	3	13	13-20	.383	65	.565	45	2	2	.959
Don Thomas, OF	47	145	35	49	6	1	1	25	13	13	2	16	8-11	.338	60	.414	79	1	2	.976
Mike Williams, 1B	57	207	55	87	16	1	23	79	6	22	2	24	4-4	.420	174	.841	415	26	3	.993
Rene Zarate, C	42	112	18	33	8	0	3	25	5	16	3	12	1-1	.295	50	.446	231	19	6	.977
																	21	90	8	.933
WESTERN'S TOTALS	61	1910	492	655	110	22	89	421	52	248	25	230	105-131	.343	1076	.563	1365	586	90	.956
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	61	1736	276	387	76	10	35	247	27	278	24	391	42-66	.223	588	.339	1341	583	97	.952

*Does not include fielding as a pitcher.

**School and OVC record number of victories.

Bold Face indicates returning lettermen.

PITCHING

<i>Player, (R-L)</i>	<i>W-L-Sa</i>	<i>%age</i>	<i>ERA</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>GS</i>	<i>CG</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>R-ER</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>HP</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>WP</i>	<i>Bk</i>	<i>Shut</i>	<i>PO</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>Pct.</i>
Rick Becker (R)	3 - 0 - 0	1.000	4.22	8	7	1	32 ---	30	23-15	12	1	32	0	2	1	0	7	0	1.000
Gary Brown (R)	1 - 1 - 1	.500	0.59	6	2	2	15 2/3	6	5-1	9	0	13	1	0	0	1	1	0	1.000
Rick Despaux (R)	3 - 1 - 0	.750	11.85	6	1	0	13 2/3	17	18-18	11	2	12	3	0	0	0	4	0	1.000
Larry Glasscock (L)	6 - 1 - 1	.857	4.27	11	9	6	65 1/3	58	40-31	45	6	53	1	1	0	2	23	2	.926
Pete Hiryak (L)	0 - 0 - 1	-----	8.64	3	0	0	8 1/3	5	8-8	6	0	6	2	0	0	0	5	0	1.000
Ben Jones (L)	5 - 2 - 0	.714	5.10	8	6	2	42 1/3	44	31-24	40	2	33	7	0	2	2	8	1	.909
Craig Martin (R)	4 - 0 - 0	1.000	2.21	6	3	2	20 1/3	12	6-5	12	0	16	0	1	1	0	2	0	1.000
Marty Mason (R)	7 - 2 - 0	.778	4.26	13	11	8	74 ---	65	42-35	32	5	76	1	0	0	2	13	1	.938
Greg Raymer (R)	3 - 1 - 0	.750	5.40	7	3	1	21 2/3	12	14-13	30	1	23	2	0	0	1	1	0	1.000
Phil Rine (L)	1 - 2 - 1	.333	3.90	7	3	2	32 1/3	22	19-14	16	1	26	0	0	0	1	2	0	1.000
Darryl Sanders (L)	1 - 0 - 0	1.000	3.45	5	1	1	15 2/3	8	6-6	11	1	15	0	0	0	1	2	0	1.000
Marty Varnadoe (R)	5 - 3 - 1	.625	3.20	10	5	3	45 ---	46	28-16	22	1	24	0	0	1	6	8	1	.933
Mark Williams (R)	8 - 0 - 1	1.000	3.51	12	10	8	77 ---	62	36-30	32	4	62	2	0	2	5	14	3	.864
WESTERN'S TOTALS	47-13-6	.779	4.19	61	61	36	463 1/3	387	276-216	278	24	391	19	4	7	21	90	8	.933
OPPONENTS' TOTALS	13-47-1	.221	8.37	61	61	28	448 1/3	659	492-417	248	25	230	18	4	3	-----	-----	-----	-----

Bold Face indicates returning lettermen

1980 Ohio Valley Conference Standings

Team	OVC			Overall	
	W-L	Pct	GB	W-L-T	Pct
1. Western Kentucky	17-3	.850	---	*47-13-1	.779
2. Morehead State	10-4	.714	4	19-17-0	.528
3. Murray State	7-5	.583	6	20-15-0	.571
4. Middle Tennessee	9-12	.429	8½	24-25-0	.490
5. Eastern Kentucky	5-10	.333	9½	11-20-0	.355
6. Austin Peay	4-9	.307	9½	16-25-0	.390
7. Tennessee Tech	4-13	.235	11½	16-26-1	.384

1980 OVC Team Leaders

Batting				
	G	AB	Hits	Avg
1. Western Ky.	61*	1910*	655*	.343*
2. Austin Peay	42	1267	367	.290
3. Murray St.	35	1053	305	.290
4. Tenn. Tech	43	----	----	.286
5. Morehead St.	36	1050	290	.276
6. Eastern Ky.	31	894	244	.273
7. Middle Tenn.	49	1410	377	.267

Scoring				
	G	Runs	Avg	
1. Western Ky.	61*	492*	8.1	
2. Murray St.	35	254	7.3	
3. Morehead St.	36	202	5.6	
4. Eastern Ky.	31	165	5.32	
5. Austin Peay	41	217	5.29	
6. Middle Tenn.	49	237	4.8	
7. Tenn. Tech	43	202	4.7	

Pitching				
	IP	R	ER	ERA
1. Middle Tenn.	350	194	149	3.83
2. Western Ky.	463.1	276	216	4.19
3. Murray St.	260.1	202	146	5.05
4. Morehead St.	257.1	223	157	5.49
5. Tenn. Tech	----	----	----	5.96
6. Austin Peay	310.2	266	226	6.54
7. Eastern Ky.	224.2	218	174	6.97

Fielding				
	PO	A	E	Pct
1. Middle Tenn.	1050	354	50	.966
2. Murray St.	781	359	48	.960
3. Western Ky.	1365	586	90	.956
4. Morehead St.	772	303	73	.936
5. Eastern Ky.	674	326	72	.933

1980 OVC Pacemakers

Doubles:	Mike Murray (WK)	20*
Triples:	Robert Pickett (WK)	6
Home Runs:	Mike Williams (WK)	23*
RBI's:	Mike Williams (WK)	79*
Stolen Bases:	Mike Murray (WK)	34
	(42 att.)	
Runs:	Mike Murray (WK)	71*
Hits:	Mike Murray (WK)	92*
Average:	Mike Williams (WK)	.420

*OVC record.

1980 OVC Pitching Leaders

Player (School)	W-L-S	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA
1. Mark Novak, (MT)	6-0-0	47	32	17-14	14	29	2.68
2. Mike Grieshaber, (Mu)	6-2-0	46	27	17-15	25	31	2.93
3. Steve Duncan, (MT)	4-2-0	51.1	38	23-17	29	26	2.98
4. Tony Threatt, (Mu)	5-0-2	44.2	33	22-15	27	39	3.02
5. Tom Wilson, (MT)	2-3-0	37.1	30	15-13	19	6	3.14
6. Marty Varnadoe, (WK)	5-3-1	45	46	28-16	22	24	3.20
7. Joe Fisher, (TT)	5-4-3	61.1	69	35-23	26	43	3.37
8. Walt Terrell, (Mo)	2-4-0	44	43	30-17	22	45	3.48
9. Mark Williams, (WK)	8-0-1	77	62	36-30	32	62	3.51
10. Doug Rice, (Mu)	3-3-0	31.2	24	22-13	14	25	3.69
11. Keith Gilliam, (AP)	4-4-2	63.2	64	38-29	27	37	4.09
12. Mike Mattox, (Mo)	3-2-1	43	43	31-20	26	30	4.19
13. Marty Mason, (WK)	7-2-0	74	65	42-35	32	76	4.26
14. Larry Glasscock, (WK)	6-1-1	65.1	58	40-31	45	53	4.27

1980 OVC Batting Leaders

Player (School)	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	Avg
1. Mike Williams, (WK)	207	55	87	16	1	23	79	.420
2. Mike Murray, (WK)	240	71	92	20	5	10	46	.383
2. Ron Stewart, (WK)	115	37	44	7	1	4	22	.383
4. Gene Baker, (AP)	132	28	50	9	0	4	25	.378
5. Mark Davis, (MO)	89	16	33	5	0	2	16	.371
6. Chris Howell, (TT)	116	21	43	7	2	0	15	.370
7. Rick Shubert, (TT)	144	24	53	6	5	2	22	.368
8. Tom Fehn, (Mu)	110	36	40	9	4	0	30	.364
9. Jody Hamilton, (Mo)	109	38	38	7	0	12	29	.345
10. Walt McThenny, (WK)	197	44	68	7	1	16	47	.345
10. Doran Perdue, (Mu)	119	56	41	7	4	2	23	.345
12. Joe Myers, (EK)	93	14	32	6	0	1	15	.344
13. Kenny Fox, (WK)	202	52	69	12	4	10	53	.342
14. Donnie Thomas, (WK)	145	35	49	6	1	1	25	.338
15. Tim Hopkins, (Mu)	126	27	42	8	0	1	31	.333

1980 HILLTOPPER OVC HONOR ROLE

Coach-of-the-Year

Joel Murrie

Player-of-the-Year

Mike Murray

All-OVC First Team Members

Mike Williams, junior, 1B
 Mark Williams, senior, P
 Mike Murray, senior, SS
 Marty Mason, senior, P
 Kenny Fox, senior, 2B
 Walt McThenny, senior, OF

NCAA South Regional Tournament Results

Western Kentucky	15	—	Vanderbilt	4
Florida State	19	—	Western Kentucky	7
Western Kentucky	4	—	New Orleans	3
Florida State	10	—	Western Kentucky	5

Western Kentucky: An Offensive Powerhouse in 1980

Individual Leaders in NCAA

RUNS BATTED IN

1. Mike Davis, Wichita State	98
2. Keith Hagman, New Mexico	95
3. Joe Carter, Wichita State	91
4. Joe Roberts, Louisville	86
5. Rick Siriano, Louisville	85
6. Mike Williams, Western Ky.	79*
7. Glen Walker, Washington St.	76
8. Jim Weaver, Florida St.	75
9. Jeff Pyburn, Georgia	66
Tim Teufel, Clemson	66

HOME RUNS

1. Rick Siriano, Louisville	24
2. Mike Williams, Western Ky.	23#
3. Joe Roberts, Louisville	22
Mike Davis, Wichita State	22
Randy Ward,	
Nevada-Las Vegas	22
6. Glen Walker, Washington St.	21
Mike Fuentes, Florida State	21
8. Deacon Winters, Air Force	20
Chuck Barclift, Tennessee	20
10. Jim Weaver, Florida State	18

*Williams ranked 18th in the nation in runs batted in per game with an average of 1.39

#Williams ranked sixth in the nation in home runs per game averaging 0.40

Western Kentucky's Mike Williams also ranked 31st in the nation in batting average with a .420 mark.

Team Batting

1. Air Force	.382
2. Wichita State	.378
3. Indiana State	.362
4. Georgia	.360
5. New Mexico	.354
6. Delaware	.350
7. St. Francis (N.Y.)	.347
8. Brigham Young	.345
9. Western Kentucky	.343
10. Northern Colorado	.340



Records

Team

Single Season:

Miscellaneous

Most Games: 61 (1980)
Most Victories: 47 (1980)
Longest Winning Streak: 19 (1980)

Hitting

Most at Bats: 1,910 (1980)
Most Runs: 492 (1980)
Most Hits: 655 (1980)
Most Doubles: 110 (1980)
Most Triples: 22 (1980)
Most Home Runs: 89 (1980)
Most Total Bases: 1,076 (1980)
Most Runs Batted In: 421 (1980)
Most Walks: 248 (1980)
Highest Batting Average: .343 (1980)

Pitching

Most Inning Pitched: 463 1/3 (1980)
Lowest ERA: 2.70 (1970)
Most Strikeouts: 391 (1980)
Most Complete Games: 36 (1980)
Most Shutouts: 7 (1980)

Individual

Single Season

Hitting

Most at Bats: 270 (Mike Murray 1980)
Most Runs: 71 (Mike Murray, 1980)
Most Hits: 92 (Mike Murray, 1980)
Most Doubles: 20 (Mike Murray, 1980)
Most Triples: 6 (Don Durham, 1970; Jim Zwiesler, 1971; Robert Pickett, 1980)
Most Home Runs: 23 (Mike Williams, 1980)
Most Runs Batted In: 79 (Mike Williams, 1980)
Most Total Bases: 174 (Mike Williams, 1980)
Most Walks: 37 (Walt McThenny, 1980)
Fewest Strikeouts/At Bats: 2/82 (Freddie Carlisle, 1979)
Highest Batting Average (min. 50 AB): 420 (Mike Williams, 1980)
Most Stolen Bases: 34 (Mike Murray, 1980, 42 att.)
Consecutive Game Hitting Streak: 16 (Ron Stewart, Joe Hathcock, 1979)

Pitching

Most Innings Pitched: 78 (Paul Orberson, 1978)
Lowest ERA (min. 25 IP): 0.87 (Leonard Mullins, 1970)
Most Strikeouts: 80 (Don Durham, 1970)
Most Complete Games: 8 (Don Durham, 1970; Phil Van Meter, 1971; Marty Mason, 1980, Mark Williams, 1980)
Most Appearances: 16 (Rick Gittens, 1978)
Most Victories: 8 (Paul Orberson, 1978; Mark Williams, 1980)
Fewest Hits/Innings Pitched: 31/55 (Don Durham, 1970)
Fewest Walks/Innings Pitched: 7/32 2/3 (Marty Varnadoe, 1979)

WKU Batting and Pitching Leaders

Batting Champions:

1970-Don Durham, P-OF	.418
1971-Jim Zwiesler, OF	.323
1972-Steve Long, 1B	.408
1973-Jack Glasser, C	.375
1974-Steve Keck, CF	.370
1975-Dee Deener, SS	.366
1976-Harold Craft, 2B	.337
1977-Terry Tedder, 1B	.359
1978-Jim Atkinson, RF	.408
1979-Mike Williams, 1B	.382
1980-Mike Williams, 1B	.420

ERA Champions (min. 25 inn.):

1970-Leonard Mullins	0.87
1971-Mike Grubb	2.33
1972-Mike Grubb	2.67
1973-Greg Stahl	1.17
1974-Steve Carter	3.24
1975-Rey Ford	1.80
1976-Paul Orberson	2.75
1977-Mark Biven	2.41
1978-Paul Orberson	2.19
1979-Mark Biven	1.95
1980-Marty Varnadoe	3.20



1981 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Time</i>
Mar. 6	Univ. Alabama-Birmingham	Birmingham, AL	2:00 p.m.
Mar. 8	Univ. of North Alabama(2)	Florence, AL	1:00 p.m.
Mar. 9	Butler University	Panama City, FL	12:00 noon
Mar. 9	Marietta College	Panama City, FL	3:00 p.m.
Mar.10	Olivet College	Marianna, FL	10:00 a.m.
Mar.11	University of Missouri	Panama City, FL	9:00 a.m.
Mar.11	Butler University	Panama City, FL	12:00 noon
Mar.12	Valpariso University	Panama City, FL	9:00 a.m.
Mar.13	Troy State University	Troy, AL	1:30 p.m.
Mar.14	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	7:00 p.m.
Mar.15	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	3:00 p.m.
Mar.18	Indiana State Univ.- Evansville (2)	Evansville, IN	1:00 p.m.
Mar.19	Wayne State University (2)	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Mar.20	Wayne State University (2)	Denis Field	1:00 p.m.
Mar.21	University of Iowa	Murray, Ky.	1:00 p.m.
Mar.21	Murray State University	Murray, KY	3:30 p.m.
Mar.22	Kentucky Wesleyan (2)	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Mar.23	David Lipscomb College	Nashville, TN	3:00 p.m.
Mar.24	University of Kentucky	Lexington, KY	3:00 p.m.
Mar.26	Aurora College (2)	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Mar.28	Aurora College (2)	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Mar.29	Austin Peay State University	Denes Field	2:00 p.m.
Mar.31	University of Louisville (2)	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 2	Tennessee State University	Denes Field	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 4	University of Alabama	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 5	Austin Peay State University	Clarksville, TN	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 6	University of Alabama	Denes Field	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 8	Indiana University Southeast (2)	Jeffersonville, IN	12:30 p.m.
Apr. 9	Morehead State University	Morehead, KY	12:00 noon
Apr. 11	Eastern Kentucky University	Richmond, KY	12:00 noon
Apr. 13	University of Evansville (2)	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 14	University of Louisville (2)	Louisville, KY	12:00 noon
Apr. 16	Eastern Kentucky University	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 17	Indiana State University- Evansville (2)	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 18	Morehead State University	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 20	Tennessee State	Nashville, TN	2:00 p.m.
Apr. 21	University of Kentucky (2)	Denes Field	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 23	University of Akron (2)	Akron, OH	12:00 noon
Apr. 28	Kentucky Wesleyan (2)	Owensboro, KY	1:00 p.m.
Apr. 30	Ohio Valley Conference Tournament	North Division Champs	TBA
May 2	Ohio Valley Conference Tournament	North Division Champs	TBA
May 4	Campbellsville College	Campbellsville, KY	5:30 p.m.
May 5	University of Alabama	Tuscaloosa, AL	7:30 p.m.
May 7	University of Evansville (2)	Evansville, IN	1:00 p.m.

(2)Denotes a Double Header