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Hilltoppers Baseball '82



Western
Kentucky
University

1981 Results

Overall Record: 41-18 (.695)
OVC North Division: 9-3 (.750), Champion

Date	Opponent	Results	Pitcher, Record
3/6	@Ala-Birmingham	L 1- 5	Metz, 0-1
3/7	Albion (n)	W 17- 0	Walker, 1-0
3/8	@North Ala.	W 14- 1	Benzing, 1-0
	@North Ala.	W 4- 2	Rine, 1-0
3/9	Marietta (n)	L 6- 9	DeLello, 0-1
3/10	Olivet (n)	W 2- 1	Martin, 1-0
3/11	Missouri (n)	W 5- 4	Williams, 1-0
	Butler (n)	W 7- 2	Rine, 2-0
3/12	Valparaiso (n)	W 6- 0	Metz, 1-1
3/13	@Troy St	L 5-10	Raymer, 0-1
3/14	@Alabama	L 8-13	Benzing, 1-1
3/15	@Alabama	L 1- 2	Rine, 2-1
3/18	@ISU-Evansville	W 7- 4	Metz, 2-1
	@ISU-Evansville	L 7- 8	Williams, 1-1
3/19	WAYNE ST	W 15- 8	Benzing, 2-1
	WAYNE ST	W 11- 3	Walker, 2-0
3/20	WAYNE ST	W 19- 2	Walker, 3-0
	WAYNE ST	W 8- 3	DeLello, 1-1
3/21	Iowa (n)	W 9- 1	Rine, 3-1
	@Murray St.	W 13-11	Wright, 1-0
3/23	@David Lipscomb	L 0- 4	Martin, 1-1
3/24	@Kentucky	L 3- 8	Benzing, 2-2
3/26	AURORA	W 8- 5	Walker, 4-0
	AURORA	W 7- 0	Metz, 3-1
3/28	AURORA	W 10- 0	Rine, 4-1
	AURORA	W 12- 1	Joslin, 1-0
3/29	AUSTIN PEAY	W 1- 9#	Benzing
3/31	LOUISVILLE	W 5- 2	Walker, 5-0
	LOUISVILLE	W 5- 2	Martin, 2-1
4/2	TENNESSEE ST	L 2-10	Metz, 3-2
4/5	AKRON*	W 3- 2	Benzing, 3-2
	AKRON*	W 13- 2	Martin, 3-1
4/6	ALABAMA	W 10- 8	Metz, 4-2
4/7	KY WESLEYAN	W 7- 3	Williams, 2-1
	KY WESLEYAN	W 9- 0	Wright, 2-0
4/8	@Indiana-SE	W 14-10	DeLello, 2-1
	@Indiana-SE	L 2- 6	Joslin, 1-1
4/11	@Eastern Ky*	W 3- 1	Rine, 5-1
	@Eastern Ky*	W 18- 6	Metz, 5-2
4/12	@Morehead St*	W 20-10	Benzing, 4-2
4/13	EVANSVILLE	W 7- 2	Walker, 6-0
	EVANSVILLE	W 10- 0	Raymer, 1-1
4/14	@Louisville	W 11- 3	Metz, 6-2
	@Louisville	L 8-11	Metz, 6-3
4/16	EASTERN KY*	L 0- 4	Rine, 5-2
4/17	EASTERN KY*	W 11- 6	Metz, 7-3
4/18	MOREHEAD ST*	W 5- 0	Benzing, 5-2
	MOREHEAD ST*	W 7- 3	Raymer, 2-1
4/21	KENTUCKY	L 4- 6	DeLello, 2-2
	KENTUCKY	L 1- 7	Martin, 3-2
4/25	@Akron*	L 4- 5	Benzing, 5-3
	@Akron*	W 7- 6	Metz, 8-3
4/26	@Morehead St*	L 6-17	Walker, 6-1
4/28	@Ky Wesleyan	W 15- 5	Joslin, 2-1
	@Ky Wesleyan	W 14- 2	Williams, 3-1
4/30	AUSTIN PEAY**	W 9-12#	Martin
5/1	EASTERN KY**	L 8-11	Raymer, 2-2
5/4	@Campbellsville	W 11- 4	Walker, 7-1
5/5	@Alabama	L 1- 9	DeLello, 2-3

*OVC North Division game

(n) Neutral site

**OVC Tournament, Bowling Green, Ky.

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Western Kentucky

Hilltoppers

Location: College Heights
Bowling Green, Ky. 42101

Founded: 1906

Enrollment: 13,002

President: Dr. Donald Zacharias

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Collegiate Record: 88-31 (two yrs)

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Playing Field: Nick Denes Field

Colors: Red and White

'81 Record: 41-18

All-time Record: 692-527-13

Conference: Ohio Valley, South Division

'81 Record: 9-3 (1st, Northern Division)

Lettermen Lost/Returning: 10/13

Starters Lost/Returning: 3/5



1982 Prospectus

The past two seasons have seen the Western Kentucky University baseball program grow to become a power in the tough Ohio Valley Conference and gain valuable respectability on a nationwide scale.

After winning both the 1980 OVC regular season and tournament championships enroute to a 47-13-1 overall record and the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, last year's Hilltoppers came within a whisker of duplicating that outstanding feat — posting a fine 41-18 record and winning the OVC Northern Division title before falling to Eastern Kentucky in the OVC tourney.

And, despite losing six full- or part-time starters, including '81 OVC Player-of-the-Year (Northern Division) Mike Williams (now in the Detroit Tigers organization) and District III Academic All-America catcher Rene Zarate, Western should once again be a strong contender for the OVC crown.

One reason for such optimism is the fact that the Hilltoppers return six .300 hitters from a club that batted .332 to rank 15th in the nation last year.

Heading that distinguished list are a trio of All-America candidates — senior centerfielder Donnie Thomas (.403), senior first baseman Paul Knuth (.359, 19 HRs, 63 RBIs), and junior catcher-outfielder-designated hitter Ralph Antone (.360, 15 HRs, 59 RBIs).

Other infield returnees include second baseman Brian Day (.367), shortstop-pitcher Jim "Hondo" Hess (.342) and third sacker Kevin Birkofer (.287).

One newcomer who figures to be in line for the starting shortstop position is junior Jim Rathbun, a transfer from Lakeland (Ill.) Community College, who looked impressive in the fall. Other infield newcomers include first baseman John Decker, a transfer from Volunteer State (Tenn.) Community College; catcher-first baseman Matt Logic, a freshman out of Racine, Wisc.; second sacker Joe Garafola, a junior from Greenlawn, N.Y.; catcher Dan Mosier, a junior college transfer from Griswald, Ia.; sophomore shortstop Mark DeRuzzo, a walk-on from Harvey, La.; and Van Isler, a JuCo transfer from Brooksville, Fla.

In addition to Thomas, the outfield should once again be bolstered by hustling rightfielder Rick Parrish, who batted .312 while scoring 49 runs in 57 games last spring.

New faces competing for a starting outfield slot include Ron Lighthiser, a transfer from Largo, Fla.; Gary Dreher, a transfer from Niles, Mich.; and sophomore Timmy Bray, a native of nearby Russellville, Ky.

Western's pitching staff, young and inexperienced last season, looks polished and poised for the 1982 campaign.

A trio of seniors top the list of returning hurlers. They include flame-throwing righthanded starter Cam Walker (7-1, 4.91 ERA), crafty reliever Doug Metz, a righthander who tied a school record for both appearances (16) and victories (8) in a single season last spring, and lefthander Kevin Benzing, a breaking ball pitcher who finished 5-3 in '81.

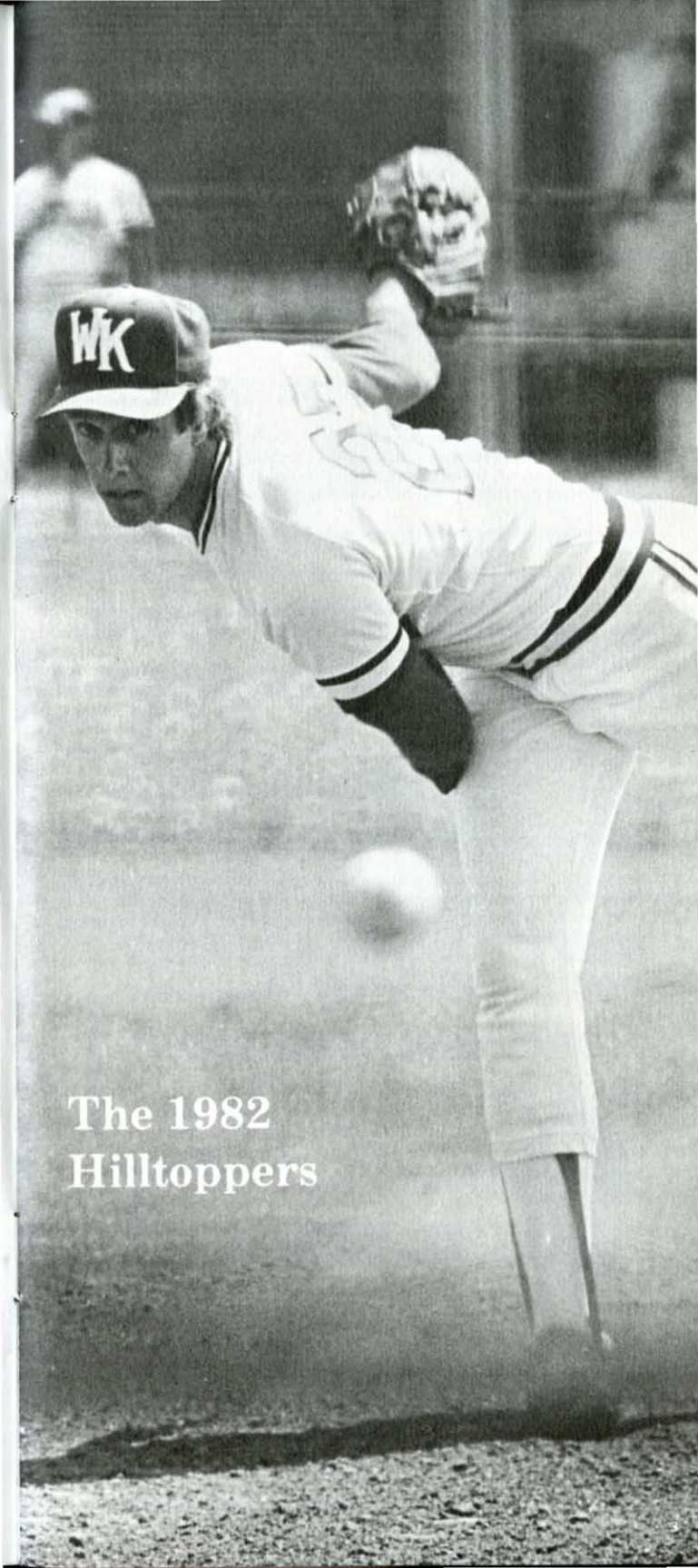
Two veterans juniors, Craig Martin and Greg Raymer, will see plenty of mound action. Martin was 3-3 with a 3.22 ERA and Raymer wound up 2-2 with a 3.56 ERA last season.

Sophomore righty Dave DeLello (2-3, 6.12) is in the running for a spot in the rotation and Hess, who was a part-time starter at short in '81, will be used primarily as a reliever this time around.

Newcomers to the pitching staff include strong-armed sophomore righthanders Jeff Fletcher and Wade Janssen.

Overall, the Hilltoppers should again be regarded as one of the South Region's best ballclubs. As usual, Western will possess one of the nation's most potent offensive attacks with that rare combination of speed and power. Defensively, the 'Tops should be much better with the addition of several slick-fielding freshman and JuCo transfers. Thomas and Parrish, starters in centerfield and rightfield, respectively, are regarded as two of the league's top flychasers.

Western's pitching staff should be much improved this year, despite the loss of lefty Phil Rine, who posted the country's second best earned run average (0.85) in '81. Walker, Benzing and Metz are proven senior veterans and juniors Martin and Raymer continue to improve. Add a pair of highly-touted newcomers to that list and you come up with what may emerge as one of the conference's best mound staffs.



The 1982
Hilltoppers



JOEL MURRIE
Head Coach



Joel Murrie enters his third year as head baseball coach at Western Kentucky after guiding the Hilltoppers to a pair of the most successful seasons in the school's history.

Murrie, just 29, led the Hilltoppers to the 1980 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—all in his first season as Western's head coach.

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

Last season, the Hilltoppers finished 41-18 and captured the OVC Northern Division championship.

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 (formerly of 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 second season as an assistant baseball coach at Western Kentucky.

The 25-year old native of Phoenix, Arizona, came 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.

1981 Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown (High School)
19	Ralph Antone**	C-OF-DH	R/R	6-2	190	Jr.	McMurray, Pa. (Peters Township)
27	Kevin Benzing*	P	L/L	6-1	175	Sr.	Gays Mills, Wisc. (Seneca)
11	Kevin Birkofer*	3B	L/R	6-1	189	Sr.	Cincinnati, Ohio (LaSalle)
10	Timmy Bray	OF	S/R	5-6	167	So.	Russellville, Ky. (Russellville)
39	Brian Day*	2B	R/R	5-9	170	Jr.	Aurora, Ill. (West)
45	John Decker	1B-C	L/R	6-0	200	Jr.	White House, Tenn. (White House)
54	Dave DeLello*	P	R/R	6-1	185	So.	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel)
5	Mark DeRuzzo	SS	R/R	6-1	167	So.	Louisville, Ky. (Eastern)
32	Gary Dreher	OF	L/L	6-2	185	Jr.	Niles, Mich. (Niles)
52	Jeff Fletcher	P	R/R	6-2	220	So.	Louisville, Ky. (Manual)
9	Joe Garafola	2B	R/R	5-7	150	Jr.	Greenlawn, N.Y. (John Glenn)
37	Jim Hess*	P-SS	R/R	6-1	175	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo. (Doherty)
17	Van Isler	3B	R/R	5-10	179	Jr.	Brooksville, Fla. (Hernando)
16	Wade Janssen	P	R/R	6-4	230	So.	Brush Prairie, Wash. (Prairie)
40	Paul Knuth*	1B	R/R	6-3	215	Sr.	St. Joe, Mich. (St. Joe)
20	Ron Lighthiser	OF	R/R	6-0	174	Jr.	Largo, Fla. (Largo)
30	Matt Logic	C-1B	R/R	6-2	210	Fr.	Racine, Wisc. (Washington Park)
49	Craig Martin**	P	R/R	6-2	200	Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
34	Doug Metz*	P	R/R	6-3	190	Sr.	Harrison, Ohio (Harrison)
42	Dan Mosier	C	R/R	5-11	180	Jr.	Lewis, Iowa (Griswald Community)
12	Rick Parrish*	OF	R/R	6-0	180	Sr.	Largo, Fla. (Seminole)
8	Jim Rathbun	SS	R/R	6-0	175	Jr.	Bartonville, Ill. (Limestone)
7	Greg Raymer**	P	R/R	6-1	175	Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Warren Central)
14	Donnie Thomas***	OF	L/L	6-2	180	Sr.	Elizabethtown, Ky. (Elizabethtown)
41	Cam Walker*	P	R/R	6-4	205	Sr.	Souris, Manitoba, Can. (Neelin)

*Denotes letters earned.

Numerical Roster

5-Mark DeRuzzo, SS	30-Matt Logic, C-1B
7-Greg Raymer, P	32-Gary Dreher, OF
8-Jim Rathbun, SS	34-Doug Metz, P
9-Joe Garafola, 2B	37-Hondo Hess, P-SS
10-Timmy Bray, OF	39-Brian Day, 2B
11-Kevin Birkofer, 3B	40-Paul Knuth, 1B
12-Rick Parrish, OF	41-Cam Walker, P
14-Donnie Thomas, OF	42-Dan Mosier, C
16-Wade Janssen, P	45-John Decker, 1B-C
17-Van Isler, 3B	49-Craig Martin, P
19-Ralph Antone, C-OF	52-Jeff Fletcher, P
20-Ron Lighthiser, OF	54-Dave DeLello, P
27-Kevin Benzing, P	



Big Red



ANTONE



BENZING



BIRKOFER



BRAY

Ralph Antone Junior, C-DH McMurray, Pa.

An All-American candidate, he had his second consecutive outstanding season for Hilltoppers in '81, batting .360 while launching 15 homers and driving in 59 enroute to being selected to the All-Ohio Valley Conference first-team. . . . saw action in 54 games, splitting playing time between catcher and designated hitter. . . . was also an All-South Region designated hitter in '81. . . . led squad in doubles while ranking second in hits (62) and third in home runs, RBI's and batting average. . . . showed potential as a freshman in '80 with solid campaign (8 HR, 22 RBIs, .314) that was topped off by his being named to the NCAA South Region All-Tournament team after a solid showing against the likes of Florida State, New Orleans and Vanderbilt. . . . a multi-talented athlete, Antone was a starting quarterback on the WKU football team last season. . . . has outstanding power and hits to all fields with authority. . . . a fine backstop as well, he has a strong, accurate throwing arm and is noted for his ability to handle pitchers well. . . . probably best known in high school (Peters Township, Pa., High) for his prowess as a hockey player, 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
1981	53	172	39	62	16	1	15	59	0-0	.360
Career	95	293	60	100	22	2	23	81	1-2	.341

Kevin Benzing Senior, Pitcher Gays Mills, Wisc.

Crafty lefthander was 5-3 for Western in first Ohio Valley Conference campaign a year ago. . . . came to WKU in 1980 following two years at Indian Hills (Wisc.) Junior College, where he established himself as one of the state's top JuCo hurlers. . . . a hard-throwing strikeout artist, he fanned 53 batters in '81 to rank second on the squad. . . . walked just 28. . . . had six complete games to tie departed All-OVC lefty Phil Rine for team-high in that category. . . . should be one of staff's top moundmen 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.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1981	11	62.1	80	53-38	28	53	5.49	5-3

Kevin Birkofer Senior, 3B Cincinnati, Ohio

Hit respectable .287 for 'Toppers in '81 after transferring from Columbia (Tenn.) State Junior College where he was a standout for two seasons. . . . proved to be most effective in clutch situations. . . . ability to respond to pressure is one reason 'Tops are confident he can make the transition from shortstop to third base, a position he is likely to start at. . . . a line drive hitter, he ranked second on squad in doubles with 11 and tied for team-leadership in stolen bases with 11. . . . has excellent range and strong throwing arm in the field. . . . surprising power and fine speed. . . . could emerge as infield leader this spring.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1981	50	122	29	35	11	1	4	24	11-15	.287

Timmy Bray Sophomore, OF Russellville, Ky.

Walked on in the fall and won a spot on Hilltoppers roster. . . . comes to Western after one season at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn. . . . had outstanding high school career at nearby Russellville High, where he set a

school record for highest batting average in a season (.500) as a sophomore in 1977. . . . good line drive hitter with surprising power for size. . . . good speed. . . . fundamentally sound player who knows how to catch and throw the baseball. . . . looks to be in line for reserve duty this season, but could develop into top-flight regular as Big Red career progresses.



DAY



DECKER



DeLELLO



DeRUZZO

Brian Day

Junior, 2B

Aurora, Ill.

Earned starting second base spot in fall after outstanding .367 spring in which he was a part-timer. . . . fine contact hitter who sprays the ball all over the park. . . . came to Western in 1980 after one year at Mississippi State. . . . excellent glove man who turns the double play pivot extremely fast. . . . great '81 season showed his vast offensive potential and he should continue his steady improvement at the plate. . . . 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 the top 10 percent of prep graduating class.

<i>Year</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>AB</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>2B</i>	<i>3B</i>	<i>HR</i>	<i>RBI</i>	<i>SB-SBA</i>	<i>Avg</i>
1981	22	49	14	18	1	2	1	11	1-2	.367

John Decker

Junior, 1B-C

White House, Tenn.

Comes to Western after two fine years at Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn. . . . stout, powerful slugger who should give Tops plenty of punch from the lefthand side of the plate. . . . probable back-up to veteran Paul Knuth at first base this spring and should see some action behind the plate as well. . . . a baseball and football standout at White House High School, he hit .381 as a senior in '78 enroute to all-district honors. . . . greatest sports thrill came in 1978 when he went 3-for-5 with three RBIs in a 13-12 Goodlettsville win over Huffines Electric in the Huffines Connie Mack Invitational at 13,000-seat Greer Stadium in Nashville, Tenn.

Dave DeLello

Sophomore, P

Carmel, Ind.

Strong-armed youngster should be major cog in Hilltoppers' starting rotation in '82. . . . had up-and-down rookie campaign but showed outstanding potential along the way. . . . has good fastball and continues to show improvement on his off-speed pitches. . . . gutsy competitor who gives 110 percent everytime he goes to the mound. . . . had truly outstanding prep career, earning a total of 12 letters in baseball, basketball and football. . . . named Indiana's Jaycee Athlete-of-the-Year as a senior. . . . has had fastball clocked at above 90 miles per hour on occasion. . . . in addition to his "heater," he also possesses an outstanding slider.

<i>Year</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>R-ER</i>	<i>BB</i>	<i>SO</i>	<i>ERA</i>	<i>W-L</i>
1981	9	32.2	38	38-22	32	21	6.12	2-3

Mark DeRuzzo

Sophomore, SS

Harvey, La.

Starts first season with Western baseballers this spring, but he has been a Hilltopper for quite a while. . . . has played two years on the WKU football team as cornerback. . . . hard-nosed competitor who earned job as Western's reserve shortstop in the fall. . . . slick fielder with strong, accurate arm. . . . fine baserunner with good speed. . . . a contact hitter who likes to drive the ball to all parts of the field. . . . a versatile performer, he is expected to bolster the 'Topper defense up the middle.



DREHER



FLETCHER



GARAFOLA



HESS

Gary Dreher

Junior, OF

Niles, Mich.

Begins first season in red and white after outstanding two-year stint at Kalamazoo (Mich.) Community College. . . . rejoins former Kalamazoo teammate Paul Knuth this spring. . . . looked impressive during the fall and begins season as strong candidate for starting leftfield post. . . . an outstanding gloveman, his presence in outfield, along with Thomas and Parrish, could give 'Tops one of finest fly-catching trio's in league. . . . spray hitter who makes good contact at plate. . . . rarely strikes out. . . . has fine speed and has exhibited outstanding leadership capabilities since joining squad. . . . will add versatility to lineup.

Jeff Fletcher

Sophomore, P

Louisville, Ky.

Starts first season for Western after transferring from Kentucky in 1980. . . . big, hard throwing righthander expected to see action as both a starter and reliever this spring. . . . earned starting kicker position on WKU football team as a walk-on last fall. . . . had fine prep career in Louisville, starting at Fairdale before transferring to Manual in 1978. . . . as a kicker at Manual, he earned all-state honors and played in Kentucky's East-West all-star game as a senior footballer. . . . considers greatest sports thrill to be when his Manual gridders upset St. Xavier, 28-27, on his birthday to sew up district championship.

Joe Garafola

Junior, 2B

Greenlawn, N.Y.

Transfer from Miami (Fla.) Dade Junior College begins first season with Hilltoppers in '82. . . . peppercorn second baseman comes to "the Hill" with top-notch credentials, having batted .406 in sophomore year at Dade when he was named team captain and earned squad's Most Dedicated Player Award. . . . a line drive hitter and an outstanding leather man at second, he should give 'Tops great infield depth and could challenge for regular playing time as the season progresses. . . . determined, hard-nosed competitor who gives it all he's got. . . . had tremendous prep career at John H. Glenn High in Florida, where he batted .405 and captured all-league honors as a senior.

Jim Hess

Senior, P-SS

Colorado Springs, Colo.

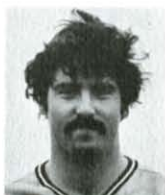
"Hondo" had fine season as part-time starter at shortstop in '81, batting .342 with a homer and 15 RBI's. . . . is slated to put most of his effort into pitching this time around, however, and is expected to emerge as one of club's best relievers. . . . hurled two perfect innings for 'Tops late last season, getting two strikeouts along the way. . . . has good fast ball, fine breaking ball and outstanding control. . . . will also see some time at short and as pinch-runner this season because of his excellent range and speed. . . . starred in baseball and football at Doherty (Colo.) High School, where he set virtually all of the institution's hitting and passing records. . . . named All-State in baseball three consecutive seasons and was honored as Southern Colorado Player-of-the-Year following his senior year.

Year	G	AB	R	Batting						Avg
				H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	
1981	39	79	22	27	3	1	1	15	4-5	.342

Year	G	IP	H	Pitching				
				R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1981	2	2	0	0-0	1	2	0.00	0-0



ISLER



JANSSEN



KNUTH



LIGHTHISER

Van Isler Junior, 3B Brooksville, Fla.

Another JuCo transfer who is expected to lend immediate help to infield. . . . comes to WKU after two fine seasons at Seminole Community College in Florida. . . . batted .320 as a sophomore at Seminole. . . . gutsy youngster is expected to play a backup role at third base this spring behind senior Kevin Birkofer. . . . good fielder with strong, accurate arm from "hot corner". . . . has always been productive hitter and should provide 'Tops with additional power from the right side of plate. . . . had tremendous career at Hernando (Fla.) High School, where he set virtually all school records in hitting.

Wade Janssen Sophomore, P Brush Prairie, Wash.

Big, strong righthanded hurler comes to "the Hill" after one season at Central Arizona. . . . at 6-4, 230 pounds, he will be one of 'Toppers' most imposing sights on hill this spring. . . . a four-sport standout at Prairie (Wash.) High, where he earned all-league honors in football and all-state recognition as senior. . . . also played basketball and wrestled. . . . drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers after final diamond campaign at Prairie in spring of 1980. . . . should challenge for a spot in Western's starting rotation. . . . power pitcher who continues to improve on breaking and off-speed pitches. . . . brother Andy was an All-American wrestler at South West Oregon Community College.

Paul Knuth Senior, 1B St. Joseph's, Mich.

The nation's ninth leading home run hitter during 1981 returns for his final season at Western. . . . had tremendous year at plate last spring (19 HR, 63 RBIs, .359 avg.) and 'Topper fans look for more of the same in '82. . . . made conversion from third base to more natural first base position during the fall. . . . big, strong slugger with major league power. . . . came to Western after a season at Jackson (Mich.) Community College and Kalamazoo Valley (Mich.) Community College, respectively. . . . at Kalamazoo, he earned regard as one of Michigan's top hitters after batting .439 with seven homers and 39 RBIs enroute to a berth on the state's JuCo All-Star team. . . . has a fine throwing arm and runs well for his size. . . . All-American candidate.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1981	54	170	53	61	8	0	19	63	0-0	.359

Ron Lighthiser Junior, OF Largo, Fla.

JuCo transfer from Largo, Fla., begins initial campaign for 'Tops in '82. . . . will be battling it out with Gary Dreher for starting leftfield post this spring. . . . has tremendous all-around athletic ability. . . . a great natural athlete. . . . hits well to all fields and is noted as a fine defensive player, as well. . . . a speed merchant who should be one of Western's best base runners. . . . potential unlimited.



LOGIC



MARTIN



METZ



MOSIER

Matt Logic

Freshman, C-1B

Racine, Wisc.

Big, strong youngster in line for starting berth at catcher after outstanding fall practice. . . . has made transition from high school to college extremely well. . . . comes to Western after standout prep career at Washington Park (Wisc.) High, where he was twice named baseball team's Most Valuable Player. . . . also starred in basketball at Washington Park for three years. . . . makes good contact at the plate and has fine power. . . . an excellent handler of pitchers, he also has a rifle throwing arm. . . . regarded by many as a future professional baseball prospect.

Craig Martin

Junior, P

Bowling Green, Ky.

Had club's second-lowest earned run average with 3.22 mark in '81 going 3-2 in seven starts. . . . once again slated for starting rotation, he continues to improve with each collegiate season. . . . hard-throwing righty with a gutsy determination that may be his biggest asset. . . . goes to the mound with supreme confidence in his abilities. . . . had excellent frosh year at WKU winning each of his four decisions while compiling impressive 2.21 ERA. . . . possesses good fastball and outstanding slider. . . . has improved his control remarkably during tenure on "the Hill". . . . hometown boy who starred for three seasons at Bowling Green High, going 21-4. . . . pitched three seasons for BG's Post 23 American Legion team.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1980	6	20.1	12	6-5	12	16	2.21	4-0
1981	8	44.2	41	30-16	18	33	3.22	3-2
Career	14	65.0	53	36-21	30	49	2.91	7-2

Doug Metz

Senior, P

Cincinnati, Ohio

Had tremendous season as Hilltoppers' number one reliever in 1981, winning eight games to tie a team-record for victories in a single season. . . . his 16 appearances in '81 also tied a club mark. . . . Lanky righthander was used in many pressure-packed situations last spring and more of the same is expected in '82. . . . smart finesse pitcher with excellent control. . . . owns wicked slider and sneaky-quick fastball as well. . . . cool customer who enjoys the pressure of his job. . . . was four-sport star at William Henry Harrison High, where he led Cincinnati prep pitchers in strikeouts as a senior, with 92 in 46 2/3 innings. . . . came to WKU after a pair of successful seasons at Cumberland (Tenn.) Junior College.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1981	16	57.1	49	35-26	37	47	4.08	8-3

Dan Mosier

Junior, C

Griswald, Iowa

Talented youngster in the hunt for starting catching assignment in 1982, hoping to fill the shoes of departed Academic All-American Rene Zarate. . . . comes to Western after a couple of standout campaigns at Indian Hills (Iowa) Junior College, where he played in the National JuCo World Series as a sophomore. . . . reunited with former Indian Hills teammates Cam Walker and Kevin Benzing this season. . . . known as fine defensive catcher with strong and accurate arm. . . . impressed coaching staff in fall with leadership capabilities. . . . though his forte is defense, offensive potential is definitely there.



PARRISH



RATHBUN



RAYMER



Big Red

Rick Parrish

Senior, OF

Largo, Fla.

The epitome of hard work and determination. . . .all-out hustler, he proved to be one of Western's best clutch hitters, batting a solid .312 while ranking second on the club in runs scored with 49. . . .tremendous all-around athlete with good speed and accurate, powerful throwing arm. . . .once again slated to start in right field, just as he did all of last spring. . . .a gutsy competitor who doesn't mind getting uniform dirty. . . .always gives 110 percent. . . .flychaser came to WKU last year after two fine seasons at Valencia (Fla.) Community College. . . .not flashy, just goes out everyday and gets the job done in a consistently productive way.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB-SBA	Avg
1981	57	186	49	58	5	2	5	35	6-10	.312

Jim Rathbun

Junior, SS

Bartonville, Ill.

Begins first spring in Hilltopper uniform after a pair of outstanding years at Lakeland (Ill.) Community College. . . .speedy shortstop is expected to shore up Western's infield, and may have the inside track on a starting job after looking impressive in the fall. . . .a fine defensive infielder with good range and strong throwing arm. . . .proved to be outstanding clutch hitter at Lakeland, where he was named to the junior college All-State team after being among league leaders in runs batted in and batting average. . . .line drive hitter who shows occasional bursts of power. . . .has hit for high average since prep days when he batted .350 in each of his final two campaigns at Limestone (Ill.) High School, where he was twice named to all-conference team.

Greg Raymer

Junior, P

Bowling Green, Ky.

Lean, strong-armed righthander continued to mature and show outstanding promise in '81 and more of the same is expected this spring. . . .finished 2-2 a year ago while compiling one of the best earned run averages (3.56) on staff. . . .used as both a starter and reliever in each of his first two seasons at Western but could be primarily a starter in '82. . . .a flame-thrower with outstanding "heat" and a good slider. . . .improved control considerably as a sophomore. . . .a local product, he was regarded as one of state's best hurlers as a senior at Warren Central High. . . .also had tremendous 17-year-old season for Bowling Green's Southern Kentucky American Legion squad, notching 106 strikeouts in just 86 1/3 innings pitched.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1980	7	21.2	12	14-13	30	23	5.40	3-1
1981	10	48.0	37	34-19	35	45	3.56	2-2
Career	17	69.2	49	48-32	65	68	4.13	5-3

**'81 NCAA
Leaders**

Home Runs

- Franklin Stubbs, Virginia Tech29
- Bruce Castoria, Mississippi State29
- Mike Fuentes, Florida State27
- Joe Carter, Wichita State24
- Joe Christenson, Fullerton State23
- 6. Mike Williams, Western Kentucky21**
- Phil Strom, Utah20
- 8. Paul Knuth, Western Kentucky19**
- Tom Piller, Northern Colorado18
- Brick Smith, Wake Forest18



THOMAS



WALKER



Donnie Thomas Senior, OF Elizabethtown, Ky.

All-American candidate had banner season for Tops in '81, ripping at .403 clip to rank second on squad. . . . spray hitter who is capable of driving the ball out of the park. . . . played hurt much of last season after a severe hamstring injury hobbled him at mid-season. . . . still saw action in 45 games and was crucial to Western's success as much in the field as he was at the plate, roving centerfield like few in the OVC can. . . . has good speed but main strength is the outstanding jump he gets on ball. . . . an outstanding base-runner, he stole 11 bases in 11 attempts last spring. . . . as a sophomore, he was named to All-South Region Tournament Team in 1980 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. . . . a 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
1981	45	134	45	54	9	2	2	21	11-11	.403
Career	110	319	87	114	16	3	3	48	20-23	.357

Cam Walker Senior, P Souris, Manitoba, Canada

Had superb season with Hilltoppers in '81 after transferring from Indian Hills Community College in Iowa. . . . finished with fine 7-1 mark and team-leading 60 strikeouts for Western last spring. . . . flame-throwing righty became instant fixture in club's starting rotation and hurled against 'Toppers' toughest opponents throughout the spring. . . . possesses tremendous fastball and a good assortment of breaking pitches. . . . big, strong (6-3, 200) Canadian is once again expected to be a key cog of Western's mound staff. . . . was voted to Canadian prep All-American teams in both baseball and hockey before establishing himself as top-flight collegiate pitcher and pro baseball prospect. . . . set virtually every pitching record at Neelin High in Canada, where he was standout in baseball, hockey and football. . . . pitched on the Canadian National team last summer.

Year	G	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	ERA	W-L
1981	12	58.2	69	45-32	24	60	4.91	7-1

'81 NCAA Leaders

Team Batting

1. Northern Colorado . . . . .	.378
2. Wichita State . . . . .	.377
3. Arizona State . . . . .	.356
4. Virginia Tech . . . . .	.350
5. Nevada-Las Vegas . . . . .	.349
6. Eastern Michigan . . . . .	.346
Appalachian State . . . . .	.346
8. Alcorn State . . . . .	.340
9. Stanford . . . . .	.337
Memphis State . . . . .	.337
Citadel . . . . .	.337
12. Delaware . . . . .	.336
13. New Orleans . . . . .	.335
14. San Diego State . . . . .	.333
15. Western Kentucky . . . . .	.332*

*Western's Mike Williams led the Ohio Valley Conference and ranked 26th in the nation with a batting average of .423.



DIDDLE



DENES



PICKENS



SCHOLLENBERGER

WKU Coaches' Records

Coach(es) (Years)	Seasons	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct
M.A. Leiper, W.J. Craig					
J.H. Clagett (1910-11)	2	4-	1-	0	.800
G.H. Reams (1912)	1	9-	2-	0	.818
M.A. Leiper, Roy Manchester (1913)	1	14-	12-	0	.538
J.L. Arthur (1914-16)*	3	11-	6-	1	.639
J.C. Floyd (1922)**	1	3-	0-	0	1.000
E.A. Diddle (1923-57)***	31	236-	153-	3	.606
Nick Denes (1958-62)	5	49-	39-	1	.556
Dan King (1963-64)	2	15-	20-	0	.429
Gene Rhodes (1965)	1	8-	14-	1	.370
Jim Pickens (1966-76)	11	181-	184-	4	.496
Barry Shollenberger (1977-79)	3	74-	64-	2	.536
Joel Murrie (1980-)	2	88-	31-	1	.736
Totals	63	692-	527-	13	.567

*No record, 17 games.

**No record, 9 games.

***No record, 6 games.

Year-by-Year With the Hilltoppers

Season	Coach(es)	Won	Lost	Tied	Season	Coach(es)	Won	Lost	Tied
1910	M.A. Leiper				1947	E.A. Diddle	5-	6-	0
	W.J. Craig				1948	E.A. Diddle	4-	10-	0
	J.H. Clagett	2-	1-	0	1949	E.A. Diddle	3-	5-	1
1911	M.A. Leiper				1950	E.A. Diddle	7-	6-	0
	W.J. Craig				1951	E.A. Diddle	13-	5-	0
	J.H. Clagett	2-	0-	0	1952	E.A. Diddle	11-	3-	0
1912	G.H. Reams	9-	2-	0	1953	E.A. Diddle	8-	2-	1
1913	M.A. Leiper				1954	E.A. Diddle	9-	7-	0
	Roy Manchester	14-	12-	0	1955	E.A. Diddle	4-	7-	0
1914	J.L. Arthur	5-	4-	0	1956	E.A. Diddle	6-	6-	1
1915****	J.L. Arthur	-----			1957	E.A. Diddle	10-	6-	0
1916***	J.L. Arthur	6-	2-	1	1958	Nick Denes	8-	4-	0
1917-1921	No Team				1959	Nick Denes	13-	4-	0
1922**	J.C. Floyd	3-	0-	0	1960	Nick Denes	9-	6-	1
1923*	E.A. Diddle	10-	2-	0	1961	Nick Denes	9-	12-	0
1924	E.A. Diddle	11-	2-	0	1962	Nick Denes	10-	13-	0
1925	E.A. Diddle	10-	9-	0	1963	Dan King	7-	10-	0
1926*	E.A. Diddle	9-	8-	0	1964	Dan King	8-	11-	0
1927*	E.A. Diddle	9-	5-	0	1965	Gene Rhodes	8-	14-	0
1928*	E.A. Diddle	16-	1-	0	1966	Jim Pickens	9-	13-	0
1929	E.A. Diddle	9-	4-	0	1967	Jim Pickens	13-	16-	2
1930	E.A. Diddle	3-	0-	0	1968	Jim Pickens	13-	11-	0
1931	No Team				1969	Jim Pickens	17-	11-	0
1932*	E.A. Diddle	4-	2-	0	1970	Jim Pickens	18-	16-	1
1933	E.A. Diddle	7-	5-	0	1971	Jim Pickens	13-	16-	0
1934	E.A. Diddle	8-	3-	0	1972	Jim Pickens	14-	11-	0
1935*	E.A. Diddle	9-	2-	0	1973	Jim Pickens	21-	23-	0
1936	E.A. Diddle	4-	3-	0	1974	Jim Pickens	30-	18-	1
1937	E.A. Diddle	8-	7-	0	1975	Jim Pickens	21-	26-	0
1938	E.A. Diddle	4-	10-	0	1976	Jim Pickens	12-	23-	0
1939	E.A. Diddle	6-	10-	0	1977	Barry Shollenberger	20-	23-	1
1940	E.A. Diddle	7-	6-	0	1978	Barry Shollenberger	24-	19-	1
1941	E.A. Diddle	9-	6-	0	1979	Barry Shollenberger	30-	22-	0
1942	E.A. Diddle	4-	5-	0	1980	Joel Murrie	47-	13-	1
1943-1945	No team				1981	Joel Murrie	41-	18-	0
1946	E.A. Diddle	9-	0-	0	63 Seasons		692-	527-	13

****12 games, no record

***Five games, no record

** Nine games, no record

* One game, no record

1981 Statistics

Overall Record: 41-18# (Home: 20-5; Away: 15-12; Neutral: 6-1)

OVC North Division Record: 9-3 (Champion)

Batting

Player, Pos.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SAC	BB	HP	SO	SB-SBA	Bat.		Slug.			Field		
														Avg	TB	Avg	PO	A	E	Pct	
Rick Alfonso, C	14	39	8	14	5	0	2	12	1	3	0	1	2- 2	.359	25	.641	38	9	0	1.000	
Randy Anderson, OF-1B	45	100	18	31	7	0	0	14	3	16	1	17	3- 4	.310	38	.380	77	5	5	.943	
Ralph Antone, OF-C	53	172	39	62	16	1	15	59	1	28	1	23	0- 0	.360	125	.727	107	11	2	.983	
Mark Ashby, 2B	29	58	7	14	3	0	1	8	0	13	0	12	3- 4	.241	20	.345	23	39	9	.873	
Kevin Birkhofer, SS	50	122	29	35	11	1	4	24	0	19	0	20	11-15	.287	60	.492	37	92	13	.915	
Brian Day, 2B-3B	22	49	14	18	1	2	1	11	2	2	0	2	1- 2	.367	26	.531	26	25	5	.911	
Dave DeLello, P-2B	10	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0- 0	.125	1	.125	1	2	0	1.000	
Brent Harris, OF	45	115	36	34	7	3	3	20	2	16	3	9	8-11	.296	56	.487	32	4	0	1.000	
Jim Hess, SS	39	79	22	27	3	1	1	15	3	9	0	8	4- 5	.342	35	.443	37	60	10	.907	
Chris Joslin, P-OF	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0- 0	.000	0	.000	3	0	0	1.000	
Paul Knuth, 3B	54	170	53	61	8	0	19	63	1	33	1	12	0- 0	.359	126	.741	32	72	12	.897	
Doug Metz, P-OF	17	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0- 0	.000	0	.000	0	0	0	.000	
Rick Parrish, OF	57	186	49	58	5	2	5	35	0	30	2	9	6-10	.312	82	.441	73	7	2	.976	
Robert Pickett, 2B	48	124	26	32	4	0	1	22	5	36	1	22	3- 4	.258	39	.315	86	71	11	.935	
Rick Shaker, 2B-OF	32	36	20	13	3	0	0	7	0	4	1	4	4- 5	.361	16	.444	19	5	1	.960	
Donnie Thomas, OF	45	134	45	54	9	2	2	21	5	23	0	7	11-11	.403	73	.545	51	2	5	.914	
Cam Walker, P	12	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0- 0	.000	0	.000	----	----	----	-----	
Mike Williams, 1B-P	57	175	61	74	8	2	21	77	6	39	4	19	4- 5	.423	149	.851	362	25	9	.977	
Rene Zarate, C	50	159	24	50	10	1	11	41	1	13	1	22	4- 4	.314	95	.597	242	31	7	.975	
Pitchers' Fielding Totals —																	17	63	14	.851	
Western's Totals	59	1739	453	578	100	15	86*	429	30	285	15	201	64-82	.332	966	.555	1263	523	105	.944	
Opponents' Totals	59	1625	293	411	56	6	35	248	16	241	18	353	66-88	.253	584	.359	1248	482	90	.951	

*includes NCAA record-tying four consecutive HR's vs. Morehead State, 5th inning (4/12/81)

Pitching

Player, (L-R)	W-L-Sa	%age	ERA	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R-ER	BB	SO	PO	A	E	Field Pct
Kevin Benzing (L)	5 -3-0	.625	5.49	11	9	6	62.1	80	53-38	28	53	1	11	2	.857
Dave DeLello (R)	2 -3-0	.400	6.12	9	5	2	32.2	38	38-22	32	21	3	7	3	.769
Jim Hess (R)	0 -0-0	-----	0.00	2	0	0	2.0	0	0- 0	1	2	0	2	0	1.000
Chris Joslin (L)	2 -1-0	.667	6.53	5	4	2	20.2	19	17-15	22	27	1	1	0	1.000
Craig Martin (R)	3 -2-0	.600	3.22	8	7	2	44.2	41	30-16	18	33	1	9	2	.833
Doug Metz (R)	8 -3-0	.727	4.08	16	5	3	57.1	49	35-26	37	47	3	9	6	.667
Greg Raymer (R)	2 -2-1	.500	3.56	10	6	2	48.0	37	34-19	35	45	4	1	1	.833
Phil Rine (L)	5 -2-0	.714	0.85	9	9	6	53.0	41	16- 5	15	33	1	11	0	1.000
Cam Walker (R)	7 -1-0	.875	4.91	12	10	4	58.2	69	45-32	24	60	3	7	0	1.000
Mike Williams (R)	3 -1-1	.750	3.94	6	2	1	16.0	16	12- 7	6	15	0	3	0	1.000
Tim Wright (R)	2 -0-3	1.000	4.10	11	2	1	26.1	21	13-12	23	17	0	2	0	1.000
Western's Totals	41-18-5#	.695	4.10	59	59	29	421.2	411	293-192	241	353	17	63	14	.851
Opponents' Totals	18-41-0	.339	8.18	59	59	25	416.0	578	453-378	285	201	-----	-----	-----	-----

#includes two forfeits.

Boldface type indicates 1982 returnees.



'81 NCAA Leaders

Earned Run Average

1. Jeff Keener, Kentucky 0.51
2. **Phil Rine, Western Kentucky** **0.85**
3. Frank Viola, St. John's (N.Y.) 0.87
4. Todd Walker, Illinois State 1.16
5. Richard Pickett, Alcorn State 1.24

The 'Topper Record Book

Team

Single Season

Miscellaneous: Most Games — 61 (1980)*
 59 (1981)
 52 (1979)

Most Victories — 47 (1980)* 30 (1974)
 41 (1981) 30 (1979)

Longest Winning Streak — 19 (1980)
 13 (1978)
 12 (1928)

Most Losses — 26 (1975) 23 (1977)
 23 (1976) 22 (1979)

Hitting: Most At-Bats — 1,910 (1980)*
 1,739 (1981)
 1,564 (1979)

Most Runs — 492 (1980)*

453 (1981)

326 (1979)

Most Hits — 655 (1980)*

578 (1981)

495 (1979)

Most Doubles — 110 (1980)*

105 (1979)

100 (1981)

Most Triples — 22 (1980)

20 (1970)

Most Home Runs — 89 (1980)*

86 (1981)

48 (1978)

Most Total Bases — 1,076 (1980)

966 (1981)

759 (1979)

Most RBIs — 429 (1981)*

421 (1980)

282 (1979)

Most Walks — 285 (1981)

248 (1980)

210 (1979)

Highest Batting Average — .343 (1980)*

.332 (1981)

.316 (1979)

Pitching: Most Innings Pitched — 463 1/3 (1980)

421 2/3 (1981)

383 1/3 (1979)

Lowest ERA — 2.70 (1970)

Most Strikeouts — 391 (1980)*

353 (1981)

262 (1979)

Most Complete Games — 36 (1980)*

29 (1981)

20 (1971)

20 (1970)

Most Shutouts — 7 (1980) 5 (1973)

7 (1981) 5 (1978)

5 (1913) 5 (1979)

5 (1959)



MIKE WILLIAMS



PAUL ORBERSON

Individual

Single Season

Hitting: Most At-Bats — 240 (Mike Murray, 1980)*
 207 (Mike Williams, 1980)
 202 (Kenny Fox, 1980)

Most Runs — 71 (Mike Murray, 1980)

61 (Mike Williams, 1981)

Most Hits — 92 (Mike Murray, 1980)*

87 (Mike Williams, 1980)

74 (Mike Williams, 1981)



MIKE MURRAY

- Most Doubles — 20 (Mike Murray, 1980)*
 16 (Joe Hathcock, 1979)
 16 (Mike Williams, 1980)
 16 (Ralph Antone, 1981)
- Most Triples — 6 (Don Durham, 1970)
 6 (Jim Zwiesler, 1971)
 6 (Robert Pickett, 1980)
- Most Home Runs — 23 (Mike Williams, 1980)*
 21 (Mike Williams, 1981)
 19 (Paul Knuth, 1981)
 16 (Walt McThenny, 1980)
 15 (Ralph Antone, 1981)
- Most RBIs — 79 (Mike Williams, 1980)*
 77 (Mike Williams, 1981)
 63 (Paul Knuth, 1981)
 59 (Ralph Antone, 1981)
 53 (Kenny Fox, 1980)
 50 (Mike Williams, 1979)
- Most Total Bases — 174 (Mike Williams, 1980)*
 152 (Mike Murray, 1980)
 149 (Mike Williams, 1981)
- Most Walks — 39 (Mike Williams, 1981)
 37 (Walt McThenny, 1980)
- Fewest SOs/At-Bats — .024 (2/82, Freddie Carlisle, 1979)
- Highest Batting Average — .423 (Mike Williams, 1981)
 (minimum 75 ABs) .420 (Mike Williams, 1980)
 .418 (Don Durham, 1970)
 .408 (Jim Atkinson, 1978)
 .403 (Donnie Thomas, 1981)
- Most Stolen Bases — 34 (Mike Murray, 1980, 42 att.)
 27 (Mike Murray, 1979, 30 att.)
- Consecutive Game Hitting Streak — 20 (Mike Williams, 1980-81)
 19 (Donnie Thomas, 1981)
 16 (Ron Stewart, 1979)
 16 (Joe Hathcock, 1979)



PHIL RINE



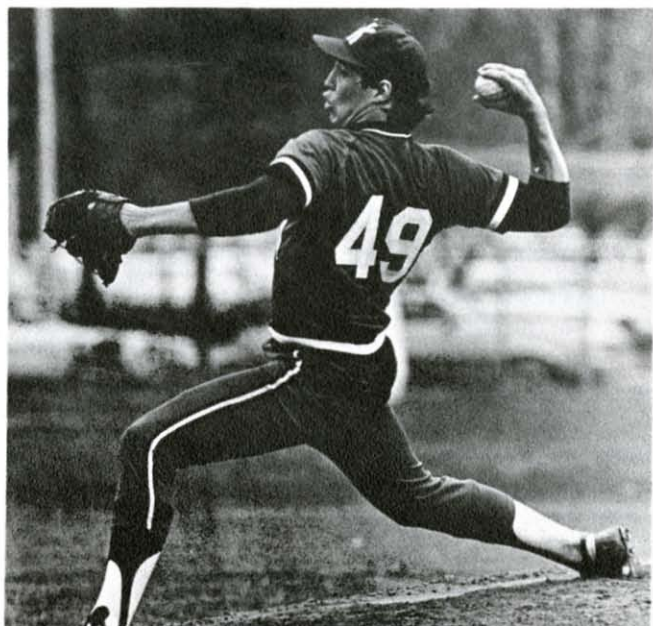
MARK WILLIAMS

- Pitching:** Most Innings Pitched — 78 (Paul Orberon, 1978)
 Lowest ERA (Min. 30 IP) — 0.85 (Phil Rine, 1981)
 0.87 (Leonard Mullins, 1970)
- Most Strikeouts — 80 (Don Durham, 1970)
- Most Complete Games — 8 (Don Durham, 1970)
 8 (Phil Van Meter, 1971)
 8 (Marty Mason, 1980)
 8 (Mark Williams, 1980)
- Most Appearances — 16 (Rick Gittens, 1978)
 16 (Doug Metz, 1981)
- Most Victories — 8 (Paul Orberon, 1978)
 8 (Mark Williams, 1980)
 8 (Doug Metz, 1981)
- Fewest Hits/Innings Pitched: 0.567 (31/54.2, Don Durham, 1970)
 (minimum 30 IP)
- Fewest Walks/Innings Pitched — 0.217 (7/32.2, Marty Varnadoe,
 (minimum 30 IP) 1979)
 0.275 (13/47.1, Stan Markham,
 1969)
 0.283 (15/53, Phil Rine, 1981)

*Also an Ohio Valley Conference record.

WKU Batting and Pitching Leaders

Batting Champions		ERA Champions (min. 25 inn.)	
1970-Don Durham, P-OF	.418	1970-Leonard Mullins	0.87
1971-Jim Zwiesler, OF	.323	1971-Mike Grubb	2.33
1972-Steve Long, 1B	.408	1972-Mike Grubb	2.67
1973-Jack Glasser, C	.375	1973-Greg Stahl	1.17
1974-Steve Keck, CF	.370	1974-Steve Carter	3.24
1975-Dee Deener, SS	.336	1975-Rey Ford	1.80
1976-Harold Craft, 2B	.337	1976-Paul Orberon	2.75
1977-Terry Tedder, 1B	.359	1977-Mark Biven	2.41
1978-Jim Atkinson, RF	.408	1978-Paul Orberon	2.19
1979-Mike Williams, 1B	.382	1979-Mark Biven	1.95
1980-Mike Williams, 1B	.420	1980-Marty Varnadoe	3.20
1981-Mike Williams, 1B	.423	1981-Phil Rine	0.85



1982 Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Site (Time, Central)</i>
Mar. 5	@Tennessee St	Nashville, Tenn. (12 noon)
6	@Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga. (1:00 pm)
7	@Georgia Tech	Atlanta, Ga. (1:00 pm)
9	@Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (2:00 pm)
10	@Alabama	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (2:00 pm)
12	St. Xavier (Ill.) (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
13	St. Xavier (Ill.) (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
14	Indiana (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
15	Indiana (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
17	Indiana-Southeast (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
19	Cleveland St	Denes Field (1:30 pm)
20	Indiana St (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
21	Indiana St-Evansville (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
23	@Evansville (2)	Evansville, Ind. (1:00 pm)
25	Rockford (Ill.) College (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
26	Aurora (Ill.) College (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
27	Aurora (Ill.) College (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
28	Grand Valley St	Denes Field (1:30 pm)
29	@Louisville (2)	Louisville, Ky. (12:30 pm)
Apr. 1	Austin Peay (2)*	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
3	@Tennessee Tech (2)*	Cookeville, Tenn. (1:00 pm)
5	@Kentucky Wesleyan (2)*	Owensboro, Ky. (1:00 pm)
6	@Middle Tennessee (2)*	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (5:00 pm)
8	Murray St (2)*	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
10	Tennessee Tech (2)*	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
13	Kentucky Wesleyan (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
15	@Murray St (2)*	Murray, Ky. (1:00 pm)
17	Middle Tennessee (2)*	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
18	Evansville (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
20	@Austin Peay (2)*	Clarksville, Tenn. (1:00 pm)
23	Tennessee St	Denes Field (3:00 pm)
25	Louisville (2)	Denes Field (1:00 pm)
26	David Lipscomb	Denes Field (3:00 pm)

Apr. 29-May 1 OVC Tournament (top two teams from each division at the site of the Southern Division champion)

*Ohio Valley Conference Southern Division doubleheader.