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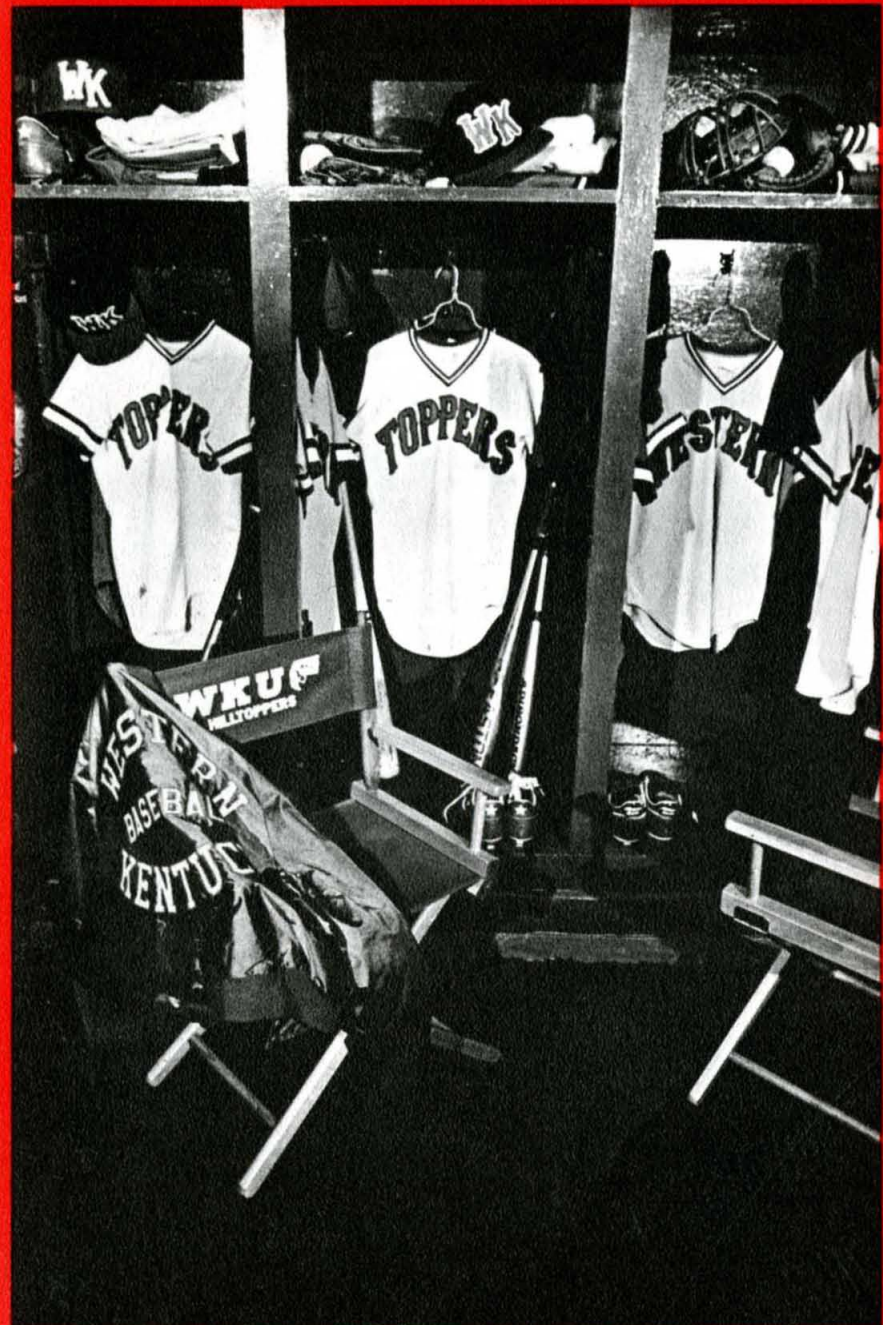
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'84 Hilltopper Baseball



1983 Results

**Record: Overall — 26-22 (13-11 home; 12-10 away; 1-1 neutral)
Sun Belt Conference West Division — 6-10 (3-4 home; 3-6 away)**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Opponent</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>Pitcher/Record</i>
2/26	Ball State	L 5- 6	Mike Spearnock/0-1
	Ball State	W 9- 4	Craig Martin/1-0
3/ 3	Middle Tennessee	W 4- 3	Craig Martin/2-0 (s-1)
3/ 4	at Georgia State	L 5-10	Dave Delello/0-1
3/ 6	at Central Florida	W 8- 2	Mike Spearnock/1-1 (s-2)
3/ 7	at Central Florida	L 0- 1	Craig Martin/2-1
3/ 8	at Central Florida	W 5- 3	Eddie Jent/1-0
3/ 9	at Central Florida	L 10-11	Eddie Jent/1-1
3/10	Temple#s	L 7-12	Greg Bartek/0-1
3/11	Temple#	W 6- 5	Eddie Jent/2-1
3/12	at South Florida*	W 5- 2	Mike Spearnock/2-1%
	at South Florida*	L 2- 3	Jeff Peterek/0-1%
3/13	at South Florida*	L 7-11	Dave Bierman/0-1
3/15	Bellarmine+	W 6- 5	Eddie Jent/3-1
	Bellarmine	L 0- 5	Wade Janssen/0-1
3/16	at Middle Tennessee	W 11- 8	Mike Spearnock/3-1 (s-3)
3/17	Huntington (Ind.)	W 13- 8	George Arnold/1-0
3/19	Illinois State	L 6- 8	Jeff Peterek/0-2
	Huntington (Ind.)	W 17- 9	Dave Bierman/1-1
	Huntington (Ind.)	W 15-10	Dave Bierman/2-1
3/23	Vanderbilt	L 2- 3	Craig Martin/2-2
3/24	Ferris State	L 4-11	Greg Bartek/0-2
	Ferris State	L 8- 9	Vince Broderick/0-1
3/26	South Alabama*	L 1- 7	Mike Spearnock/3-2%
3/27	South Alabama*	W 12-10	Eddie Jent/4-1
	South Alabama*	L 4-14	Wade Janssen/0-2
3/28	Kentucky Wesleyan	W 7- 0	(forfeit)
	Kentucky Wesleyan	W 7- 0	(forfeit)
3/30	at Tennessee State	W 5- 4	Dave Delello/1-1
3/31	Austin Peay	L 4- 5	Greg Bartek/0-3
4/ 4	at Indiana State	W 9- 8	Eddie Jent/5-1
	at Indiana State	L 1- 4	Jeff Peterek/0-3%
4/ 9	at Alabama in Birmingham*	L 5-11	Dave Delello/1-2
	at Alabama in Birmingham*	W 9- 2	Mike Spearnock/4-2%
4/10	at Alabama in Birmingham*§	W 9- 7	Jeff Peterek/1-3%
4/12	at Austin Peay	W 21-15	Dave Bierman/3-1
4-14	at Vanderbilt	W 8- 1	Greg Bartek/1-3%
4/16	at South Alabama*	L 6- 7	Dave Delello/1-3
	at South Alabama*	L 2- 8	Mike Spearnock/4-3
4-17	at South Alabama*	L 5- 7	Jeff Peterk/1-4
4/21	Campbellsville	W 5- 4	Dave Bierman/4-1
4/24	Alabama in Birmingham*	L 7- 9	Dave Delello/1-4
	Alabama in Birmingham*	W 10- 7	Mike Spearnock/5-3
4/28	Tennessee State	W 14- 5	Dave Delello/2-4
5/ 1	South Florida*	L 3- 5	Craig Martin/2-3%
	South Florida*	W 5- 0	Mike Spearnock/6-3%
5/ 8	at Louisville	W 10- 9	Jeff Peterek/2-4 (s-4)
	at Louisville+	W 5- 3	Dave Bierman/5-1

*Sun Belt Conference West Division game

#neutral site (Tampa, Fla.)

%complete game

+eight innings

§ten innings

(s-1) Save — Jeff Peterek

(s-2) Save — Eddie Jent

(s-3) Save — Jeff Peterek

(s-4) Save — Eddie Jent

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Western Kentucky

Hilltoppers

Location: College Heights
Bowling Green, Ky. 42101
Founded: 1906
Enrollment: 12,666
President: Dr. Donald W. Zacharias

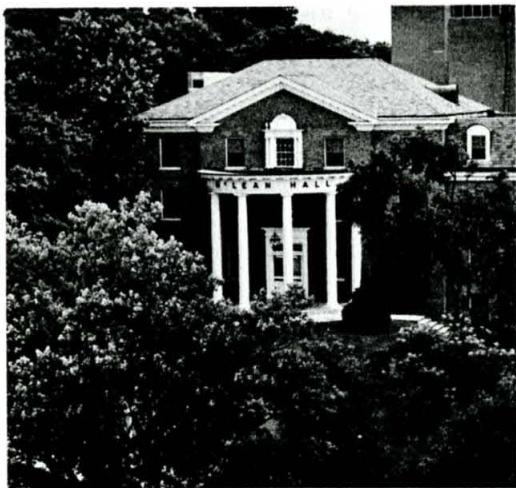
Head Coach: Joel Murrie
Alma Mater: Florida '75
Collegiate Record: 151-63 (4 yrs)
Record at WKU: 151-63 (4 yrs)
Office: (502) 745-3347
Best Time to Call: Mornings

Assistant Coaches:
Joe Caro (Florida '80)
Joel Lepel (Mankato St. '80)
Rick Tippin (Southern Miss. '82)
Athletic Director: John Oldham
Coordinator of Men's Athletics:
Jim Richards
Coordinator of Women's Athletics:
Pam Herriford
Trainer: Bill Edwards
Associate Trainer: Randy Deere
Assistant Trainer: Terrie Castle
Team Physicians: Dr. Bob Goodwin
Dr. Jerry Martin

SID: Paul Just
Office: (502) 745-4295
Home: (502) 781-4852
Graduate Assistant: Bob Cefalo
Home: (502) 781-2804

Home Facility: Nick Denes Field
Colors: Red and White
'83 Record: 26-22
All-Time Record: 752-555-14 (.575)
Conference: Sun Belt Conference
'83 Record: 6-10 (West Division)
Lettermen Lost: 15
Lettermen Returning: 10
Starters Lost/Returning: 6/2





The University

They call it Red Towel Territory, the Home of the Hilltoppers, a place to come to for nearly 35,000 alumni and 13,000 students...Western Kentucky University.

Situated on a hilltop in picturesque Bowling Green, Ky., overlooking miles of southcentral Kentucky's beauty, Western Kentucky University is one of the most beautiful campuses in the nation, with 200 acres of the main campus sprawling over the land made famous by Coach E.A. Diddle and his 42-year coaching legend.

Coach Diddle clutched a red towel in his hand throughout his coaching career, establishing WKU's red towel tradition. And whether it's an intercollegiate athletic event or a continuing education meeting for campus visitors, one's likely to see red towels waving or hanging-out of hip pockets and residence hall windows.

It's a sign of something Western is proud of...*the Western Spirit*...and it shows in all areas of this comprehensive public university's mission.

For more than 75 years, WKU has provided high quality instruction, encouraged scholarly research and creative activity by its faculty and students and served as a public service resource center.

As the familiar colors of red and white symbolize Western's strength and pride, they are also reflected in a strong academic structure and tradition of athletic excellence.

Western provides educational opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students that will prepare them for careers in the arts and sciences, education, government, service, business, industry, health, agriculture and in

other fields. Special professional and pre-professional curricula for technical careers are also available in various fields of study.

Among students in Kentucky, Western graduates annually have one of the highest rates of success in gaining admission to medical, dental, veterinary and pharmacy schools.

The University is a state leader in synfuels research, and a one-of-its-kind master's option in coal chemistry enhances WKU's academic and public service offerings in coal technology.

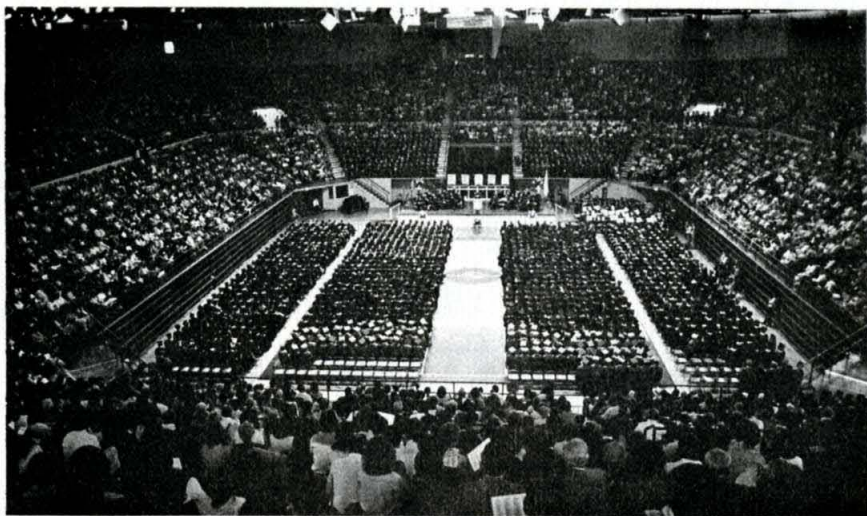
Other research projects in the areas of resource management and environmental engineering have focused on state and regional needs; and, in the area of public service, Western's Continuing Education Center hosts hundreds of conferences annually.

The Agriculture Exposition Center on the University's 785-acre farm helps serve the state's agricultural community and the Kentucky Library and Museum is another valuable state resource.

Graduates of the University's technology programs are in great demand, and WKU's teacher education program has maintained its position as the most outstanding in Kentucky.

A faculty and student body who have been recipients of such prestigious fellowships for advanced study as the Danforth, Woodrow Wilson, Fulbright-Hays and Root-Tilden Awards, is supplemented at Western by one of the nation's most successful athletic programs.

Red Towel Territory...it's a place *alive* with the Western Spirit!



President Donald W. Zacharias

Dr. Donald W. Zacharias received the oath of office as the sixth president of Western Kentucky University August 1, 1979.

The 48-year-old native of Salem, Indiana, holds the Ph.D. degree (1963) in speech communications and the M.A. degree (1959) from Indiana University. He holds a B.A. degree (1957) from Georgetown College in Kentucky, where he graduated magna cum laude.

His academic specialties are communication and conflict management, communication and social change and organizational communication, and in addition to serving in the top administrative post at Western, Dr. Zacharias is a tenured professor in the University's Department of Communication and Theatre.

Dr. Zacharias is a member of a committee on public relations for the American Associa-

tion of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) and his name has been included in the 41st edition of "Who's Who in America."

Prior to his appointment at Western, Dr. Zacharias had served since 1978 as executive assistant to the chancellor of the University of Texas System.

He is the recipient of two teaching awards, the Indiana University Teaching Award in 1963 and the Cactus Teaching Award at UT Austin in 1971.

He has authored and contributed to numerous publications in the area of speech communication.

He likes sports of all kinds, plays handball and basketball, and enjoys camping and fishing as vacation activities.

He is married to the former Tommie Dekle, and they have two sons, Alan and Eric, and one daughter Leslie.

Board of Regents: Joe Bill Campbell, Chairman, Bowling Green, Ky.; Joe Iracane, Vice Chairman, Owensboro, Ky.; Ronald W. Clark, Franklin, Ky.; Joseph A. Cook II, Bowling Green, Ky.; Patsy Judd, Burkesville, Ky.; Mary Ellen Miller, Bowling Green, Ky.; J. Anthony Page, Paducah, Ky.; Ronald G. Sheffer, Henderson, Ky.; Jack Smith, Prospect, Ky.; Hughlyne P. Wilson, Prospect, Ky.

University Athletic Committee: Dr. John D. Minton, Chairman; Dr. Livingston Alexander; Dr. Don Bailey; William Bivin; Daniel R. Broderick; Dr. Elsie Dotson; Dr. Thomas Dunn; Janice Gibson; Dr. Peggy Keck; Dr. Biff Kummer; Harry Largen; Owen Lawson; Julie Ellen Lippert; John Oldham; Dr. Faye Robinson.

Athletic Staff Directory

<i>Position — Name</i>	<i>Telephone (Area 502)</i>	<i>Office</i>	<i>Home</i>
Athletic Committee Chairman — Dr. John Minton	745-2434		842-7997
Athletic Director — John Oldham	745-3542		843-8793
Coordinator of Men's Athletics — Jim Richards	745-3542		843-1220
Coordinator of Women's Athletics — Pam Herriford	745-3542		781-9743
Secretary — Anita Madison	745-3542		
Baseball — Joel Murrrie	745-3347		842-2622
Basketball (Men), Head Coach — Clem Haskins	745-2131		782-1921
Assistant — Dwane Casey	745-2131		781-9930
Assistant — Donnie McFarland	745-2131		782-3195
Assistant — George Whittaker	745-2131		748-2975
Secretary — Ann Handy	745-2131		
Basketball (Women), Head Coach — Paul Sanderford	745-2133		842-1796
Assistant — Cristy Earnhardt	745-2133		843-8188
Assistant — Susan Porter	745-2133		782-8987
Football, Head Coach — Dave Roberts	745-2984		
Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator — Don Powers	745-2984		
Administrative Assistant — Butch Gilbert	745-2984		781-2344
Offensive Line — Steve Shankweiler	745-2984		
Quarterbacks and Receivers — David Culley	745-2984		
Linebackers — Mike Cassidy	745-2984		782-7337
Defensive Ends — Steve Brooks	745-2984		
Defensive Line — Tim Moore	745-2984		
Golf (Men) — Jim Richards	745-3542		843-1220
Golf (Women) — Nancy Quarcelino	843-8256		842-1767
Hilltopper Hundred Club, Executive Director — Gary West	745-3542		843-4540
Secretary — Jo Rodgers	745-3542		
Riflery — SSG Clyde Roark	745-4293		
Soccer — tba	745-3542		
Sports Information Director — Paul Just	745-4295		781-4852
Secretary — Myra Weber	745-4295		
Swimming — Bill Powell	745-3542		842-5120
Team Physicians — Dr. Bob Goodwin	782-7800		
Dr. Jerry Martin	842-6164		
Tennis (Men) — Jeff True	745-3347		782-7136
Tennis (Women) — Yvonne Turner	745-3347		842-7248
Track and Cross Country — Dr. Curtiss Long	745-3347		782-9509
Trainer — Bill Edwards	745-2984		843-1063
Associate — Randy Deere	745-2984		782-8661
Assistant — Terrie Castle	745-2984		782-8404
Volleyball — Dr. Charlie Daniel	745-3347		782-9877

Western's Red Towel



Western's unique red towel originated with the late E.A. Diddle, one of the most successful coaches in history and a member of the Naismith and Helms Athletic Foundation Halls of Fame.

Through 1,062 Hilltopper basketball games — 759 of them wins, fourth highest total ever for a coach — Diddle clutched a red towel. He chewed on it, threw it, cried on it, waved it at fans and used it to signal players.

Though Mr. Diddle has been identified primarily with Topper basketball, he also coached the Topper baseballers for 31 seasons (1923-30, '32-42, '46-57) and guided the WKU diamondmen to an impressive 232-155-3 (.599) record.

The red towel became synonymous with Ed Diddle and he became synonymous with Western's winning athletic heritage. And now fans at every Hilltopper sporting event wave red towels as they cheer for the "Big Red."



The
1984
Hilltoppers



OLDHAM



RICHARDS



HERRIFORD



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WKU Athletic Staff

Athletic Director **John Oldham**

Johnny Oldham became Western Kentucky University's athletic director in 1971 after a 20-year coaching career, 16 of them as one of the nation's most astute and successful college basketball mentors.

An All-American under the late Coach E.A. Diddle at Western in 1949, Oldham moved into the coaching ranks at Western's College High School in 1951 after playing two seasons with the Ft. Wayne Pistons in the NBA. He went to Tennessee Tech as head coach in 1955, then succeeded Diddle as head coach of the Hilltoppers in 1964.

His coaching accomplishments read almost like a record book in themselves. His teams had records of 118-83 at Tech and 146-41 (.781) at Western. His squads won the Ohio Valley Conference championship three times at Tennessee Tech and four times at Western and he was voted the OVC's "Coach-of-the-Year" award four times.

He paced the Hilltoppers to five national post-season tournaments and four holiday tournament titles. His 1970-71 Western team finished third in the NCAA Tournament.

As athletic director, he guided Hilltopper athletics to the OVC's coveted All-Sports championship six times in 11 years.

A native of Hartford, Kentucky, Oldham is married to the former Bobbie York of Harlan. They have two children, John Robert, a graduate of Western and a local advertising executive and Suzanne, 17.

Men's Athletics **Jim Richards**

After serving seven years as the Hilltopper's head basketball coach, compiling a career record of 102-84, Jim Richards relinquished his duties at the conclusion of the 1977-78 season to become coordinator of men's athletics.

As a student at Western in the mid-50's Richards established himself as an outstanding baseball player and, after graduation, earned a reputation as one of the finest high school basketball coaches in Kentucky at nearby Auburn and Glasgow High Schools. The Adair County native was awarded high school coach-of-the-year honors in 1968 when his Glasgow team went 32-2 and won the coveted state championship.

As head basketball coach at Western, Richards was honored as Ohio Valley Conference Coach-of-the-Year in 1973-74 and in 1975-76. He led the 'Toppers to NCAA regional appearances in 1976 and 1978.

In addition to his duties as men's athletic coordinator, Richards is also serving as men's golf coach. His five Hilltopper links teams have posted a very impressive 386-213-4 record — a winning percentage of .643. Richards and his wife, Annette, have a son, Steve, 21.

Women's Athletics **Pam Herriford**

Pam Herriford took over as Coordinator of Women's Athletics at Western in 1982 after serving three years as an assistant trainer with the Hilltoppers. However, her association with WKU athletics goes back to the revival of women's intercollegiate sports at Western in 1973.

She participated on both the tennis and track teams that first year and then became a student trainer.

A native of nearby Franklin, Ky., she completed her bachelor of science degree in physical education in 1975 and then spent two years as a graduate assistant trainer while earning a master's degree.

While on the Western training staff, Herriford worked with most WKU sports; however, her prime responsibilities were the women's teams.

She and her husband, Ron, are the parents of a daughter, Kim, 3 and a son, Keith, 1.

Executive Director Hilltopper Hundred Club Gary West

Gary West assumed his duties as the first-ever executive director of the Hilltopper Hundred Club, Western's official athletic booster organization, in 1981 after a decade as one of the Bowling Green area's most successful young businessmen.

As head of operations for the Hundred Club, he oversees the normal business of the club as well as directing promotional and fundraising activities for the club and for Hilltopper athletics.

A native of Indianapolis, he grew up in Elizabethtown, Ky., where he attended Eliza-

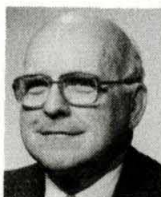
bethtown High before enrolling at Western. After two years on "the Hill" he transferred to Kentucky to complete his degree in journalism (1966).

He then served stints with the *Elizabethtown News* (sports editor, 1966-67); the Ft. Bragg (N.C.) *Paraglide*, the largest military newspaper in the United States (editor, 1968-70); and State Farm Insurance, Bloomington, Ill. (advertising, 1970-71) before returning to Bowling Green where he founded the local "Penny Saver" shopper-advertising publication.

Since returning to Bowling Green, West has also done some free-lance sportswriting and, for several months in 1976, he served as interim sports information director at Murray State.

West is married to the former Jane Hendrick of Bowling Green and he has two children, Mandy (14), and Greg (12).

Support Personnel Behind The Scenes



Dr. John Minton
Faculty
Representative



Dr. Bob Goodwin
Team
Physician



Dr. Jerry Martin
Team
Physician



Paul Just
Sports Information
Director



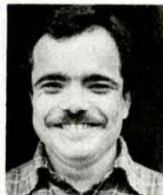
Anita Madison
Secretary
Athletics



Jo Rogers
Secretary
Hundred Club



Myra Weber
Secretary
Sports Information

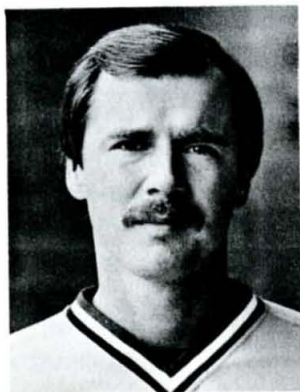


Bob Cefalo
Graduate Assistant
Sports Information

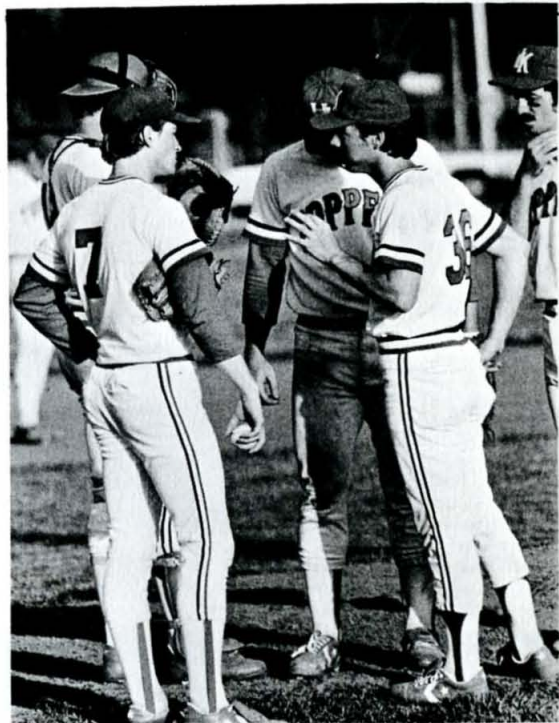
The 'Hilltopper' Nickname

The evolution of the team nickname, "Hilltoppers," is obvious to those who have seen Western Kentucky University's campus. The operations of Western Kentucky State Normal School were moved from the site of its forerunner, Southern Normal School, to a commanding hill in the southwestern portion of Bowling Green on February 4, 1911. The move was completed as the entire student body marched to the new site, carrying various articles of school equipment.

Since the summit of "the Hill" rises 232 feet above nearby Barren River and the comparatively level plain that surrounds it, it was only natural that the young athletes who represented the institution centered on the crest should come to be known as "Hilltoppers."



Head Coach Joel Murrie



For the past four seasons, as the record indicates, the Western Kentucky University baseball team has been a winner. The Hilltoppers' coach during that time, and again this season, is Joel Murrie.

His association with Topper baseball actually began in 1978 when he came to "the Hill" as a graduate assistant. Two years later, in 1980, he took over the head coaching position and led his team to the Ohio Valley Conference championship en route to being named Coach-of-the-Year in the OVC and in the NCAA South District. That season, Murrie guided his crew to the NCAA South Region Tournament where they were defeated by tourney champion Florida State in the title game.

Two Ohio Valley Conference Division championships followed, in 1981 when the Hilltoppers finished 41-18 and won the Northern Division, and in 1982, when Murrie's squad went 37-10 and claimed the Southern Division crown.

Murrie's Hilltoppers entered the rugged Sun Belt Conference last season, and found the going tough. Still, they managed a 26-22 overall record, finishing 6-10 in the SBC West Division.

A fine recruiter, Murrie hopes to turn the tables this season. His past successes include a two-year stint at Crestview (Fla.) High School, where he compiled a 37-12 record in the 1976 and 1977 seasons.

He moved into that job after completing his playing days at the University of Florida. There, he was a two-year starter and leadoff hitter for the powerful Gators. He began his collegiate playing days at Chipola (Fla.) Junior College, which was ranked fifth nationally when Murrie was a sophomore.

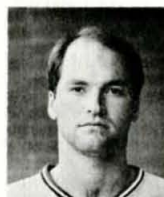
Since taking over the coaching reins on "the Hill" in 1980, Murrie has compiled an impressive 151-63-1 mark, a winning percentage of .702.

The Russell, Ill., native received his master's degree and Specialist Degree in Education at WKU. Murrie and his wife, Wanda, have two sons, Jason, 3, and Nate, 1.



Joe Caro **Assistant Coach**

Joe Caro comes to Western Kentucky with an outstanding array of coaching experience. A graduate of Florida with a bachelor's degree in social studies (honors), he spent three seasons at Crystal River High School where he was the head baseball coach and head junior varsity football coach. He also coached at Buchholz High in Gainesville, Fla., where he was junior varsity coach and, he coached an American Legion diamond team in Tampa, Fla., where he worked with that team's pitching staff and helped it to a District championship. Caro attended Tampa Catholic High School where he earned three letters as a pitcher. He also played football as a prepster, earning two letters and All-Area distinction as a quarterback and defensive back. Following his high school career, he attended Middle Georgia College, where he lettered as a pitcher. A master's degree candidate in secondary education, he is married to the former Kim Sheridan of Tampa, Fla.



Joel Lepel **Assistant Coach**

Joel Lepel spent two years in the Montreal Expos organization, earning all-star status in the Florida State League along the way. A native of Glencoe, Minn., he earned All-Star honors in 1981 and was the Most Improved Player in the Florida Instructional League in 1980. He played Class AA ball in 1982 after attending the Expos' spring training camp that same season. A graduate of Mankato State with a bachelor's degree in physical education (1981), he was a catcher for four seasons there and earned All-Conference honors three times. Following the summer of his senior year, he was the 18th round selection of the Expos. Lepel attended Glencoe High, where he lettered in three sports. Lepel earned four letters in baseball (along with all-conference and Most Valuable Player plaudits), and was a member of his school's wrestling and football teams. His brothers, Tim and Tom, played baseball at Mankato State in 1983. Lepel, a master's degree candidate in education, is married to the former Elynn M. Dittmer of Green Isle, Minn.



Rick Tippin **Assistant Coach**

A native of Shelbyville, Ind., Rick Tippin brings an impressive array of collegiate and professional playing experience to "the Hill." After completing a successful collegiate career as a catcher at Southern Mississippi, Tippin played the 1982 season with the New York Mets' Class A affiliate, the Lynchburg (Va.) Mets. He originally attended Ball State, then transferred to Lincoln Land Community College, where he was All-Region as a catcher. After earning an Associate in Arts degree from that school, he transferred to USM, where he garnered three letters. While at USM, he earned the bachelor of science degree in athletic administration and coaching and in secondary education. Tippin played baseball at Shelbyville High, earning three letters while playing catcher and third base. He was an assistant coach at Hattiesburg (Miss.) High School in 1982 where he worked with the pitchers and catchers. For the two seasons prior to that coaching stint, he was a student assistant at Southern Miss and worked with the team's catchers. Tippin, whose father, James, played baseball at Tiffin University, is a master's degree candidate in education.

1984 Outlook



There will be plenty of new faces on the Western Kentucky University baseball scene this fall. Hilltopper Head Coach Joel Murrie has added nearly two dozen players to the roster in order to improve on last season's 26-22 (overall) and 6-10 (Sun Belt Conference) records.

He'll have to do so without Ralph Antone, an All-American and All-SBC performer last season, who led the 'Toppers in nearly every statistical category. But, Murrie is hopeful that his 21 new recruits (including 14 junior college transfers) can help the 'Toppers make a bid for the Sun Belt crown.

"We found out last season that the Sun Belt is a very competitive league and is strong from top to bottom," Murrie said. "You're never assured of a victory when you go against a Sun Belt opponent." Murrie's team posted a 19-7 fall exhibition record, including two wins in four games against national runner-up Alabama.

With the return of All-SBC lefthander Mike Spearnock, the pitching staff appears to be stable. Spearnock, a sophomore, compiled a fine 6-3 record last spring. Sophomore Greg Bartek (1-3 in '82) is improving rapidly and is expected to be joined in the starting rotation by newcomers Mike McClear, a junior from Valencia (Fla.) Junior College and Rusty Clark, a Lancaster, Ky., freshman. Junior transfers Doug Taulbee, from Cumberland (Tenn.) Junior College; Rich Hargis, from Belleville (Ill.) Junior College; and Keith Rinehart, from Florissant Valley (Mo.) Junior College, along with freshman Rusty Sebastian, from Lancaster, Ky., should provide depth in the pitching staff.

Around the infield, Murrie will be looking to replace the departed Antone, third baseman Jim Rathbun, second basemen Joe Garafola and Brian Day and catcher Dan Mosier.

Matt Logic, a junior who played at third and first base last season, is in line to assume the catching duties this spring. He batted .297 in '83 with eight doubles, four home runs and 29 RBIs. He is also expected to be a back-up at the first base slot. Backing up the catching position will be Bill Vonnahme (a red-shirt last season) and Chico LaBute, a freshman from Canada.

Last fall, Murrie was impressed by the play of first baseman Mike Roy, a junior college transfer from Belleville (Ill.) Junior College. Roger Daniel, from Indian River (Fla.) Junior College, a better-than-average defensive player and a long-ball threat as well, will also see action at the first base slot this spring.

Brien Blakely, from Indian River (Fla.) Junior College, was the front-runner at second base after fall practice.

Third base was the most competitive slot during the fall drills, with junior college transfer Steve Page and freshman Gary Mueller (Warren, N.J.) making a run for the starting slot. Page, a junior, gives the 'Toppers an added left-handed hitting infielder. Mueller, meanwhile, was able to adjust to college ball well and could prove to be one of the club's best offensive threats.

Freshman shortstop Randy Strijek drew raves last fall, as his play in the field and at the plate justified his selection last spring by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the second round of the amateur-free agent draft. He hit .461 at Draper High School in Rotterdam, N.Y. Senior Mark DeRuzzo, who played 40 games at shortstop last season, is slated to back up Strijek.

In the outfield, returnees Dave Gay (a senior who hit .333 in 27 games last year) looked good in fall drills, as did junior Todd Niva (who played in 18 games and batted .273 last season). Switch-hitting John Clem, from Valencia (Fla.) Junior College, looks to have a hold on the centerfield job, with depth provided by sophomore transfer Kenny Sexton, from Gulf Coast (Fla.) Junior College, and senior Tim Delph, from Bartow, Fla.

"All three schools in our division (South Alabama, South Florida and Alabama in Birmingham) have had good recruiting years," Murrie noted. "If we are to improve on our finish on last season, we're going to have to be more consistent in every phase of the game, offensively and defensively."

The 1984 Rosters

Alphabetical

No. Player	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Pos.	B/T	Hometown (High School)
Pitchers						
45 Greg Bartek*	6-3	203	So.	P	R/R	Succasunna, N.J. (Roxbury)
41 Rusty Clark	6-1	207	Fr.	P	R/R	Lancaster, Ky. (Garrard County)
54 Dave Delello***	6-1	175	Sr.	P	R/R	Carmel, Ind. (Carmel)
22 Rich Hargis	6-0	197	Jr.	P	R/R	Sparta, Ill. (Sparta)
48 Eddie Jent*	6-3	184	Jr.	P	R/R	Franklin, Ky. (Franklin-Simpson)
27 Dan Magnuson*	5-11	175	Sr.	P	R/R	Waukegan, Ill. (West)
25 Mike McClear	6-0	180	Jr.	P	R/R	Troy, Mich. (Troy)
32 Keith Reinhart	5-10	177	So.	P	R/R	St. Louis, Mo. (Riverview Gardens)
49 Rusty Sebastian	6-2	190	Fr.	P	L/L	Lancaster, Ky. (Garrard County)
37 Mike Spearnock*	6-1	178	So.	P	S/L	Edison, N.J. (Edison)
39 Larry Shikles	5-10	168	Jr.	P	R/R	Jefferson City, Mo. (Jefferson City Senior)
43 Doug Taulbee	6-1	195	Jr.	P	R/R	Lexington, Ky. (Bryan Station)
Catchers						
8 Chico LaBute	6-0	180	Fr.	C	R/R	St. Clair Beach, Ont. (Belle River)
30 Matt Logic**	6-0	211	Jr.	C-Inf	R/R	Racine, Wisc. (Washington Park)
44 Bill Vonnahme	6-1	195	So.	C	R/R	Louisville, Ky. (Seneca)
Infielders						
10 Brien Blakely	5-9	174	Jr.	Inf	R/R	Morehead, Ky. (Abingdon, Va.)
52 Roger Daniel	6-0	185	Jr.	Inf-Of	R/R	Paintsville, Ky. (Paintsville)
5 Mark DeRuzzo**	6-0	175	Sr.	Inf	R/R	New Orleans, La. (Louisville Eastern)
16 Gary Mueller	5-11	170	Fr.	Inf	R/R	Warren, N.J. (Watching Hills)
7 Steve Page	5-8	162	Jr.	Inf	L/R	Oneonta, N.Y. (Oneonta Senior)
15 Mike Roy	6-1	215	Jr.	Inf-C	R/R	Waterloo, Ill. (Waterloo)
11 Randy Strijek	6-1	165	Fr.	Inf	R/R	Schenectady, N.Y. (Draper)
Outfielders						
34 John Britt*	5-11	193	Sr.	Of	L/L	Franklin, Ky. (Franklin-Simpson)
12 John Clem	6-3	195	Jr.	Of-Inf	S/R	Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich. (Grosse Pointe North)
24 Tim Delph	6-1	185	Sr.	Of	L/L	Bartow, Fla. (Bartow Senior)
14 Dave Gay*	5-10	165	Sr.	Of	R/R	Peoria, Ill. (Richwoods)
42 Richie Johnson	5-10	163	Jr.	Of-Inf	R/R	Beaver Dam, Ky. (Castle, Ind.)
4 George Kelley	5-10	165	Jr.	Of	R/R	Columbia, S.C. (Dreher)
17 Todd Niva*	5-11	171	Jr.	Of	L/L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
1 Kenny Sexton	5-6	140	So.	Of	L/R	Campbellsville, Ky. (Taylor County)

The Coaches: Head Coach — 36 Joel Murrie Assistant Coaches — 19 Joe Caro
 40 Joel Lepel
 20 Rick Tippin

Student Trainer: Tom Doyle, Sr., Shelbyville, Ky. (Shelby County)

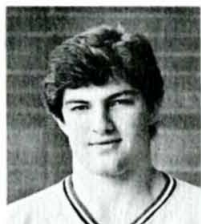
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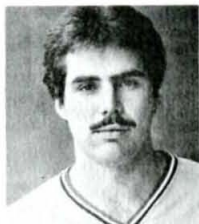
1 — Kenny Sexton, So, Of	27 — Dan Magnuson, Sr, P
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20 — Rick Tippin, Assistant Coach	48 — Eddie Jent, Jr, P
22 — Rich Hargis, Jr, P	49 — Rusty Sebastian, Fr, P
24 — Tim Delph, Sr, Of	52 — Roger Daniel, Jr, Inf-Of
25 — Mike McClear, Jr, P	54 — Dave Delello, Sr, P



BARTEK



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45 GREG BARTEK P, So., 6-3, 203, Succasunna, N.J.

An exceptionally hard thrower, he garnered one win in four decisions in his first year on "the Hill".....that victory came in impressive fashion over Vanderbilt, 8-1, when he threw just 121 pitches in nine innings.....joined the Hilltoppers in 1983 after a successful prep career at Roxbury (N.J.) High School, where he set a school record for strikeout percentage.....was named All-County and All-Area as a senior after posting a 6-1 slate with an ERA of 1.40 and 86 strikeouts in only 63 innings.....earned four letters in baseball and three in basketball.....solid in the classroom as well, he finished in the top 10 percent of his prep class.....comes from an athletic family, as his father, Leonard, was a teammate of Rosey Grier's on the '52 Penn State football team, and his brother, Len, played baseball for the Nittany Lions.....Greg, who turned down a lucrative offer from the Milwaukee Brewers following his prep career, has an outstanding fastball which has been clocked at 90 mph.....gained poise and confidence in the latter stages of last season and can be looked to as a solid performer in the Topper starting rotation this season.

Year	W-L-Sa	Pct	ERA	G-GS-CG	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	PO-A-E	Pct
1983	1-3-0	.250	4.61	7-5-1	39.0	41	24-20	15-23	2-4-0	1.000

10 BRIEN BLAKELY Inf., Jr., 5-9, 174, Morehead, Ky.

Joins the Hilltoppers after playing at Indian River Community College (Ft. Pierce, Fla.) last season.....a sure-handed fielder, he'll be counted on to fill the hole left by the departed Joe Garafola and Brian Day.....was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in 1981 (17th round) after a fine career at Abingdon (Va.) High School.....earned All-State honors in his senior year as a prepster and was named his school's outstanding spring sports athlete that same year.....had a four-year prep batting average of .353 and had his best day as a prepster by going 4 for 5 with 11 RBI's (with three home runs, including a grand slam).....also played basketball and golf while in high school.....an outstanding student while a prepster, he was a member of the National Honor Society and vice-president of his student athletic association.....noted for both his fielding ability and solid bat.

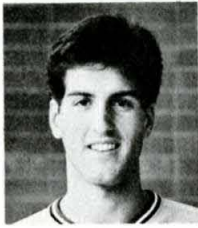
34 JOHN BRITT Of, Sr., 5-11, 193, Franklin, Ky.

Made the transition from infielder to outfield midway through last season and adjusted well.....batted .323 in 40 games, including six home runs, second highest on the team.....a fine fielder, he made just three errors in 166 chances.....came to "the Hill" after a fine JuCo career at Cumberland (Tenn.) College.....was named that school's MVP following the '81 season in which he batted .379 with 10 home runs and 46 RBIs.....prepped at Franklin-Simpson High where he was named All-District in 1980 after hitting .457 with 10 home runs.....a standout in the classroom, he was in the top 10 percent of his class at Cumberland.....once smacked three home runs in a high school game against Ohio County.....plays the game with both intelligence and intensity.....could aid the Topper attack both offensively and defensively.

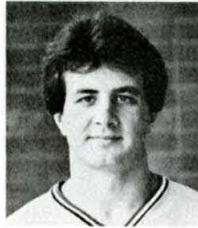
Year	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB-SO	Sac	HP	SB-SBA	BAvg	TB	SPct	PO-A-E	Pct
1983	40	124	32	40	7-2-6	17	16-11	2	0	3-3	.323	65	.524	155-8-3	.982

41 RUSTY CLARK P, Fr., 6-1, 207, Lancaster, Ky.

A hard-throwing righthander.....struck out 336 batters during his three-year prep career at Garrard County High School.....was named All-State Honorable Mention in both baseball and basketball in his senior season.....also played golf while in high school, along with football, earning two letters in each sport.....an All-Conference selection in 1981, '82 and '83, he also played in the American Legion World Series.....has the tools and potential to develop into a good one.



CLEM



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12 JOHN CLEM Of-Inf, Jr., 6-3, 195, Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.

Strong in both the field and at the plate.....transferred to Western from Valencia (Fla.) Community College.....earned All-State honors in his home state of Michigan in 1981 after batting .595 with nine home runs and 59 RBIs.....also had 13 doubles in his final prep year.....his career averages in high school included a .400 batting average, 100 RBIs and 25 doubles.....throws righthanded, but swings from both sides of the plate.....also earned two letters on the gridiron while a prepster and ranked in the top 10 percent of his class academically.....his team won the state baseball championship in 1980 and took a 44-game win streak into 1981 when it posted a 28-1 slate.

52 ROGER DANIEL Inf-Of, Jr., 6-0, 185, Paintsville, Ky.

A hard-hitting righthanded batter who comes to WKU from Indian River Junior College in Ft. Pierce, Fla.....prepped at Paintsville High, earning letters in baseball, football and basketball.....honored as an all-region performer in baseball, two-time all-stater in football and an all-district selection in basketball.....originally attended East Tennessee State on a football scholarship and was selected to play in the Kentucky High School East-West football All-Star game in 1980.....a versatile athlete, he should be an asset to the Topper diamond squad in many regards.

54 DAVE DELELLO P, Sr., 6-1, 175, Carmel, Ind.

A hard-throwing righthander, he had his best outing of the '83 season against Tennessee State, posting a pair of wins.....has a live fastball and is continuing to work hard in mastering off-speed pitches.....made a fine showing in last year's second game against TSU, when he started and gave up just two hits in six innings while striking out four.....posted a 5-2 record in '82 to go along with a fine 3.18 ERA.....had an outstanding prep career, when he earned 12 letters in baseball, basketball and football.....was named Indiana's Jaycee Athlete-of-the-Year as a senior.....can be effective if he controls his fastball.

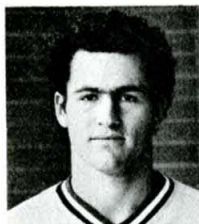
Year	W-L-Sa	Pct	ERA	G-GS-CG	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	PO-A-E	Pct
1981	2-3-0	.400	6.12	9-5-2	32.2	38	38-22	32-21	3-7-3	.769
1982	5-2-0	.714	3.18	10-9-2	45.1	36	21-16	35-23	2-10-0	1.000
1983	2-4-0	.200	7.82	9-7-1	35.2	46	42-31	28-26	1-7-1	.889
Career	9-9-0	.500	5.46	28-21-5	113.2	120	101-69	95-70	6-24-4	.882

24 TIM DELPH Of, Sr., 6-1, 185, Bartow, Fla.

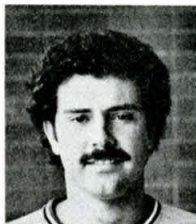
Fleet afoot and powerful, he looks to be an asset in the Hilltopper outfield.....comes to "the Hill" after attending Florida Southern in Lakeland, Fla., where he played on a national championship team.....prepped at Bartow Senior High where he had a career batting average of .346, led his team in home runs (12) and in stolen bases.....a marketing major, he plans to go into brokerage or sales.

During its 65-year baseball history, Western has been involved in 338 one-run games, winning 171 and losing 167 for a .506 mark.

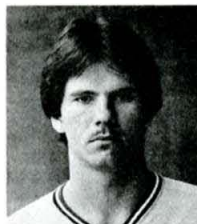
Western pitchers have hurled 121 shutouts, while opposing moundsmen have blanked the Toppers on only 64 occasions.



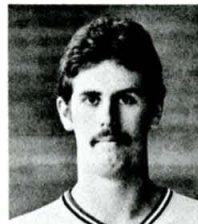
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5 MARK DERUZZO Inf, Sr., 6-0, 175, New Orleans, La.

Fleet afoot, he led the '82 Hilltoppers in stolen bases with 15 (in just 16 attempts).....began last year as an outfielder and was then shifted to shortstop midway through the season.....has good hands and good quickness, enabling him to cover a great deal of ground from his shortstop post.....also played three years on the Hilltopper grid team as a cornerback where he had three career interceptions.....has enthusiasm and plays hard each time out.....an exciting player to watch.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB-SO	Sac	HP	SB-SBA	BAvg	TB	SPct	PO- A- E	Pct
1982	17	13	8	7	0-1-0	4	2-3	1	2	2-2	.538	9	.692	2-7-1	.900
1983	35	109	25	28	0-1-3	12	22-16	0	1	15-16	.257	39	.358	63-51-6	.950
Career	52	122	33	35	0-2-3	16	24-19	1	3	17-18	.287	48	.393	65-58-7	.946

14 DAVE GAY Of, Sr., 5-10, 165, Peoria, Ill.

A timely spot player for the 'Toppers last season, he is expected to challenge for a starting berth this year.....played in 27 games last year and got 17 hits in 51 appearances at the plate (.333).....spent two years at Lakeland (Ill.) Community College where he hit .415 (as a freshman) and .349 (as a sophomore).....has a good eye at the plate (he struck out just twice last season).....was a two-time All-State and All-Area pick while at Richwoods High in Peoria, earning four letters in baseball and basketball and three in football.....once played in the JuCo All-Star game in Chicago's Wrigley Field and he helped his prep baseball and basketball teams to state tournament berths.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB-SO	Sac	HP	SB-SBA	BAvg	TB	SPct	PO- A- E	Pct
1983	27	51	12	17	3-0-0	10	6-2	0	0	3-4	.333	20	.392	27-1-2	.931

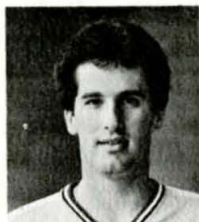
22 RICH HARGIS P, Jr., 6-0, 197, Sparta, Ill.

This strong righthander is expected to find a spot in coach Joel Murrie's starting rotation.....a business management major, he comes to "the Hill" after playing two years at Belleville Area College (Belleville, Ill.).....while a prepster at Sparta High, he earned three letters in baseball and two in football.....also garnered All-Conference laurels ('79, '80 and '81) in baseball, along with All-Southern Illinois plaudits for his play on the diamond in '80 and '81.....helped his team to the American Legion championship by throwing a no-hitter in the third and deciding game.

48 EDDIE JENT P, Jr., 6-3, 184, Franklin, Ky.

Was the "ace" of the Hilltopper bullpen corps last season.....posted an impressive 5-1 mark last year with an outstanding 1.98 earned run average — the best ERA in the Sun Belt Conference.....was tough in sticky situations as his fastball can be difficult for opposing batters to handle.....tied for top honors in saves last season with two.....attended Franklin-Simpson High School and came to Western after one year at Cumberland (Tenn.) Junior College in Lebanon, Tenn.....while a prepster, he lettered twice in baseball and once in basketball.....was chosen for the Athletes in Action Pacific Baseball Tour last summer.....tough under pressure and in sticky situations.....a righthander, he majors in speech at Western.

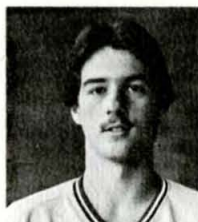
Year	W-L-Sa	Pct	ERA	G-GS-CG	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	PO- A- E	Pct
1983	5-1-2	.833	1.98	15-0-0	22.2	18	15-5	15-11	2-11-3	.813



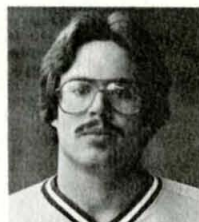
JOHNSON



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LOGIC

42 RICHIE JOHNSON Of-Inf, Jr., 5-10, 163, Beaver Dam, Ky.

A versatile athlete, he can play in both the outfield and infield.....possesses a good arm and has good speed.....comes to Western after a year at Wabash Valley Junior College in Mt. Carmel, Ill.....while a prepster at Castle High School in Newburgh, Ind., he earned All-Southern Indiana Athletic Conference honors his junior and senior years.....a righthanded batter, he once hit three home runs in a single game.....good in the classroom as well, he majors in business management.

4 GEORGE KELLEY Of, Jr., 5-10, 165, Columbia, S.C.

Kelley comes to "the Hill" after spending two years at DeKalb (Decatur, Ga.) College.....prepped at Dreher High in Columbia, where he lettered in football (three times), basketball (twice) and baseball (twice).....was named his prep grid team's Most Valuable Defensive Back in 1978 and '79.....was also named his school's Most Valuable Player in 1979.....averaged 14 points per game as a cager in 1979 while batting .335 for his school's baseball team that same year.....helped his prep basketball team win the state championship by sinking the winning basket with one second remaining in the game.

8 CHICO LABUTE C, Fr., 6-0, 180, St. Clair Beach, Ont.

One of the top contenders for the starting catching slot left open by the graduation of seniors Ralph Antone and Dan Mosier.....his high school did not have a diamond squad, but he played on Canada's Youth National Championship team in '80, '82 and '83.....also an accomplished athlete in volleyball and European handball.....will be counted on to call a good game behind the plate and has the ability to become a fine player.....plans to major in biology with an athletic training minor at WKU.

30 MATT LOGIC C-Inf, Jr., 6-0, 211, Racine, Wisc.

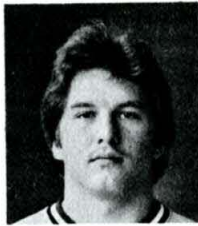
A versatile infielder, he played both third and first base last season and is expected to take over front-line catching duties this season.....had a fine outing against SBC foe South Alabama, going four-for-four with seven RBI's and pair of home runs before the home folks at Nick Denes Field.....played basketball and baseball at Washington Park (Wisc.) High, where he was a standout on the diamond as well as the hardwood.....he was twice named his prep baseball team's Most Valuable Player.....his strong throwing arm should be a real asset behind the plate.....a fine hitter, he could be a key to the Topper offensive attack this season.

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1983	46	165	24	49	8-1-4	29	19-15	2	0	3-4	.297	69	.418	118-	45-	17	.900
Career	57	179	28	56	8-1-5	33	20-17	2	0	3-4	.313	79	.441	154-	46-	17	.923

Pronunciation Guide

Bartek — BAR-tech
 Caro — CARE-o
 Delello — DA-lell-lo
 Delph — DELF (rhymes with SELF)
 DeRuzzo — DEE-ruse-o
 Hargis — HAR-gus
 LaBute — La-BUTTE
 Lepel — LEP-ul
 Magnuson — MAG-na-son
 Mueller — MULL-er

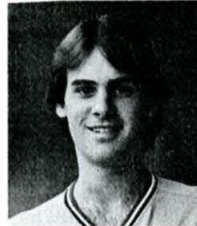
Murrie — MEWR-ee
 Niva — NEE-va
 Reinhart — RINE-hart
 Sebastian — sa-BASS-chun
 Spearnock — SPEAR-knock
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 Strijek — STRI-jeck
 Taulbee — TALL-be
 Tippin — TIP-pin
 Vonnahme — VON-na-me



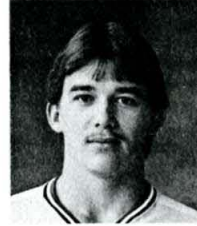
MAGNUSON



McCLEAR



MUELLER



NIVA

27 DAN MAGNUSON P, Sr., 5-11, 175, Waukegan, Ill.

In his first year on "the Hill" last spring he saw action in 34 games.....got 17 hits in 64 plate appearances in '83, including five doubles.....also stole five bases in eight attempts.....although not used as a pitcher last season, he is expected to be used primarily on the mound this time around.....came to WKU after two outstanding seasons at College of Lake County in Grayslake, Ill.....a standout prep player for Waukegan West, he was named his team's MVP twice and was his school's most valuable senior athlete..... posted a 7-0 pitching record his junior prep year, the best ever by a pitcher at that school.....played in the Colt League World Series twice, the American Legion World Series and once played in Chicago's Wrigley Field.....he's an architectural technology major at Western.

Year	G	AB	R	H	2B-3B-HR	RBI	BB-SO	Sac	HP	SB-SBA	BAvg	TB	SPct	PO-	A-	E	Pct
1983	34	67	7	17	5-0-0	9	9-21	3	1	5-8	.254	22	.328	27-	3-	2	.935

25 MIKE McCLEAR P, Jr., 6-0, 180, Troy, Mich.

Coach Joel Murrie hopes that this hard-throwing righthander can step right into the Hilltopper starting rotation.....transfers to "the Hill" after playing a year at Valencia (Fla.) Community College and at the University of Michigan.....earned two letters in baseball at Troy High School, along with one in football..... earned all-league mention in both baseball and football during his final prep year (1981).....a good student, he plans to study biology and chemistry and has aspirations of entering medical school.....was standout of Topper pitching staff in fall drills and it is hoped that he can continue his fine performances this spring.....a fine prospect, he was drafted in 1983 by the Chicago White Sox.

16 GARY MUELLER Inf, Fr., 5-11, 170, Warren, N.J.

Another fine prospect, should be a good one, both in the field and at the plate.....played for Watchung Hills Regional High in his hometown where he lettered three times in baseball and basketball..... as a senior, he was named to his state's first-team All-State unit as a shortstop, and earned similar honors from his conference, county, area and regional selection committees.....he batted .485 in his final prep year last season, with 17 doubles, 12 home runs, 50 RBIs and 23 runs scored.....had similar successes in his junior and sophomore years when he batted .387 and .363, respectively.....in fact, his senior statistics in batting average, home runs, extra-base hits, doubles, RBIs, hits and runs scored established new single season marks at his school.....should provide immediate help.

17 TODD NIVA Of, Jr., 5-11, 171, Bowling Green, Ky.

Saw action in the field and on the mound in his first season on "the Hill" last spring.....batted .273 last season, with six hits in 22 at-bats (including three doubles).....has a good eye at the plate and has good speed in the outfield.....before coming to WKU last fall, he attended Paducah Community College.....prepped at Bowling Green High where he put together a 12-2 mark as a pitcher and batted .375 and .347 as a junior and senior, respectively.....was a standout for Bowling Green's American Legion team as well and struck out 18 batters and went 3-for-3 in the semifinals of the district Legion tourney.....could become an integral part of Coach Murrie's outfield alignment.

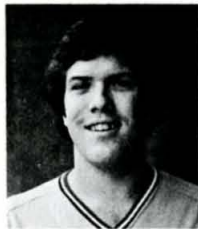
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Year	W-L	Sa	Pct	ERA	G-GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	PO-	A-	E	Pct	
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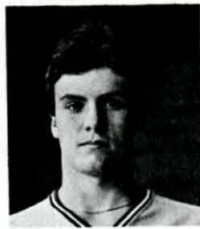
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SEBASTIAN

7 STEVE PAGE Inf, Jr., 5-8, 162, Oneonta, N.Y.

A versatile infielder who has quick hands and a good arm.....lettered in three sports at Oneonta Senior High (baseball twice, football once, and bowling four times).....was named to the All-State team in baseball his junior year and was second-team All-State in bowling his senior year.....attended Seminole Community College (Sanford, Fla.) for the past two seasons and was named to the Mid-Conference All-Star team after leading the squad with a .370 batting mark.

32 KEITH REINHART P, So., 5-10, 177, St. Louis, Mo.

A three-year prep letterman in both baseball and basketball, he comes to "the Hill" from Florissant Valley Community College in St. Louis, Mo.....will be an asset to the Hilltoppers' long relief pitching corps.....following his outstanding high school career at Riverview Gardens in St. Louis, he was selected in the seventh round of the amateur-free agent draft by the Cincinnati Reds.

15 MIKE ROY Inf-C, Jr., 6-1, 215, Waterloo, Ill.

This versatile junior college All-American joins the Hilltoppers after playing last season at Belleville (Ill.) Area College.....earned four prep letters in baseball and basketball at Waterloo High School, along with one in soccer.....in addition, he was named that school's Most Valuable Athlete twice.....batted .444 his senior year and led his Legion team with a .481 mark.....also holds his high school's record for most points scored in a basketball career with 1,853 points.....a talented athlete, he could see plenty of action for the Hilltoppers.

49 RUSTY SEBASTIAN P, Fr., 6-2, 190, Lancaster, Ky.

An outstanding high school athlete, he comes to Western from Garrard County High in Lancaster.....played basketball, football and baseball during his prep career.....earned honorable mention All-State laurels in basketball his senior year and was named to the All-Area team in football his junior and senior years as well as being an All-Conference selection both of those seasons.....a real competitor, he should provide needed depth out of Coach Murrie's bullpen.

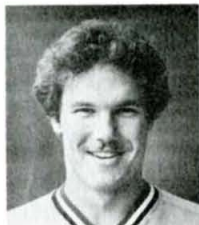




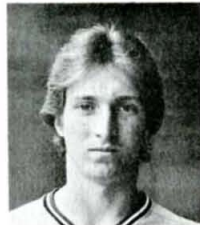
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STRIJEK

1 KENNY SEXTON Of, So., 5-6, 140, Campbellsville, Ky.

Returns to his home state after one year at Gulf Coast Community College in Panama City, Fla.....attended Taylor County High in Campbellsville where he was a three-year letterman in baseball and two-year letterwinner in football.....holds his high school records for home runs in one game (3), extra-base hits (25) and for single game performance (5-for-5).....hit .505 as a junior and .450 as a senior, totaling 68 runs batted in.....also averaged 40 yards per effort while handling the punting duties for his prep football squad.....was a member of several honorary and academic clubs while in high school.....an administrative support management major, he should provide speed and a good arm to the Topper outfield crew.

39 LARRY SHIKLES P, Jr., 5-10, 168, Jefferson City, Mo.

A crafty pitcher, he earned senior Babe Ruth League Most Valuable Player laurels in 1981 and helped his team to a second place finish in the Midwest Regional competition of that tourney.....transferred to Western from East Central Junior College (Union, Mo.).....earned three letters in baseball at Jefferson City Senior High where he captained his diamond squad as a senioris active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes organization.

37 MIKE SPEARNOCK P, So, 6-1, 178, Edison, N.J.

Quickly made his presence felt around the Sun Belt Conference last season and was named to the All-SBC team as the squad's top lefthanded pitcher.....garnered six wins last year against only three losses, leading the Topper squad.....was the winning pitcher in WKU's first-ever SBC win, a 5-2 complete game victory over South Florida last March.....tied for top honors in complete games last season with four.....came out of his home state ranked as one of the top prep hurlers in New Jersey after helping his Edison High team to baseball crowns his junior and senior years.....a two-time All-State pick as well as All-County and All-Conference, he was named to the New York Daily News All-Star team his senior year.....possesses an outstanding fastball and forkball.....one of the most popular players on the team, he could once again help the Toppers challenge for a league crown.....a definite pro prospect.

Year	W-L-Sa	Pct	ERA	G-GS-CG	IP	H	R-ER	BB-SO	PO-A-E	Pct
1983	6-3-0	.667	5.37	13-9-4	67.0	79	48-40	48-49	5-15-0	1.000

11 RANDY STRIJEK Inf, Fr., 6-1, 165, Schenectady, N.Y.

A 1983 high school All-American who has all the tools to develop into a great one.....was selected by the Pittsburgh Pirates in the fifth round of last year's amateur-free agent draft.....is a slick fielder, with a strong and accurate arm.....can turn the double play quickly.....prepped at Draper High School in his hometown where he batted .503 with 11 home runs.....while a prepster, earned four letters in baseball and three in basketball.....was also voted his league's Most Valuable Player in basketball.....ranked in the top 10 percent of his high school graduating class.....could help solidify the Hilltopper infield with his steady play.

43 DOUG TAULBEE P, Jr., 6-1, 195, Lexington, Ky.

Comes to "the Hill" after a fine two-year tenure at Cumberland (Tenn.) Junior College.....pitched a no-hitter in his first collegiate outing at Cumberland, winning a decision over Aquinas JC.....prepped at Bryan Station in Lexington, where he was a two-sport athlete.....earned All-City honors in baseball (1981) and in football (1980, '81).....had a three-year prep pitching record of 13-5.....a fine student who majors in accounting at Western, he was honored in the Who's Who in American Junior Colleges in 1983 and held a 3.56 grade point average while in high school.....could find a spot in the Topper starting rotation.



VONNAHME



DOYLE



44 BILL VONNAHME C, So, 6-1, 195, Louisville, Ky.

An asset to the program both on and off the field.....transferred to Western in the fall of 1982 after attending Eastern Kentucky briefly.....a 3.4 student in computer science, he's a member of Phi Kappa Phi honor society.....participated in four sports at Louisville's Seneca High, earning two letters in football, baseball and golf, and one in weightlifting.....was named to the All-District baseball teams in 1980 and '81 and to the All-Region diamond squad in 1981.....has good instincts around the plate.

TOM DOYLE Student Trainer, Sr., Shelbyville, Ky.

Doyle serves as the student trainer for the Hilltopper baseball team, as well as working with the other sports on "the Hill".....a 1980 graduate of Shelby County High School, he earned four letters as an offensive end on that school's football team and also lettered four times as an athletic trainer.....is studying physical education and is scheduled to earn his bachelor's degree in that area next December.

Big Red



"Big Red," Western's athletic mascot, was born in the fall of 1979.

The huge, furry, lovable creature was designed and built by WKU student Ralph Carey ('80) of Cincinnati, and made his debut during the Hilltoppers' 1979-80 basketball season. "Big Red" has since become a big hit with fans of all ages throughout the state and the nation.

The ultimate fan and supporter of all of WKU's intercollegiate sports, "Big Red" won the "Key to Spirit" award — the highest honor presented to team mascots — at the Universal Cheerleading Association competition in 1980, 1981 and again in 1983.

The Pepsi-Cola General Bottlers of Bowling Green provide \$3,000 yearly for the maintenance and upkeep of the Big Red costume as well as scholarship assistance for the student who portrays the popular mascot. And, Jones, Nance, and Steineman General Contractors has funded a \$500 yearly scholarship to be awarded to the alternate Big Red.

Playing the Big Red role this year is Skip Cleavinger, a sophomore from Paducah, Ky. The alternate is O'Brien McKinley, a sophomore from Elizabethtown, Ky.

The Alma Mater

Western's alma mater, "College Heights," was originally written by sixteen-year-old schoolgirl Mary Francis Bradley as a poem to be entered in a contest on the campus in 1924.

"College Heights" then became a song when Miss Bradley combined her poignant words with a beautiful melody composed by her father, Ben J. Bradley, an accomplished songwriter and musician from nearby Franklin, Ky.

On March 12, 1925, "College Heights" was first performed at chapel assembly in Van Meter Auditorium by Miss Bradley and, thus, an alma mater was born. The music was subsequently published and then copyrighted by Western in 1930. On the music is the notation that the song is dedicated to Western's first president, Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry.

Topper Honor Roll

The All-Americans

- 1973 — Jack Glasser, C (CoSIDA Academic)
1981 — Rene Zarate, C (District III CoSIDA Academic)
1983 — Ralph Antone, C (American Baseball Coaches Association)*

All-Sun Belt Conference

- 1983 — Ralph Antone, C
Mike Spearnock, P

All-Ohio Valley Conference

- 1965 — Jim Bunnell, Of
1966 — Jim Bunnell, Of
1968 — Harry Jones, Of
George Lynch, C
1969 — Harry Jones, Of
Stan Markham, P
Johnny Vance, C
1970 — Don Durham, P
Jay Hickman, 2B
Harry Jones, Of
Jim Zwiesler, Of
1971 — Jim Zwiesler, Of
1972 — Steve Long, 1B
1973 — Jack Glasser, C
Steve Tate, SS
1973-74 — Mike Grubb, P
Neil Mills, Inf
1976 — Harold Craft, SS
Gary Larimore, Of
Terry Tedder, 1B
1977 — Frank Hughes, Of
Paul Orberson, P
Terry Tedder, 1B
1978 — Mike Murray, SS
Ron Rocco, 3B
1979 — Mark Biven, P
Kenny Fox, 2B*
Marty Mason, P*
Leonard Phillips, Of*
Ron Rocco, 3B*
Mike Williams, 1B*
1980 — Kenny Fox, 2B
Walt McThenny,
Mike Murray, SS
Mark Williams, P
Mike Williams, 1B
1981 — Ralph Antone, DH
Paul Knuth, Inf.
Phil Rine, P
Donnie Thomas, Of
Mike Williams, 1B
Rene Zarate, C
1982 — Ralph Antone, C
Kevin Birkofer, Inf
Craig Martin, P
Donnie Thomas, Of

All South

- 1981 — Ralph Antone, DH
Mike Williams, 1B
1982 — Ralph Antone, C
1983 — Ralph Antone, C

All-Tournament (NCAA South Region)

- 1980 — Ralph Antone, DH
Larry Glassock, P
Donnie Thomas, Of
Mike Williams, 1B

*Second team





The Opposition

Alabama in Birmingham

Blazers

Location: Birmingham, Ala. 35294

Founded: 1969

Enrollment: 14,600

President: Dr. S. Richardson Hill

Head Coach: Harry Walker

Collegiate Record: 134-102 (5 yrs)

Record at UAB: 134-102 (5 yrs)

Assistant Coach:

Pete Rancontt (Auburn)

Athletic Director: Gene Bartow

SID: Pete Derzis

Office: (205) 934-7253

Assistant: Ken Letson

Home: (205) 425-6207

Home Facility: Jerry Young Field

Colors: Green and Gold

'83 Record: 29-18

Conference: Sun Belt Conference

'83 Record: 11-6 (West Division)

The Series: WK 3, UAB 3

Austin Peay

Governors

Location: Clarksville, Tenn. 37040

Founded: 1927

Enrollment: 5,400

President: Dr. Robert O. Riggs

Head Coach: Joe Baxter

Alma Mater: Florida State '70

Collegiate Record: 30-56 (2 yrs)

Record at AP: 30-56 (2 yrs)

Athletic Director: Johnny Miller

SID: Kenny Hawkins

Office: (615) 648-7561

Home Facility: Governor Park

Colors: Red and White

'83 Record: 11-29

Conference: Ohio Valley

'83 Record: 1-11

The Series: WK 57, AP 36, 1 tie

Bellarmine

Knights

Location: Louisville, Ky. 40205

Founded: 1950

Enrollment: 2,500

President: Dr. Eugene Petrik

Head Coach: Jack Rose

Alma Mater: Louisville '53

Assistant Coaches:

Jeff LaDuke

Kevin Kocks

Athletic Director: Jim Spalding

SID: Nanette Schuhmann

Office: (502) 452-8270

Home: (502) 451-5368

Home Facility: Knight's Field

Colors: Scarlet and Silver

'83 Record: 22-20

Conference: Great Lakes Valley

'83 Record 1-5

The Series: WK 22, BC 8

Campbellsville

Tigers

Location: Campbellsville, Ky. 42718

Founded: 1907

Enrollment: 600

President: Dr. W. R. Davenport

Head Coach: Danny Davis

Alma Mater: Union Univ. '70

Assistant Coaches: Maurice Holmes

Rusty Broughton

Athletic Director: Don Bishop

SID: To be named

Office: (502) 465-8158

Colors: Maroon and White

'83 Record: 32-13

Conference: Kentucky Intercollegiate

The Series: WK 28, CC 4

Central Florida

Knights

Location: Orlando, Fla. 32816

Founded: 1963

Enrollment: 15,000

President: Dr. Trevor Colbourn

Head Coach: Jay Bergman

Alma Mater: Rollins '63

Collegiate Record: 244-140 (7 yrs)

Record at UCF: 28-27 (1 yr)

Assistant Coaches:

Steve Boncore

John von Achen

Athletic Director: Bill Peterson

SID: Vince Cotroneo

Office: (305) 275-2729

Home: (305) 862-6252

Home Facility: UCF Baseball Complex

Colors: Black and Gold

'83 Record: 28-27

Conference: Sunshine State

'83 Record: 11-10

The Series: WK 2, CF 2

Cumberland

Bulldogs

Location: Lebanon, Tenn. 37087

Founded: 1842

Enrollment: 630

President: Robert Clement

Head Coach: Woody Hunt

Alma Mater: Belmont '82

Collegiate Record: 61-26 (2 yrs)

Record at CC: 61-26 (2 yrs)

Assistant Coaches:

Benny Jennings (Middle Tenn. '75)

Gene Baker (Austin Peay '80)

Athletic Director: Woody Hunt

SID: (615) 444-2562

Home Facility: Ernest Stockton Field

Colors: Red and White

'83 Record: 38-12

The Series: WK 3, CC 2, 1 tie

Eastern Kentucky

Colonels

Location: Richmond, Ky. 40495

Founded: 1906

Enrollment: 13,041

President: Dr. J.C. Powell

Head Coach: Jim Ward

Alma Mater: Ohio Univ.

Collegiate Record: 470-280

Assistant Coach:

Gary Buell (EKU '82)

Athletic Director: Don Combs

SID: Karl Park

Office: (606) 622-2301

Home: (606) 624-1291

Home Facility: Turkey Hughes Field

Colors: Maroon and White

'83 Record: 23-16-1

Conference: Ohio Valley Conference

'83 Record: 7-5

The Series: WK 47, EK 40, 2 ties



Evansville

Purple Aces

Location: Evansville, Ind. 47702

Founded: 1854

Enrollment: 7,000

President: Dr. Wallace B. Graves

Head Coach: Jim Brownlee

Alma Mater: Illinois St. '69

Collegiate Record: 79-122-2 (4 yrs)

Record at UE: 79-122-2 (4 yrs)

Assistant Coach: Terry Collins

Athletic Director: James Byers

SID: Bob Boxell

Office: (812) 479-2350

Home: (812) 422-4526

Assistant: Harry Sikma

Home: (812) 476-6362

Home Facility: Carson Center Field

Colors: Purple and White

'83 Record: 25-20-1

Conference: Heartland, Midwestern Cities

'83 Record: 8-7

The Series: WK 21, UE 14, 2 ties

Illinois State

Redbirds

Location: Normal, Ill. 46223

Founded: 1857

Enrollment: 20,000

President: Dr. Lloyd Watkins

Head Coach: Duffy Bass

Alma Mater: ISU '52

Collegiate Record: 512-327 (21 yrs)

Record at ISU: 512-327 (21 yrs)

Assistant Coaches:

Brian Baldeg (ISU)

Don Timm (North Park '76)

Athletic Director: Dan Gromley

SID: Tom Lamonica

Office: (309) 438-5631

Home: (309) 454-1646

Assistant: Rick Nolan

Home: (309) 663-0095

Home Facility: Redbird Field

Colors: Red and White

'83 Record: 36-24

Conference: Missouri Valley

'83 Record: 5-7

The Series: ISU 1, WK 0

Indiana State

Sycamores

Location: Terre Haute, Ind. 47809
Founded: 1865
Enrollment: 12,500
President: Dr. Richard Landini

Head Coach: Bob Warn

Alma Mater: Southern Ill. '68
Collegiate Record: 278-158-4 (7 yrs)
Record at ISU: 278-158-4 (7 yrs)

Assistant Coach:

Steve DeGroot
Athletic Director: Beanie Cooper

SID: Bill Goldring

Office: (812) 232-6311
Home: (812) 232-2214

**Assistants: Lisa Gorday
Tom James**

Home Facility: Sycamore Field
Colors: Light Blue and White
'83 Record: 37-14-1
Conference: Missouri Valley
'83 Record: 7-1
The Series: WK 2, ISU 2

Indiana-Purdue

@Indianapolis (IUPUI)

Metros

Location: Indianapolis, Ind.
Founded:
Enrollment: 24,000
President:

Head Coach: Craig Moore

Alma Mater: Indiana '70
Collegiate Record: 47-49 (2 yrs)
Record at IUPUI:

Assistant Coach:

Jeff Mercer (Marion '83)
Athletic Director: Bob Lovell

SID: Amy S. Ahlersmeyer

Office: (317) 264-3529
Home: (317) 875-0479

Home Facility: Bush Stadium
Colors: Red and Gold
'83 Record: 25-20
Conference: Independent (NAIA)
The Series: WK 2, IUPUI 0

LaSalle

Explorers

Location: Philadelphia, Pa. 19141
Founded: 1863
Enrollment: 3,700
President Bro. Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., Ph.D.

Head Coach: Gene McDonald

Alma Mater: LaSalle

Assistant Coach: Joseph McNally (LaSalle)

Athletic Director: Bill Bradshaw

SID: Frank Bertucci

Office (215) 951-1605
Home: (215) 334-7827

Home Facility: Hank DeVincent Field

Colors: Blue and Gold

Conference: Metro Athletic Atlantic

'83 Record: first year

The Series: first meeting

Louisville

Cardinals

Location: Louisville, Ky. 40292

Founded: 1798

Enrollment: 21,000

President: Dr. Donald Swain

Head Coach: Derek Mann

Alma Mater: Bellarmine '68
Collegiate Record: 126-90 (5 yrs)
Record at UL: 47-35 (2 yrs)

Assistant Coaches: Garry Snow

Ron Holmes

Athletic Director: Bill Olsen

SID: Kenny Klein

Office: (502) 588-6581
Home: (502) 491-2863
Assistant: Ed Atlas
Home: (502) 634-3188

Home Facility: Parkway Field

Colors: Red, White and Black

'83 Record: 25-18

Conference: Metro

'83 Record: 6-4

The Series: WK 43, UL 34

Middle Tennessee

Blue Raiders

Location: Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37132

Founded: 1911

Enrollment: 11,250

President: Dr. Sam Ingram

Head Coach: John Stanford

Alma Mater: MTSU '62
Collegiate Record: 278-178-3 (10 yrs)
Record at MTSU 278-178-3 (10 yrs)

Assistant Coach:

John Jarnigan (Liberty Baptist '79)

Athletic Director: Jimmy Earle

SID: Ed Given**Office: (615) 898-2450**

Home: (615) 895-0827

Home Facility: Blue Raider Field

Colors: Blue and White

'83 Record: 23-17

Conference: Ohio Valley Conference

'83 Record: 9-3 (1st, South Division)

The Series: WK 74, MTSU 60, 2 ties

Rollins**Tars**

Location: Winter Park, Fla. 32789

Founded: 1885

Enrollment: 1,350

President: Dr. Thaddeus Seymour

Head Coach: Boyd Coffie

Alma Mater: Rollins '59

Collegiate Record: 336-212 (11 yrs)

Record at RC: 336-212 (11 yrs)

Athletic Director: Gordie Howell

SID: Gwynne Holland**Office: (305) 646-2663**

Home: (305) 894-6315

Home Facility: Alford Stadium, Shepherd Field

Colors: Royal Blue and Gold

'83 Record: 36-16

Conference: Sunshine State

'83 Record: 16-5 (2nd)

The Series: first meeting

St. Joseph's**Hawks**

Location: Philadelphia, Pa. 19131

Founded: 1851

Enrollment: 4,560

President: Father Rev. Donald I. MacLean, S.J.

Head Coach: George Bennett

Record at SJ: 54-34-2 (3 yrs)

Assistant Coaches:

Mike Cooper

Rick Taylor

Athletic Director: Michael Schultz

SID: Robin Deutsch**Office: (215) 879-7447**

Home: (215) 878-2970

Colors: Maroon and Gray

'83 Record: 19-12

Conference: Atlantic 10

'83 Record: 5-7

The Series: first meeting

Samford**Bulldogs**

Location: Birmingham, Ala. 35229

Founded: 1841

Enrollment: 4,085

President: Dr. Thomas E. Corts

Head Coach: John T. Haywood

Alma Mater: Samford '61

Record at Samford: 4-37 (1 yr)

Athletic Director: H. Evan Zeiger

SID: Bill Nunnelley**Office: (205) 870-9271**

Home: (205) 879-7237

Home Facility: Samford Field

Colors: Crimson and Blue

'83 Record: 4-37

Conference: Trans-America

The Series: first meeting

South Alabama**Jaguars**

Location: Mobile, Ala. 36688

Founded: 1963

President: Dr. Frederick Whiddon

Head Coach: Steve Kittrell

Alma Mater: South Ala. '71

Collegiate Record: first year

Record at USA: first year

Assistant Coaches:

Ricky Patterson (USA '75)

John Uvodich (USA '80)

Athletic Director: Cliff Ellis

SID: Al Schultz**Office: (205) 460-7035**

Home: (205) 666-0693

Home Facility: Stanky Field

Colors: Blue, White and Red

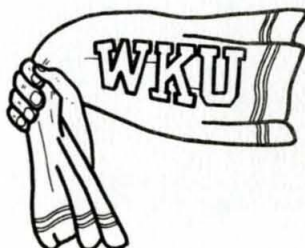
'83 Record: 40-26

All-Time Record: 531-222

Conference: Sun Belt Conference

'83 Record: 12-5 (West Div.)

The Series: USA 5, WK 1



South Florida

Bulls

Location: Tampa, Fla. 33620
Founded: 1957
Enrollment: 27,300
President: Dr. John Lott Brown

Head Coach: Robin Roberts
Collegiate Record: 183-189-1 (7 yrs)
Record at USF: 183-189-1 (7 yrs)

Assistant Coaches:
Eddie Cardieri (Fla. Southern '77)
Joe Stewart (Georgia '80)
Athletic Director: John Wadas

SID: Bill Hunt
Office: (813) 974-2125
Assistant: John Renneker
Home: (813) 576-7784

Home Facility: McEwen Field
Colors: Green and Gold
'83 Record: 19-34
Conference: Sun Belt
'83 Record: 4-12 (West Div.)
The Series: USF 4, WK 3

Tennessee State

Tigers

Location: Nashville, Tenn. 37203
Founded: 1903
Enrollment: 8,500
President: Dr. Frederick Humphries

Head Coach: Allen Robinson
Alma Mater: TSU '69
Collegiate Record: 163-109-5 (6 yrs)
Record at TSU: 163-109-5 (6 yrs)

Assistant Coach:
Joe Robinson (TSU '81)
Athletic Director: Robert E. Lee

SID: Kindell Stephens
Office: (615) 320-3596
Home: (615) 834-7380

Home Facility: Tiger Stadium
Colors: Blue and White
'83 Record: 26-11-2
Conference: Independent
The Series: WK 4, TSU 1

Troy State

Trojans

Location: Troy, Ala. 36081
Founded: 1887
Enrollment: 4,000
President: Dr. Ralph Adams

Head Coach: Chase Riddle
Alma Mater: TSU '51
Collegiate Record: 154-47 (5 yrs)
Record at TSU: 154-47 (5 yrs)

Assistant Coaches:
Mike Russell
David Jones
Athletic Director: Robert E. Stewart

SID: Tom Ensey
Office: (205) 566-3000

Home Facility: Pace Field
Colors: Cardinal, Silver and Black
'83 Record: 23-11-1
Conference: Gulf South
'83 Record: 5-3-1 (3rd)
The Series: WK 1, TSU 1

Vanderbilt

Commodores

Location: Nashville, Tenn. 37212
Founded: 1873
Enrollment: 8,500
Chancellor: Joe B. Wyatt

Head Coach: Roy Mewbourne
Alma Mater: Florida St. '67
Collegiate Record: 398-185 (11 yrs)
Record at VU: 131-111 (5 yrs)

Assistant Coaches:
Ray Carter (Memphis St. '70)
George Weicker (Davidson '75)
Gary Randall (Birmingham So. '78)
Greg Mascera (Furman '80)
Athletic Director: Roy Kramer

SID: Lew Harris
Office: (615) 322-4727
Home: (615) 356-6190
Assistant: Tony Neely
Home: (615) 883-9146

Home Facility: McGugin Field
Colors: Gold and Black
'83 Record: 22-23-1
Conference: Southeastern
'83 Record: 6-15 (5th, Eastern Division)
The Series: VU 28, WK 15, 2 ties



Villanova

Wildcats

Location: Philadelphia, Pa. 19085
Founded: 1842
Enrollment: 6,376
President: Rev. John M. Driscoll, O.S.A.

Head Coach: Larry Shane

Alma Mater: Utah '61
Collegiate Record: 65-61 (11 yrs)
Record at Villanova: 65-61 (11 yrs)

Assistant Coach:

Phil Fidalgo (Villanova '62)
Athletic Director: Dr. Ted Aceto

SID: Craig Miller

Office: (215) 645-4120
Home: (215) 622-5056
Assistant: Dave Coskey

Home Facility: Charles McGeehan Field
Colors: Blue and White
'83 Record: 5-15
Conference: ECAC South
The Series: first meeting

Xavier

Musketeers

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio 45207
Founded: 1831
Enrollment: 6,450
President: Rev. Charles L. Currie

Head Coach: Larry Redwine

Alma Mater: Cumberland (Ky.)
Collegiate Record: 9-1 (1 yr)
Record at XC: 9-1 (1 yr)

Assistant Coach: Matt Porter (Xavier '83)
Athletic Director: Jeffery Fogelson

SID: Ben Benedict

Office: (513) 745-3416
Assistants: Tom Eiser
Barbara Stegeman

Home Facility: Hayden Field
Colors: Blue and White
'83 Record: 28-16
Conference: Midwestern Cities
'83 Record: 4-4 (3rd, Northern Div.)
The Series: first meeting



All-Time Series Records

<i>School</i>	<i>W-</i>	<i>L-T</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>W-</i>	<i>L-T</i>
Air Force	1-	0-0	Kentucky Southern	2-	0-0
Akron	4-	2-0	Kentucky Wesleyan	53-	26-0
Alabama	4-	4-0	Lindsey Wilson	9-	1-0
Alabama in Birmingham	3-	3-0	Louisville	43-	34-0
Albion (Mich.)	2-	0-0	Marietta (Ohio)	0-	1-0
Auburn	0-	1-0	McKendree (Ill.)	3-	0-0
Aurora (Ill.)	8-	0-0	Mercer	0-	4-0
Austin Peay	58-	37-1	Miami (Fla.)	0-	1-0
Ball State	1-	1-0	Miami (Ohio)	1-	0-0
Bellarmino	22-	8-0	Michigan State	1-	0-0
Belmont	10-	8-0	Middle Tennessee	74-	60-2
Berea	1-	0-0	Milliken (Ill.)	1-	0-0
Bethel (Ky.)	7-	0-0	Missouri	1-	0-0
Bethel (Tenn.)	7-	7-0	Morehead State	16-	19-0
Bradley	0-	1-0	Morton Elliot	1-	0-0
Bradley Tech	0-	1-0	Murray State	52-	63-1
Butler	1-	0-0	New Orleans	1-	0-0
Campbellsville	28-	4-0	North Alabama	2-	0-0
Canisius	1-	0-0	Northeast Illinois	3-	0-0
Capital University	2-	0-0	Northern Illinois	0-	1-0
Central Florida	2-	2-0	Notre Dame	0-	1-0
Central Normal (Ind.)	2-	0-0	Ohio State	0-	1-0
Centre	22-	6-0	Ohio University	1-	0-0
Cincinnati	1-	0-0	Ohio Wesleyan	1-	0-0
Cleveland State	1-	0-0	Olivet (Mich.)	1-	0-0
Columbus College	3-	2-0	Port Huron	1-	0-1
Cumberland	3-	2-1	Purdue	0-	1-0
David Lipscomb	26-	27-0	Quincy (Ill.)	2-	0-0
Defiance (Ohio)	1-	0-0	St. Joseph's (Ind.)	1-	0-0
DePaul	1-	0-0	St. Louis	1-	4-0
East Tennessee	2-	3-0	St. Mary's (Mich.)	8-	4-0
Eastern Illinois	4-	2-0	St. Xavier (Ill.)	2-	1-0
Eastern Kentucky	47-	40-2	South Alabama	1-	5-0
Evansville	21-	14-2	South Florida	3-	4-0
Ferris (Mich.) State	4-	2-0	Southern Illinois	4-	21-0
Florida	0-	4-0	Southern Presbyterian	3-	4-0
Florida State	0-	5-0	Tampa	0-	1-0
Georgetown (Ky.)	5-	0-0	Temple	1-	1-0
Georgia Southwestern	1-	0-0	Tennessee State	4-	1-0
Georgia Southern	1-	1-0	Tennessee Tech	56-	40-2
Georgia State	0-	1-0	Thomas More	2-	0-0
Georgia Tech	1-	1-0	Transylvania	5-	0-0
Grand Valley (Mich.) State	1-	2-0	Trevecca Nazarene	1-	1-0
Hanover	1-	0-0	Troy State	1-	1-0
Hillsdale (Mich.)	4-	1-0	Union (Ky.)	2-	0-0
Huntington (Ind.)	3-	0-0	Union (Tenn.)	3-	0-0
Illinois Benedictine	1-	0-0	Valdosta State	2-	4-0
Illinois St.	0-	1-0	Valparaiso	1-	0-0
Indiana State	2-	2-0	Vanderbilt	15-	28-2
Indiana State-Evansville	8-	2-0	Virginia	1-	0-0
Indiana	2-	0-0	Washington (Mo.)	0-	1-0
Indiana-Purdue	2-	0-0	Wayne State (Mich.)	4-	0-0
Indiana-Southeast	4-	1-0	Western Illinois	1-	3-0
Iowa	3-	0-0	Western Michigan	1-	0-0
Jacksonville (Fla.)	1-	2-0	Wheaton (Ill.)	1-	0-0
Jacksonville State (Ala.)	0-	1-0	Wittenberg (Ohio)	0-	2-0
Kent State	0-	1-0			
Kentucky	3-	8-0			



Records and Highlights

1983 Statistics

Overall Record: 26-22 (13-11 Home; 12-10 Away; 1-1 Neutral)

SBC West Division Record: 6-10 (3-4 Home; 3-6 Away)

Batting

Player, Pos	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	Sac	HP	SB-SBA	Bat		Slug		Field		
														Avg	TB	Pct	PO	A	E	Pct
Ralph Antone, C-DH-1B-Of	44	142	41	62	7	0	13	52	33	9	1	2	0-0	.437	112	.789	165-	12-	2	.988
Brian Day, DH-2B	43	168	30	63	6	4	1	28	18	12	2	0	1-3	.375	80	.476	24-	27-	3	.944
Jim Rathbun, SS-3B	46	160	42	52	11	2	5	36	31	11	2	0	4-5	.325	82	.503	56-	92-	21	.876
John Britt, 1B-OF	40	124	32	40	7	2	6	17	16	11	2	1	3-3	.323	65	.524	155-	8-	3	.982
Matt Logic, 3B-1B	46	165	24	49	8	1	4	29	19	15	2	0	3-4	.297	69	.418	118-	45-	17	.900
Joe Garafola, 2B-DH	44	168	36	47	17	1	3	27	17	19	6	3	10-14	.280	75	.446	66-	71-	5	.965
Ron Lighthiser, OF	39	105	26	29	3	1	2	13	24	28	1	0	10-13	.276	39	.377	73-	9-	4	.953
Mark DeRuzzo, OF-SS	35	109	25	28	0	1	3	12	22	16	0	1	15-16	.257	39	.358	63-	51-	6	.950
—Less than 80 ABs—																				
Steve Graham, 2B	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1.000	1	1.000	0-	0-	0	—
Dave Gay, OF	27	51	12	17	3	0	0	10	6	2	0	0	3-4	.333	20	.392	27-	1-	2	.931
Van Isler, OF-3B	35	60	22	17	3	0	2	14	20	12	3	0	6-6	.283	26	.433	18-	5-	2	.920
Todd Niva, OF-P	18	22	4	6	3	0	0	4	6	3	0	0	1-2	.273	9	.409	12-	1-	2	.867
Dan Magnuson, OF	34	67	7	17	5	0	0	9	9	21	3	1	5-8	.254	22	.328	27-	3-	2	.935
Gary Ribar, OF-3B	3	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0-1	.250	1	.250	0-	0-	0	—
Dan Mosier, C	28	59	8	12	0	0	0	5	10	8	4	1	0-0	.203	12	.203	140-	16-	6	.967
Gary Dreher, OF	18	48	4	9	3	0	0	7	4	5	0	1	1-1	.188	12	.250	17-	0-	1	.944
														Pitchers' Fielding Totals—						
Western's Totals	46	1460	318	450	76	12	39	268	234	169	26	10	62-80	.308	663	.454	1050-	452-	83	.948
Opponents' Totals	46	1434	300	407	64	10	33	269	220	241	32	15	53-61	.284	595	.415	1056-	436-	99	.938

Pitching

<i>Player, (R-L)</i>	<i>W-L</i>	<i>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>SO</i>	<i>WP</i>	<i>HBP</i>	<i>BK</i>	<i>PO</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>Field Pct</i>
Mike Spearnock (L)	6-3	0	.666	5.37	13-	9-	4	67.0	79	48-40	48	49	8	4	0	5-	15-	0	1.000
Eddie Jent (R)	5-1	2	.833	1.98	15-	0-	0	22.2	18	15- 5	15	11	1	2	0	2-	11-	3	.813
Dave Bierman (R)	5-1	0	.833	4.69	12-	0-	0	38.1	34	27-20	17	28	1	1	0	1-	7-	0	1.000
Craig Martin (R)	2-3	0	.400	6.82	8-	7-	1	29.0	47	31-22	18	13	2	1	0	2-	9-	0	1.000
Jeff Peterek (R)	2-4	2	.333	6.26	15-	9-	4	73.1	93	54-51	38	52	7	1	0	5-	8-	2	.867
Dave Delello (R)	2-4	0	.200	7.82	9-	7-	1	35.2	46	42-31	28	26	1	6	0	1-	7-	1	.889
George Arnold (R)	1-0	0	1.000	8.53	4-	0-	0	6.1	9	6- 5	6	4	0	0	0	0-	0-	0	---
Greg Bartek (R)	1-3	0	.250	4.61	7-	5-	1	39.0	41	24-20	15	23	5	0	0	2-	4-	0	1.000
Vince Broderick (L)	0-1	0	.000	12.75	5-	1-	0	12.0	12	17-17	16	9	3	0	1	0-	1-	0	1.000
Wade Janssen (R)	0-2	0	.000	6.04	4-	4-	0	22.1	19	21-15	19	20	3	1	0	0-	3-	2	.800
Todd Niva (L)	0-0	0	---	13.50	1-	1-	0	4.0	8	8- 6	3	5	0	0	0	0-	1-	0	1.000
David Lunsford (L)	0-0	0	---	40.50	1-	1-	0	1.1	3	8- 6	7	1	2	0	0	0-	0-	0	---
Western's Totals	24-22	4	.522	5.60	46-	46-	11	350.0	407	300-218	220	241	31	16	1	19-	66-	8	914
Opponents' Totals	22-24	5	.478	6.00	46-	46-	9	352.0	450	318-235	234	169	26	10	0				



Big Red



The 'Topper Record Book

Team

Single Season

Miscellaneous: Most Games — 61 (1980)

59 (1981)

54 (1979)

Most Victories — 47 (1980)

41 (1981)

37 (1982)

Longest Winning Streak — 19 (1980)

13 (1978)

12 (1928)

Most Losses — 26 (1974-75)

24 (1975-76)

23 (1972-73)

23 (1977)

Hitting: Most At-Bats — 1,910 (1980)

1,739 (1981)

1,564 (1979)

Most Runs — 492 (1980)

453 (1981)

359 (1982)

Most Hits — 655 (1980)

578 (1981)

497 (1982)

Most Doubles — 110 (1980)

105 (1979)

100 (1981)

Most Triples — 22 (1980)

20 (1970)

Most Home Runs — 89 (1980)

86 (1981)

57 (1982)

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)

330 (1982)

Most Total Bases — 1,076 (1980)

966 (1981)

774 (1982)

Most RBIs — 429 (1981)

421 (1980)

320 (1982)

Most Walks — 285 (1981)

248 (1980)

234 (1983)

221 (1982)

Highest Batting Average — .343 (1980)

.341 (1982)

.332 (1981)

Most Complete Games — 36 (1980)

29 (1981)

20 (1971)

20 (1970)

Most Shutouts — 9 (1982)

7 (1980)

7 (1981)

WKU Baseball Milestones

First Win — 6-0* over Eastern Kentucky in the first Western baseball game on record (1910)

100th Win — Eastern Kentucky* (score not available) (1928)

200th Win — 3-2 over Louisville (1947)

300th Win — 12-4 over Tennessee Tech (1960)

400th Win — 21-5 over Centre (1970)

500th Win — 1-0 over Evansville (1974-75)*

600th Win — 13-7 over Kentucky Wesleyan (1979)

700th Win — 11-3 over Indiana State-Evansville (1982)*

100th Game — Western 7, Defiance 2, 1926*

200th Game — Western 7, Lindsey Wilson 3, 1936*

250th Game — Western 4, Tennessee Tech 7, 1939*

500th Game — Western 8, Campbellsville 9, 1961*

750th Game — Western 2, Morehead State 3, 1971*

1,000th Game — Western 0, Southern Illinois 7, 1977

1,250th Game — Western 4, Austin Peay 3, 1982*

*Home game



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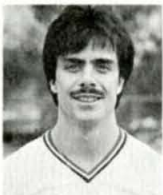
WILLIAMS



CARLISLE



ANTONE



GARAFOLA

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)
- Most Doubles — 20 (Mike Murray, 1980)
 17 (Joe Garafola, 1983)
 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)
 17 (Ralph Antone, 1982)
 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)
 56 (Ralph Antone, 1982)
 53 (Kenny Fox, 1980)
 52 (Ralph Antone, 1983)
 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 — .437 (Ralph Antone, 1983)
 .423 (Mike Williams, 1981)
 .420 (Mike Williams, 1980)
 .418 (Don Durham, 1970)
 .411 (Ralph Antone, 1982)
 .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)
 17 (Ralph Antone, 1982)
 16 (Ron Stewart, 1979)
 16 (Joe Hatchcock, 1979)



McTHENNY



THOMAS



FOX



HATHCOCK



KNUTH

1937	E.A. Diddle	8- 7- 0	533
1938	E.A. Diddle	4-10- 0	286
1939	E.A. Diddle	6-10- 0	375
1940	E.A. Diddle	7- 6- 0	538
1941	E.A. Diddle	9- 6- 0	600
1942	E.A. Diddle	4- 5- 0	444
1943-1945	No Team		
1946	E.A. Diddle	9- 0- 0	1,000
1947	E.A. Diddle	5- 6- 0	455
1948	E.A. Diddle	4-10- 0	286
1949	E.A. Diddle	3- 5- 1	389
1950	E.A. Diddle	6- 7- 0	462
1951	E.A. Diddle	13- 5- 0	722
1952	E.A. Diddle	11- 3- 0	786
1953	E.A. Diddle	8- 2- 1	773
1954	E.A. Diddle	9- 7- 0	563
1955	E.A. Diddle	4- 7- 0	364
1956	E.A. Diddle	5- 7- 1	423
1957	E.A. Diddle	10- 6- 0	625
1958	Nick Denes	8- 4- 0	667
1959	Nick Denes	13- 4- 0	765
1960	Nick Denes	8- 7- 1	531
1961	Nick Denes	9-12- 0	429
1962	Nick Denes	10-13- 0	435
1963	Dan King	7-10- 0	412
1964	Dan King	8-10- 0	444
1965	Gene Rhodes	8-14- 1	370
1966	Jim Pickens	9-13- 0	409
1967	Jim Pickens	13-16- 2	452
1968	Jim Pickens	13-11- 0	542
1969	Jim Pickens	17-11- 0	607
1970	Jim Pickens	18-16- 1	529
1971	Jim Pickens	12-17- 0	414
1972	Jim Pickens	14-11- 0	560
1972-1973	Jim Pickens	21-23- 0	477
1973-1974	Jim Pickens	30-18- 1	622
1974-1975	Jim Pickens	21-26- 0	447
1975-1976	Jim Pickens	12-24- 0	333
1977	Barry Shollenberger	20-23- 1	466
1978	Barry Shollenberger	26-19- 1	576
1979	Barry Shollenberger	31-22- 1	583
1980	Joel Murrie	47-13- 1	779
1981	Joel Murrie	41-18- 0	694
1982	Joel Murrie	37-10- 0	787
1983	Joel Murrie	26-22- 0	542
	Totals	752-553-14	575

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	336
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
1981-Mike Williams, 1B	423
1982-Ralph Antone, C-OF	411
1983-Ralph Antone, C-DH-1B-OF	437

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-Phil Rine	0.85*
1982-Kevin Benzing	1.67
1983-Greg Bartek	4.61

*second best ERA in NCAA Division I baseball in 1981.

65 Hilltopper Seasons

1910 (2-1)

Coaches: **M. A. Leiper**
W. J. Craig
J. H. Claggett
Fred Mutchler

Eastern Ky. *	W	6-0
Eastern Ky.	L	0-5
Berea	W	6-4

1911 (2-0)

Coaches: **M. A. Leiper**
W. J. Craig
J. H. Claggett
Fred Mutchler

Middle Tenn.	W	7-2
Middle Tenn.	W	11-1

1912 (9-2)

Coach: **G. H. Reams**

Faculty*	W	15-2
Elkton*	W	5-1
Elkton	L	0-3
Glasgow	W	14-0
Elkton	W	13-3
Middle Tenn.*	W	5-3
Middle Tenn.*	L	4-5
Eastern Ky.	W	4-2
Middle Tenn.	W	9-0
Eastern Ky.*	W	4-0
du Pont Manual*	W	4-0

1913 (14-2)

Coaches: **M. A. Leiper**
Roy Manchester

Middle Tenn.	W	7-2
Middle Tenn.	W	11-1
Georgetown*	W	3-0
Georgetown*	W	8-0
St. Mary's	W	3-1
Springfield High	W	13-0
du Pont Manual	W	3-2
Middle Tenn.*	W	15-2
Middle Tenn.*	W	3-2
Auburn High	W	4-3
Eastern Ky.	L	0-4
Eastern Ky.	L	2-3
Vanderbilt Reserves*	W	2-0
Eastern Ky.*	W	6-5
Eastern Ky.*	W	22-0
Auburn High*	W	19-13

1914 (5-4)

Coach: **J. L. Arthur**

Bethel (Tenn.)*	L	1-3
Middle Tenn.*	W	3-2
Middle Tenn.*	W	13-9
Eastern Ky.	L	0-1
Eastern Ky.	W	11-3

Bethel (Tenn.)*	W	9-5
St. Mary's*	L	3-6
Middle Tenn.	L	5-20
Middle Tenn.	W	12-6

1915

Coach: **J. L. Arthur**

(No Scores Available)

1916 (6-2-1)

Coach: **J. L. Arthur**

St. Mary's	L	4-5
Eastern Ky.	W	10-0
Eastern Ky.	W	7-2
Cumberland	T	0-0
St. Mary's	L	3-4
St. Mary's	W	5-1
Castle Heights	W	11-2
Transylvania	W	9-2
Cumberland	W	6-4

1917-1921

(Western had no baseball team)

1922 (3-0)

Coach: **J. C. Floyd**

Morton-Elliott*	W	9-0
Eastern Ky.*	W	5-4
Eastern Ky.*	W	12-5

1923 (10-2)

Coach: **E. A. Diddle**

Hanover*	W	21-7
Tenn. Tech*	W	6-4
Cumberland*	W	5-4
Cumberland	L	2-10
Tenn. Tech	L	3-4
Middle Tenn.	W	8-1
So. Presbyterian*	W	12-8
So. Presbyterian*	W	22-6
St. Mary's*	W	11-7
St. Mary's	W	11-4
St. Mary's	W	6-3
So. Presbyterian	W	14-6

1924 (11-2)

Coach: **E. A. Diddle**

Transylvania*	W	16-5
Transylvania*	W	6-5
Indiana*	W	6-0
Middle Tenn.	W	16-8
Middle Tenn.	W	17-8
Louisville	W	11-6
Bethel (Tenn.)	L	5-7
St. Mary's*	W	21-5
St. Mary's*	W	24-10
Central Normal (Ind.)*	W	12-1
Central Normal (Ind.)*	W	7-3

St. Mary's	L	1-6
St. Mary's	W	12-5

1925 (9-10)

Coach: **E. A. Diddle**

Ohio St.*	L	2-7
Middle Tenn.	W	14-0
Middle Tenn.	W	10-6
So. Presbyterian*	L	1-5
So. Presbyterian*	L	4-8
Bethel (Tenn.)*	L	3-5
Bethel (Tenn.)*	W	9-8
Louisville	W	12-9
Louisville	L	13-14
Bethel (Tenn.)	W	6-5
Bethel (Tenn.)	L	2-4
Louisville*	W	5-4
Louisville*	L	3-7
Bethel (Tenn.)	W	1-0
Bethel (Tenn.)*	W	7-0
Middle Tenn.*	W	4-3
Middle Tenn.*	L	3-8
So. Presbyterian	L	3-6
So. Presbyterian	L	2-5

1926 (9-8)

Coach: **E. A. Diddle**

Notre Dame*	L	2-6
Ohio Wesleyan*	W	12-7
Defiance*	W	7-2
Bethel (Tenn.)	W	2-1
Bethel (Tenn.)	L	3-6
Evansville*	L	3-6
Evansville*	L	7-8
Louisville	L	0-4
Louisville	L	4-7
Bethel (Ky.)	W	12-0
Evansville	W	5-3
Evansville	W	24-4
Evansville	W	5-4
Bethel (Tenn.)*	L	2-3
Bethel (Ky.)*	W	6-3
Louisville*	W	7-3
Vanderbilt*	L	2-6

1927 (9-4)

Coach: **E. A. Diddle**

Michigan St.*	W	4-3
Bethel	W	2-0
Bethel*	L	3-4
Louisville	L	7-11
Louisville	L	7-8
Georgetown*	W	4-2
Georgetown*	W	13-7
Middle Tenn.	L	3-4
Middle Tenn.	W	4-0
Bethel	W	1-0

Aggregate Record of WKU Coaches

Coach(es) (Years)	Seasons	Won-Lost-Tied	Pct.
M. A. Leiper, W. J. Craig.			
J. H. Claggett, Fred Mutchler (1910-11)	2	4- 1- 0	.800
G. H. Reams (1912)	1	9- 2- 0	.818
M. A. Leiper, Roy Manchester (1913)	1	14- 2- 0	.875
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	232-155- 3	.599
Nick Denes (1958-62)	5	48- 40- 1	.545
Dan King (1963-64)	2	15- 20- 0	.429
Gene Rhodes (1965)	1	8- 14- 1	.370
Jim Picketts (1966-76)	11	180-186- 4	.492
Barry Shollenberger (1977-79)	3	77- 64- 3	.545
Joel Murrie (1980-)	4	151- 66- 1	.695
Totals	65	752-553-14	.575

Bethel*	W	1-0
Middle Tenn.*	W	6-1
Middle Tenn.*	W	5-3

1928 (15-1)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Transylvania*	W	14-9
Transylvania*	W	6-2
Middle Tenn.*	W	21-2
Middle Tenn.*	L	1-8
Louisville*	W	22-8
Louisville*	W	9-7
Bethel*	W	9-5
Centre	W	7-5
Middle Tenn.	W	7-6
Middle Tenn.	W	5-2
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	NA
Eastern Ky.*	W	NA
Georgetown	W	NA
Ky. Wesleyan	W	NA
Centre	W	4-3
Centre	W	6-0

1929 (9-4)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Eastern Ky.*	W	9-8
Eastern Ky.*	W	16-2
Louisville	W	11-4
Louisville	W	11-9
Centre	L	4-8
Centre	W	19-5
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	6-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	3-0
Middle Tenn.	L	11-12
Centre*	W	8-3
Centre*	L	8-10
Middle Tenn.*	W	4-3
Middle Tenn.*	L	3-5

1930 (3-0)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Scottsville*	W	13-8
Middle Tenn.*	W	14-0
Middle Tenn.*	W	1-0

1931

Coach: E. A. Diddle
(*Intramural baseball only*)

1932 (4-2)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Murray St.	W	NA
Murray St.	W	NA
Vanderbilt	L	4-5
Vanderbilt	L	6-7
Vanderbilt*	W	7-6
Murray St.*	W	6-2

1933 (7-5)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Louisville	L	1-5
Lindsey Wilson	W	4-1
Lindsey Wilson	W	3-2
Austin Peay	L	7-14
Tenn. Tech	W	9-3
Tenn. Tech	W	6-3
Austin Peay*	L	3-4
Tenn. Tech*	L	1-2
Tenn. Tech*	W	4-0
Lindsey Wilson*	W	13-3
Lindsey Wilson*	W	9-3
Louisville*	L	1-3

1934 (8-3)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Louisville*	W	7-1
Lindsey Wilson	L	5-9
Lindsey Wilson*	W	26-5
David Lipscomb*	W	7-1
Austin Peay	W	18-4
Tenn. Tech*	L	8-14
Louisville	W	12-2
David Lipscomb	W	NA
Tenn. Tech	L	8-14
Tenn. Tech*	W	7-6
Austin Peay*	W	17-7

1935 (9-2)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
David Lipscomb	W	7-0
Middle Tenn.*	L	2-5

Lindsey Wilson	W	4-1
Louisville	W	20-0
Tenn. Tech*	W	8-4
Morehead St.	W	14-7
Eastern Ky.	L	1-6
David Lipscomb*	W	4-1
Tenn. Tech	W	2-0
Lindsey Wilson*	W	15-6
Louisville*	W	8-4

1936 (4-3)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Lindsey Wilson*	W	7-3
Lindsey Wilson*	W	12-7
Louisville*	L	3-7
Eastern Ky.	L	0-3
Louisville	W	5-2
Middle Tenn.*	W	11-6
Middle Tenn.	L	8-9

1937 (8-7)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Tenn. Tech	W	7-6
Cincinnati	W	10-6
Cumberland	L	6-7
Austin Peay*	W	9-2
Vanderbilt	W	8-7
Vanderbilt	L	2-6
Louisville*	W	13-10
Eastern Ky.	L	9-10
Louisville*	L	9-11
Tenn. Tech	L	2-17
Austin Peay	W	8-5
Vanderbilt	W	8-1
Vanderbilt	L	2-3
Eastern Ky.	L	2-7
Cumberland	W	15-2

1938 (4-10)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Northern Ill.*	L	0-8
Louisville*	L	8-14
Vanderbilt	L	6-21
Vanderbilt	W	6-4
Tenn. Tech.*	W	12-7
Hopkinsville	L	0-3
Eastern Ky.	L	7-9
Eastern Ky.	L	4-5
Austin Peay	W	10-8
Vanderbilt*	L	9-13
Louisville	W	9-8
Eastern Ky.*	L	0-10
Eastern Ky.*	L	5-12
Austin Peay*	L	3-9

1939 (6-10)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
David Lipscomb*	W	11-3
Austin Peay*	W	3-1
Vanderbilt*	L	1-6
Vanderbilt*	L	0-10
Austin Peay	L	9-12
Louisville*	L	1-4
Vanderbilt	L	12-13
Vanderbilt	W	8-5
Middle Tenn.	L	5-6
Eastern Ky.*	L	6-12
Eastern Ky.*	W	11-10
Louisville	L	2-5
Eastern Ky.	W	15-14
Eastern Ky.	L	4-5
Tenn. Tech*	L	4-7
Middle Tenn.*	W	6-4

1940 (7-6)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Bradley Tech*	L	4-6
Tenn. Tech*	W	5-4
David Lipscomb	W	11-2
Eastern Ky.	W	5-0
Eastern Ky.	L	6-7
Tenn. Tech	W	13-10
Middle Tenn.	L	11-12
Eastern Ky.*	W	16-6
Eastern Ky.*	L	2-9
David Lipscomb*	W	4-2
Louisville*	W	15-14
Middle Tenn.*	L	7-14
Louisville	L	1-8

1941 (9-6)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Vanderbilt	W	16-12
David Lipscomb	W	18-2
Louisville*	W	4-2
Louisville	L	8-20
Eastern Ky.*	L	8-9
David Lipscomb*	W	15-6
Murray St.	L	3-7
Murray St.	W	9-7
Vanderbilt*	L	4-7
Middle Tenn.	L	9-10
Tenn. Tech*	L	2-9
Murray St.*	W	5-3
Murray St.*	W	9-5
Middle Tenn.*	W	8-7
Tenn. Tech	W	2-0

1942 (4-5)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
DePaul*	W	7-6
Vanderbilt	L	1-2
Ft. Knox	L	2-5
Louisville	L	3-4
Tenn. Tech*	W	6-4
Louisville*	W	10-4
Eastern Ky.	L	2-3
Eastern Ky.	W	11-1
Tenn. Tech	L	3-7

1943-45 — World War II

(*Western had no baseball team*)

1946 (9-0)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Centre	W	18-11
Eastern Ky.	W	8-7
Tenn. Tech	W	5-4
Evansville*	W	12-6
Eastern Ky.*	W	6-2
Evansville	W	20-9
Louisville*	W	12-6
Murray St.*	W	2-0
Louisville	W	9-2

1947 (5-6)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Vanderbilt	L	2-3
Centre	L	7-8
Eastern Ky.	L	0-6
Western Ill.*	W	3-2
Western Ill.*	L	2-3
Evansville	L	5-6
Evansville	L	1-6
Murray St.*	W	1-0
Murray St.*	W	4-2
Vanderbilt*	W	4-2
Louisville	W	3-2

1948 (4-10)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Purdue*	L	7-16
Evansville*	L	1-5
Austin Peay*	W	17-12
Evansville	L	0-14
Eastern Ky.*	L	4-10
Louisville*	W	14-7
Austin Peay	W	10-5
Centre	L	9-10
Eastern Ky.	L	5-7
Louisville	L	3-7
Murray St.*	W	6-2
Murray St.*	L	3-6
Murray St.	L	3-12
Murray St.	L	1-2

1949 (3-5-1)

Coach: E. A. Diddle		
Vanderbilt*	T	6-6
Austin Peay*	W	3-1
Tenn. Tech*	L	1-15
Austin Peay	W	13-4
Tenn. Tech	L	0-7
Louisville*	L	0-5
Murray St.*	L	2-5
Evansville	L	1-8
Murray St.	W	7-3

*Home Game

1950 (6-7)**Coach: E.A. Diddle**

Austin Peay*	W	4- 2
Ft. Knox*	L	9-12
Western III.*	L	5- 8
Western III.*	L	1- 5
Austin Peay	L	6-11
Eastern Ky.*	W	2- 1
Tenn. Tech*	W	2- 0
Evansville	L	5- 7
Ft. Knox	W	16- 5
Evansville*	W	12- 4
Murray St.	W	8- 1
Murray St.	L	4- 5
Tenn. Tech	L	0- 2

1951 (13-5)**Coach: E.A. Diddle**

Miami (O)*	W	10- 7
Evansville*	W	2- 1
Austin Peay	L	3- 7
Tenn. Tech	L	5-12
Eastern Ky.	L	5- 6
Austin Peay*	L	11-24
Centre*	W	3- 2
Eastern Ky.*	W	16-11
Evansville	W	14- 4
Tenn. Tech*	W	3- 2
Murray St.	W	9- 7
Murray St.	W	5- 3
Murray St.*	W	11- 5
Murray St.*	W	7- 3
Centre	W	16- 2
Eastern Ky.*#	W	4- 3
Eastern Ky.*#	L	2- 3
Eastern Ky.*#	W	8- 6

#OVC Tourney, Bowling Green, Ky.

1952 (11-3)**Coach: E.A. Diddle**

Albion*	W	3- 2
Milliken*	W	2- 1
Evansville	L	8-10
David Lipscomb*	W	7- 3
Murray St.	W	17- 2
Tenn. Tech*	W	13-10
Evansville*	W	8- 5
Middle Tenn.	W	8- 7
Middle Tenn.	W	13-11
Tenn. Tech	L	4-13
Ft. Knox	W	6- 1
Murray St.*	L	3- 4
Eastern Ky.#	W	1- 0
Eastern Ky.#	W	1- 0
Eastern Ky.#	W	9- 4

#OVC Tourney, Richmond, Ky.

1953 (8-2-1)**Coach: E.A. Diddle**

David Lipscomb*	L	0-11
Evansville*	W	17- 2
Tenn. Tech*	L	1- 5
Middle Tenn.	W	9- 8
Evansville	W	8- 6
Middle Tenn.*	T	6- 6
Tenn. Tech	W	3- 2
Murray St.	W	6- 2
Murray St.*	W	3- 2
Tenn. Tech*#	W	4- 3
Tenn. Tech*#	W	3- 1

#OVC Tourney, Bowling Green, Ky.

1954 (9-7)**Coach: E.A. Diddle**

David Lipscomb	W	8- 7
Middle Tenn.	L	2-15
David Lipscomb*	L	7- 9
Eastern Ky.*	L	5- 6
Belmont*	W	9- 8
Belmont	W	12- 9
Evansville*	W	6- 1
Tenn. Tech*	W	3- 2
Murray St.	W	7- 2
Murray St.*	W	8- 4
Eastern Ky.	L	5- 6
Eastern Ky.	L	0- 8
Middle Tenn.*	L	4- 5
Middle Tenn.	L	5-15
Evansville	W	10- 6
Tenn. Tech	W	5- 2

1955 (4-7)**Coach: E.A. Diddle**

David Lipscomb*	L	2- 4
Belmont	W	5- 3
Middle Tenn.	L	3- 5
David Lipscomb	W	9- 4
Tenn. Tech	L	4-14
Middle Tenn.*	W	12-11
Belmont*	L	11-14
Murray St.*	L	3- 5
Murray St.*	W	9- 0
Murray St.	L	5- 9
Murray St.	L	7- 9

1956 (5-7-1)**Coach: E.A. Diddle**

Murray St.	W	7- 4
Murray St.	L	0- 1
David Lipscomb	W	14- 9
Middle Tenn.	L	2- 3
Evansville*	T	6- 6
Murray St.*	L	4- 7
Evansville	W	5- 4
David Lipscomb*	L	6- 8
Ky. Wesleyan	W	2- 0
Middle Tenn.*	W	9- 3
Tenn. Tech*	L	2- 7
Tenn. Tech	L	5-13
Middle Tenn.	L	5- 7

1957 (10-6)**Coach: E.A. Diddle**

David Lipscomb	L	3-18
Murray St.*	W	1- 0
David Lipscomb*	W	9- 6
Middle Tenn.	W	7- 1
Murray St.	L	4- 5
Murray St.	W	6- 2
Murray St.*	W	5- 4
Tenn. Tech	L	6-13
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	10- 4
Middle Tenn.*	W	13- 9
Tenn. Tech*	W	8- 5
Ky. Wesleyan	W	10- 4
Austin Peay	L	4- 5
Morehead St.#	L	2- 3
Morehead St.#	W	1- 0
Morehead St.#	L	2-13

#OVC Tourney

1958 (8-4)**Coach: Nick Denes**

Hillsdale*	W	7- 5
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	12-10
Murray St.*	L	4- 7
Belmont	W	8- 7
Murray St.	W	7- 5
East Tennessee St.	W	4- 3
Middle Tenn.	L	5- 6
Tenn. Tech	W	7- 4
Tenn. Tech	L	3- 7
Belmont*	W	9- 2
Middle Tenn.*	L	4-14
Eastern Ky.*	W	4- 3

1959 (13-4)**Coach: Nick Denes**

Hillsdale*	W	8- 5
Bethel*	W	24- 2
Middle Tenn.	L	5- 7
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	5- 0
Belmont*	L	7-13
Union*	W	4- 0
Ky. Wesleyan	W	17- 6
Murray St.*	W	5- 3
Middle Tenn.*	W	4- 0
Murray St.	L	0- 5
Austin Peay	W	17- 8
Bethel	W	9- 0
Union	W	6- 5
Eastern Ky.	L	0-10
Morehead St.	W	6- 5
Austin Peay*	W	6- 5
Belmont	W	9- 0

1960 (8-7-1)**Coach: Nick Denes**

Ky. Wesleyan	L	3- 9
Murray St.*	W	5- 2
Wittenberg*	L	3- 4

Eastern Ky.*	T	2- 2
Hillsdale*	W	8- 6
Middle Tenn.	W	8- 6
Bellarmine*	L	2- 5
Bellarmine	W	4- 3
Belmont	L	6- 8
Austin Peay	L	1- 9
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	6- 3
East Tennessee*	L	2- 3
Middle Tenn.*	L	5- 8
Tenn. Tech	W	12- 4
Morehead St.	W	9- 0
Campbellsville	W	11- 5

1961 (9-12)**Coach: Nick Denes**

Hillsdale*	L	2- 7
Hillsdale*	W	5- 4
Belmont	L	0-13
Austin Peay*	W	9- 0
Tenn. Tech*	L	0- 9
Tenn. Tech*	L	0- 9
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	2- 4
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	2- 4
Austin Peay	W	9- 0
Murray St.	L	1- 6
Murray St.	L	2- 5
Campbellsville*	L	8- 9
Campbellsville*	W	6- 3
Bellarmine*	W	4- 2
Ky. Wesleyan	W	1- 0
Ky. Wesleyan	W	4- 0
Tenn. Tech	W	7- 5
Tenn. Tech	L	1- 8
Murray St.*	L	6- 7
Murray St.*	L	8-14
Bellarmine	W	5- 4

1962 (10-13)**Coach: Nick Denes**

Campbellsville*	W	20- 0
Middle Tenn.*	L	1- 6
Wheaton*	W	4- 2
Austin Peay	L	6- 7
Tenn. Tech	L	9-19
Tenn. Tech	W	5- 2
Campbellsville	W	8- 6
Campbellsville	W	4- 3
Bellarmine*	W	5- 0
Murray St.	L	6- 8
Murray St.	L	4- 9
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	1- 3
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	6- 5
Tenn. Tech*	W	6- 1
Tenn. Tech*	W	5- 3
Bellarmine	L	5- 9
Eastern Ky.	L	3- 7
Middle Tenn.	L	3- 6
Middle Tenn.	L	1- 8
Murray St.*	W	4- 1
Murray St.*	L	0- 4
Ky. Wesleyan	L	2- 6
Ky. Wesleyan	L	2- 6

1963 (7-10)**Coach: Dan King**

Ky. Wesleyan*	L	7- 8
Tenn. Tech	I	3- 4
Campbellsville*	W	11- 0
Campbellsville*	W	8- 7
Belmont*	L	3- 4
Middle Tenn.*	W	4- 2
Middle Tenn.*	W	4- 2
Murray St.*	L	1- 6
Murray St.*	L	5-11
Belmont	W	7- 1
Murray St.	L	0- 5
Murray St.	L	2- 7
Ky. Wesleyan	L	2- 3
Middle Tenn.	W	7- 5
Middle Tenn.	L	2- 8
Bellarmine*	W	9- 0
Campbellsville	L	5- 6

1964 (8-10)**Coach: Dan King**

Tenn. Tech*	L	2- 7
Kent State*	L	2- 8
Middle Tenn.*	L	1- 2
Middle Tenn.*	L	1- 2

Tenn. Tech	L	2-3
Belmont	L	6-7
Murray St.	L	0-3
Murray St.	W	3-2
David Lipscomb*	W	10-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	5-4
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	5-8
Belmont*	W	16-6
Murray St.*	L	1-4
Murray St.*	L	2-5
Austin Peay	W	5-4
Austin Peay	W	3-1
Austin Peay*	W	8-7
Austin Peay*	W	13-0

1965 (8-14-1)

Coach: Gene Rhodes

Middle Tenn.	L	2-19
Middle Tenn.	W	6-0
Belmont*	L	0-5
Austin Peay*	W	2-0
Austin Peay*	W	5-3
David Lipscomb	L	5-6
David Lipscomb	W	4-1
Belmont	L	1-3
Tenn. Tech*	W	3-1
Ky. Wesleyan	L	2-5
Ky. Wesleyan	L	2-6
Port Huron*	W	5-3
Port Huron*	T	4-4
Austin Peay	L	2-4
Austin Peay	L	7-10
Murray St.	L	0-3
Murray St.	L	1-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	1-12
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	1-5
Bellarmine	W	9-7
Middle Tenn.*	L	2-4
Middle Tenn.*	W	1-0
Tenn. Tech	L	6-10

1966 (9-13)

Coach: Jim Pickens

Bellarmine*	W	12-1
Tenn. Tech	L	2-7
St. Louis*	L	5-7
Murray St.*	W	3-0
Murray St.*	W	11-9
St. Louis*	L	4-18
Campbellsville*	W	16-0
Middle Tenn.*	L	1-2
Middle Tenn.*	L	4-5
Tenn. Tech*	W	12-4
Tenn. Tech*	L	1-6
Ky. Wesleyan	W	2-1
Ky. Wesleyan	W	2-1
Murray St.	L	0-5
Murray St.	L	1-2
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	4-7
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	6-5
Austin Peay	W	5-4
Austin Peay	L	7-11
David Lipscomb*	L	12-14
David Lipscomb*	W	7-0
Austin Peay*	L	1-3

1967 (13-16-2)

Coach: Jim Pickens

Campbellsville*	W	10-2
Bellarmine*	W	10-2
Tenn. Tech*	L	3-12
Tenn. Tech*	T	1-1
Murray St.	L	5-9
Murray St.	L	1-4
Centre	W	14-4
Centre	W	12-6
St. Louis	L	2-3
St. Louis	W	13-12
Washington (Mo.)	L	4-13
Middle Tenn.	W	4-1
Middle Tenn.	L	4-5
Austin Peay*	W	14-6
Austin Peay*	W	2-1
Kentucky	W	NA
Bellarmine	W	9-2
Middle Tenn.*	L	3-4
Middle Tenn.*	L	2-5
Murray St.*	L	5-7
Murray St.*	L	3-6

Campbellsville	W	3-0
Southern Ill.*	W	1-0
Southern Ill.*	L	1-8
Southern Ill.*	L	1-2
Tenn. Tech	L	2-14
Tenn. Tech	T	5-5
Austin Peay	W	4-3
Austin Peay	L	5-6
David Lipscomb	L	2-7
David Lipscomb	L	3-6

1968 (13-11)

Coach: Jim Pickens

Tenn. Tech*	L	4-5
Tenn. Tech*	L	1-9
Bellarmine*	W	4-3
Campbellsville*	W	15-2
Middle Tenn.*	L	0-11
Middle Tenn.*	L	2-4
Austin Peay*	W	5-3
Austin Peay*	W	4-0
David Lipscomb	W	6-4
David Lipscomb	L	1-6
Murray St.	W	12-4
Murray St.	W	9-6
Southern Ill.	L	0-4
Southern Ill.	L	2-11
Middle Tenn.	L	3-5
Middle Tenn.	L	3-4
David Lipscomb*	W	6-5
David Lipscomb*	W	5-1
Centre*	W	5-4
Centre*	W	3-0
Austin Peay	W	2-0
Austin Peay	L	6-7
Tenn. Tech	L	4-11
Tenn. Tech	W	7-3

1969 (17-11)

Coach: Jim Pickens

Middle Tenn.	W	9-0
Centre	W	3-2
Centre	L	1-2
Air Force	W	7-6
Southern Ill.	L	2-7
Ky. Southern*	W	11-0
Ky. Southern*	W	8-3
Murray St.	L	0-1
Murray St.	W	5-2
Southern Ill.*	L	3-10
Southern Ill.*	L	2-6
Southern Ill.*	W	1-0
Murray St.*	W	7-6
Murray St.*	W	5-3
Tenn. Tech*	W	2-1
Tenn. Tech*	L	2-3
Campbellsville	L	1-4
Campbellsville	W	6-2
Austin Peay*	W	9-5
Austin Peay*	W	6-2
Austin Peay	W	9-0
Austin Peay	W	11-4
David Lipscomb	L	0-6
David Lipscomb	L	8-12
Middle Tenn.*	W	4-1
Middle Tenn.*	W	2-1
Morehead St.#	L	6-7
Morehead St.#	L	3-6

#OVC Tourney, Morehead, Ky.

1970 (18-16-1)

Coach: Jim Pickens

Bellarmine*	W	3-0
Bellarmine*	W	11-2
Tenn. Tech	L	0-2
Tenn. Tech	L	4-11
Murray St.	L	2-5
Murray St.	W	7-2
Louisville	L	2-7
Louisville	L	7-8
Centre	W	21-5
Centre	W	6-5
Middle Tenn.	W	7-4
Middle Tenn.	T	7-7
David Lipscomb	L	3-5
David Lipscomb	L	9-10
St. Louis	L	2-7
Campbellsville*	L	1-2
Campbellsville*	W	7-2

Murray St.*	W	5-3
Murray St.*	L	4-6
Southern Ill.	W	9-8
Southern Ill.	L	4-11
Middle Tenn.*	W	11-8
Middle Tenn.*	W	9-3
Austin Peay*	W	6-2
Austin Peay*	L	1-2
Austin Peay	W	4-1
Austin Peay	L	5-11
Belmont*	W	5-2
Belmont*	W	3-1
David Lipscomb*	L	5-10
David Lipscomb*	W	10-3
Evansville	L	4-5
Evansville	W	17-7
Vanderbilt	W	2-0
Vanderbilt	L	0-6

1971 (12-17)

Coach: Jim Pickens

Vanderbilt	L	3-9
Vanderbilt	L	5-9
Louisville	L	3-4
Louisville*	W	4-3
Akron*	L	0-2
Akron*	W	6-1
Middle Tenn.	W	18-0
Middle Tenn.	L	1-2
Austin Peay*	L	3-5
Austin Peay*	W	5-4
Eastern Ky.*	L	5-6
Eastern Ky.*	W	7-4
Morehead St.	L	4-7
Morehead St.	L	2-6
Tenn. Tech*	W	5-1
Bradley	L	0-4
Vanderbilt*	L	0-6
Vanderbilt*	L	1-6
Morehead St.*	L	1-5
Morehead St.*	L	2-3
Morehead St.*	L	5-6
Morehead St.*	W	5-4
Centre	W	8-1
Centre	W	5-3
Southern Ill.*	L	3-4
Southern Ill.*	L	1-2
Southern Ill.*	W	7-6
Middle Tenn.*	W	7-5
Middle Tenn.*	W	5-4

1972 (14-11)

Coach: Jim Pickens

Wittenburg*	L	4-12
Austin Peay	W	2-1
Austin Peay	L	0-12
Tenn. Tech*	W	6-2
Tenn. Tech.*	L	2-8
Capital U.*	W	8-3
Capital U.*	W	6-5
Vanderbilt	L	0-6
Campbellsville*	W	6-4
Campbellsville*	W	5-3
Tenn. Tech	W	4-2
Tenn. Tech	W	6-1
Middle Tenn.	W	8-1
Austin Peay*	W	4-2
Austin Peay*	L	3-6
Vanderbilt*	L	4-5
Centre*	W	6-1
Centre*	W	7-5
David Lipscomb*	W	5-4
Middle Tenn.*	W	6-2
Eastern Ky.	L	4-5
Eastern Ky.	L	0-1
Murray St.*	L	2-3
Southern Ill.	L	3-8
Southern Ill.	L	3-6

*Home Game

1972-73 (21-23)

Coach: Jim Pickens

<i>Fall</i>		
Eastern Ky.*	L	4-5
Eastern Ky.*	W	7-0
Eastern Ky.	W	3-2
Eastern Ky.	L	0-1
Tenn. Tech	W	3-1
Tenn. Tech	W	11-5
Morehead St.*	W	5-4
Morehead St.*	L	1-2
Middle Tenn.*	W	10-4
Middle Tenn.*	W	3-2
Tenn. Tech*	W	2-1
Tenn. Tech*	W	7-1
Murray St.*	L	0-2
Murray St.*	L	3-9
Austin Peay	L	1-2
Austin Peay	W	5-2

<i>Spring</i>		
Louisville*	L	8-9
Louisville*	W	7-2
David Lipscomb	L	0-13
David Lipscomb	L	1-4
Middle Tenn.	L	1-2
Middle Tenn.	L	0-1
Tenn. Tech	L	2-3
Tenn. Tech	W	1-0
Campbellsville*	W	6-1
Campbellsville*	W	10-2
Bellarmine*	L	5-7
Bellarmine*	W	8-0
Austin Peay*	L	2-3
Austin Peay*	L	3-4
Vanderbilt	L	4-5
Vanderbilt	L	5-9
Tenn. Tech*	W	3-0
Tenn. Tech*	W	7-4
Murray St.	L	2-12
Murray St.	L	0-3
Campbellsville	W	5-1
Campbellsville	W	7-0
Bellarmine	L	0-2
Bellarmine	L	4-5
Louisville	W	3-0
Louisville	L	3-7
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	5-4
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	2-6

1973-74 (30-18-1)

Coach: Jim Pickens

<i>Fall</i>		
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	3-0
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	8-2
Eastern Ky.	W	8-1
Eastern Ky.	T	1-1
Ky. Wesleyan	W	6-1
Ky. Wesleyan	L	3-4
Tenn. Tech	W	8-4
Tenn. Tech	L	3-5
Eastern Ky.*	W	8-1
Eastern Ky.*	W	5-2
Tenn. Tech*	W	8-6
Tenn. Tech*	L	3-5
Middle Tenn.	W	2-1
Middle Tenn.	L	5-10
Murray St.	W	6-1
Murray St.	L	2-8
Morehead St.*	W	11-10
Morehead St.*	L	6-8
Austin Peay*	L	3-5
Austin Peay*	W	4-3

<i>Spring</i>		
Vanderbilt*	L	1-7
Vanderbilt*	W	9-3
David Lipscomb*	W	4-3
David Lipscomb*	L	4-6
Louisville*	W	4-3
Louisville*	W	9-8
Louisville	W	14-7
Louisville	W	6-1
Bellarmine*	W	1-0
Bellarmine*	W	5-4
David Lipscomb	L	1-9
David Lipscomb	W	8-3
Union (Tenn.)*	W	7-6
Murray St.*	L	3-9
Murray St.*	W	5-3
Centre	L	4-7

Centre	W	10-2
Austin Peay	L	8-15
Austin Peay	W	6-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	13-7
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	4-6
Middle Tenn.*	W	8-7
Middle Tenn.*	L	2-8
Ky. Wesleyan	W	11-5
Ky. Wesleyan	W	13-6
Bellarmine	L	7-8
Bellarmine	W	7-6
Southern Ill.*	L	4-8
Southern Ill.*	L	1-8

1974-75 (21-26)

Coach: Jim Pickens

<i>Fall</i>		
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	4-2
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	9-4
Campbellsville*	W	6-1
Campbellsville*	W	3-2
Ky. Wesleyan	W	6-5
Ky. Wesleyan	L	1-6
Ind. St.-Evansville*	W	2-1
Ind. St.-Evansville*	W	6-2
Eastern Ky.*	W	7-3
Eastern Ky.*	L	3-4
Evansville*	L	1-2
Evansville*	W	1-0
Middle Tenn.*	W	6-2
Middle Tenn.*	W	2-1
Campbellsville	W	17-6
Campbellsville	W	16-7
Murray St.*	L	2-11
Murray St.*	L	2-3
Austin Peay	L	2-9
Austin Peay	W	4-3

<i>Spring</i>		
Eastern Ky.	L	4-5
Eastern Ky.	L	10-11
Louisville	L	2-12
Louisville	L	3-8
Louisville*	L	3-4
Louisville*	L	5-6
Vanderbilt*	L	6-8
Vanderbilt*	W	5-4
Kentucky	L	2-6
Kentucky	L	1-2
Murray St.	L	9-10
Murray St.	L	3-17
Union (Tenn.)	W	5-0
Union (Tenn.)	W	19-7
Austin Peay*	L	7-10
Austin Peay*	W	6-2
Vanderbilt	L	1-5
Vanderbilt	L	4-12
David Lipscomb	L	10-22
David Lipscomb	L	1-5
Bellarmine*	W	7-1
Bellarmine*	L	0-3
Middle Tenn.	L	1-3
Centre*	W	8-0
Centre*	W	3-2
Southern Ill.	L	1-6
Southern Ill.	L	4-5

1975-76 (12-24)

Coach: Jim Pickens

<i>Fall</i>		
Ky. Wesleyan	L	1-6
Ky. Wesleyan	L	2-3
Ind. St.-Evansville	L	4-6
Ind. St.-Evansville	W	7-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	5-4
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	17-6
Ind. St.-Evansville*	W	10-2
Ind. St.-Evansville*	W	5-1

<i>Spring</i>		
Valdosta St.	L	3-8
Valdosta St.	L	1-5
Virginia	W	5-3
Mercer	L	3-5
Jacksonville	L	5-6
Jacksonville	L	5-6
Vanderbilt	L	7-8
Vanderbilt*	W	8-2
Louisville	W	12-11
Louisville	L	4-26
Murray St.*	L	1-5

Murray St.*	L	0-5
David Lipscomb*	L	4-7
David Lipscomb*	W	6-4
Middle Tenn.	L	3-5
Middle Tenn.	L	3-5
Middle Tenn.*	L	0-3
Middle Tenn.*	L	3-4
Austin Peay	W	7-0
Austin Peay	W	2-1
Murray St.	L	4-6
Murray St.	L	4-10
Southern Ill.*	L	4-6
Southern Ill.*	L	3-6
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	0-4
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	7-0
Ky. Wesleyan	L	4-5
Ky. Wesleyan	L	6-7

1977 (20-23-1)

Coach: Barry Shollenberger

Campbellsville	W	20-0
Mercer	L	3-8
Tenn. Tech	W	7-1
Mercer	L	6-7
Tenn. Tech	W	6-0
Valdosta St.	L	2-4
Mercer	L	4-9
Ga. Southwestern	W	2-1
Jacksonville St.	L	1-8
Louisville	L	3-4
Evansville*	L	10-13
Austin Peay	L	0-5
Austin Peay	W	7-4
Western Mich.*	W	3-2
Louisville*	L	3-4
Louisville*	L	4-5
Ky. Wesleyan	W	11-8
Ky. Wesleyan	W	10-0
David Lipscomb*	W	8-2
Indiana-Purdue*	W	11-3
Murray St.*	L	1-4
Middle Tenn.*	L	1-5
Middle Tenn.*	L	2-5
Bellarmine*	W	5-3
Bellarmine*	W	10-5
Middle Tenn.	L	0-3
Middle Tenn.	L	1-5
Bellarmine	W	8-7
Bellarmine	W	13-6
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	9-6
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	0-2
Austin Peay*	W	5-2
Austin Peay*	L	1-3
David Lipscomb	L	5-7
Evansville	L	5-6
Murray St.	L	2-10
Murray St.	L	6-12
Vanderbilt	W	7-5
Vanderbilt	T	3-3
Southern Ill.	L	0-7
Trevecca Nazarene*	W	8-1
Eastern Ky.*	W	4-3
Eastern Ky.*	W	9-3
Murray St.	L	12-13

1978 (26-19-1)

Coach: Barry Shollenberger

Georgia Southern	W	8-3
Miami	L	2-3
Florida St.	L	4-13
Florida St.	L	3-16
Ohio U.*	W	13-11
Columbus U.	L	2-3
Iowa*	W	8-7
Iowa*	W	8-5
Grand Valley St.*	W	11-6
Grand Valley St.*	L	4-9
Eastern Ill*	W	11-8
Eastern Ill*	L	1-5
Eastern Ill*	L	4-10
Louisville	L	2-10
Louisville	W	15-10
Evansville*	W	5-0
Murray St.*	W	3-2
Murray St.*	W	4-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	12-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	14-0
Middle Tenn.	W	12-1
Middle Tenn.	W	6-5

Indiana-Purdue*	W	9-0
Campbellsville*	W	15-4
Middle Tenn.*	W	2-0
Middle Tenn.*	W	7-1
Tennessee St.*	W	16-4
Austin Peay	L	7-10
Austin Peay	W	7-3
David Lipscomb	L	8-9
Murray St.	L	2-6
Murray St.	W	7-4
Austin Peay*	L	0-2
Austin Peay*	T	2-2
Morehead St.	L	2-9
Morehead St.	L	10-14
Kentucky	W	4-2
David Lipscomb*	W	12-8
Southern III.*	L	6-7
Southern III.*	L	7-10
Trevecca Nazarene	L	0-5
Ky. Wesleyan	W	17-0
Ky. Wesleyan	W	10-0
East Tenn.#	W	8-4
East Tenn.#	L	2-3
East Tenn.#	L	5-7

#OVC Tourney, Bowling Green, Ky.

1979 (31-22-1)

Coach: Barry Shollenberger

Alabama	L	2-9
Alabama	W	10-1
Auburn	L	1-17
Columbus	W	6-1
Columbus	W	7-2
Ga. Southern	L	3-23
Jacksonville	W	13-5
Florida	L	2-3
Florida	L	3-4
Canisius	W	17-4
South Florida	L	1-4
Florida St.	L	4-14
Ferris St.*	W	9-1
Ferris St.*	W	6-1
Ferris St.*	W	7-3
Ferris St.*	W	4-3
Eastern III.*	W	4-0
Eastern III.*	W	7-1
Eastern III.*	W	9-4
Middle Tenn.	L	4-5
Middle Tenn.	L	1-7
Louisville*	W	6-2
Louisville*	L	1-2
David Lipscomb*	L	3-10
David Lipscomb*	L	6-10
Eastern Ky.*	W	3-0
Eastern Ky.*	L	3-4
Austin Peay	L	2-3
Murray St.*	W	1-0
Murray St.*	T	5-5
Middle Tenn.*	W	4-1
Middle Tenn.*	W	2-0
Louisville	W	4-2
Louisville	W	4-3
Tenn. Tech	W	11-1
Tenn. Tech	W	15-0
Northeastern III.*	W	12-0
Northeastern III.*	W	10-7
Northeastern III.*	W	13-3
Morehead St.	L	12-13
Morehead St.	L	7-11
Eastern Ky.	W	16-6
Eastern Ky.	W	12-1
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	6-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	L	2-7
Austin Peay*	W	7-1
Austin Peay*	L	3-4
Morehead St.*	W	6-4
Morehead St.*	L	4-7
Murray St.	L	4-10
Murray St.	L	2-3
Ky. Wesleyan	W	13-7
St. Joseph's (Ind.)	W	13-6
Kentucky*	L	1-2

1980 (47-13-1)

Coach: Joel Murrie

Evansville*	W	4-2
Evansville*	T	4-4
Ky. Wesleyan	W	12-1
Ky. Wesleyan	W	17-0

Valdosta St.	L	0-10
Valdosta St.	W	7-3
Florida	L	7-8
Florida	L	15-16
South Florida	W	5-2
Tampa	L	9-14
Ill. Benedictine	W	10-0
Valdosta St.	W	8-6
Columbus College	W	13-4
Columbus College	L	5-6
Troy St.	W	4-3
Indiana-Southeast*	W	14-5
Middle Tenn.	W	3-0
Middle Tenn.	W	5-1
Louisville*	W	8-3
Louisville*	W	3-2
Ky. Wesleyan	W	7-2
Ky. Wesleyan	W	4-0
McKendree*	W	1-0
McKendree*	W	18-4
McKendree*	W	3-1
Eastern Ky.*	W	4-1
Eastern Ky.*	W	20-0
Austin Peay	W	5-4
Austin Peay	W	9-8
Quincy (Ill.)*	W	14-4
Quincy (Ill.)*	W	6-1
Thomas More*	W	20-3
Thomas More*	W	7-1
Murray St.*	L	0-5
Murray St.*	L	6-8
Middle Tenn.*	W	6-1
Middle Tenn.*	W	5-2
Tenn. Tech	W	9-3
Tenn. Tech	W	7-3
Morehead St.	W	20-4
Morehead St.	W	14-11
Eastern Ky.	W	6-5
Eastern Ky.	W	12-8
Kentucky	L	0-3
Kentucky	L	5-6
Austin Peay*	W	5-3
Austin Peay*	W	16-1
Morehead St.*	W	9-2
Morehead St.*	L	4-9
Kentucky*	W	10-6
Middle Tenn.*#	L	5-8
Morehead St.*#	W	1-0
Middle Tenn.*#	W	8-2
Murray St.*#	W	10-5
Murray St.*#	W	11-8
Campbellsville*	W	12-11
David Lipscomb	W	10-7
Vanderbilt##	W	15-4
Florida St.##	L	7-19
New Orleans##	W	4-3
Florida St.##	L	5-10

#OVC Tourney, Bowling Green, Ky.

##NCAA South Region Tourney,

Tallahassee, Fla.

1981 (41-18)

Coach: Joel Murrie

Ala. in Birmingham	L	1-5
Albion	W	17-0
North Alabama	W	14-1
North Alabama	W	4-2
Marietta	L	6-9
Olivet	W	2-1
Missouri	W	5-4
Butler	W	7-2
Valparaiso	W	6-0
Troy St.	L	5-10
Alabama	L	8-13
Alabama	L	1-2
Ind. St.-Evansville	W	7-4
Ind. St.-Evansville	L	7-8
Wayne St.*	W	15-8
Wayne St.*	W	11-3
Wayne St.*	W	19-2
Wayne St.*	W	8-3
Iowa	W	9-1
Murray St.	W	13-11
David Lipscomb	L	0-4
Kentucky	L	3-8
Aurora*	W	8-5
Aurora*	W	7-0
Aurora*	W	10-0
Aurora*	W	12-1
Austin Peay*	L	1-9
Louisville*	W	5-2
Louisville*	W	5-2
Tenn. St.*	L	2-10
Akron*	W	3-2
Akron*	W	13-2
Alabama*	W	10-8
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	7-3
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	9-0
Indiana-Southeast	W	14-10
Indiana-Southeast	L	2-6
Eastern Ky.	W	3-1
Eastern Ky.	W	18-6
Morehead St.	W	20-10
Evansville*	W	7-2
Evansville*	W	10-0
Louisville	W	11-3
Louisville	L	8-11
Eastern Ky.*	L	0-4
Eastern Ky.*	W	11-6
Morehead St.*	W	5-0
Morehead St.*	W	7-3
Kentucky*	L	4-6
Kentucky*	L	1-7
Akron	L	4-5
Akron	W	7-6
Morehead St.	L	6-17
Ky. Wesleyan	W	15-5
Ky. Wesleyan	W	14-2
Austin Peay*#	L	9-12
Eastern Ky.*#	L	8-11
Campbellsville	W	11-4
Alabama	L	1-9

#OVC Tourney, Bowling Green, Ky.

Western and the OVC

Ohio Valley Conference. . . .

Championships

1952

1953

1980

Coach-of-the-Year

1978 — Barry Shollenberger

1981 — Joel Murrie (North Division)

Player-of-the-Year

1978 — Jim Atkinson, OF

1980 — Mike Murray, SS

1981 — Mike Williams, 1B

1982 (37-10)
Coach: Joel Murrie

Georgia Tech	L	5-8
Georgia Tech	W	6-3
Alabama	W	9-4
Alabama	W	5-2
St. Xavier (Ill.)*	W	3-0
St. Xavier (Ill.)*	W	6-1
St. Xavier (Ill.)*	L	6-9
Indiana*	W	9-1
Indiana-Southeast*	W	10-0
Indiana-Southeast*	W	7-0
Cleveland St.*	W	2-0
Indiana St.*	L	4-8
Indiana St.*	W	7-6
Ind. St.-Evansville*	W	11-3
Ind. St.-Evansville*	W	12-3
Evansville	L	5-6
Evansville	W	9-1
Aurora College*	W	12-0
Aurora College*	W	16-4
Aurora College*	W	6-3
Aurora College*	W	16-2
Grand Valley St.*	L	7-8
Louisville	W	12-2
Louisville	W	9-7
Austin Peay*	W	6-5
Austin Peay*	W	4-3
Tenn. Tech	W	19-0
Tenn. Tech	W	9-4
Middle Tenn.	W	5-2
Middle Tenn.	L	1-5
Tenn. Tech*	W	3-0
Tenn. Tech*	L	4-5

Ky. Wesleyan	W	7-3
Ky. Wesleyan	W	20-0
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	13-2
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	3-2
Murray St.	W	9-5
Murray St.	W	6-5
Middle Tenn.*	L	0-3
Middle Tenn.*	W	5-4
Austin Peay	W	7-0
Austin Peay	W	2-1
Tenn. St.*	W	16-3
Morehead St.*#	L	5-6
Eastern Ky.*#	W	6-3
Morehead St.*#	W	9-4
Middle Tenn.*#	L	6-9

#OVC Tourney, Bowling Green, Ky.

Middle Tenn.	W	11-8
Huntington Coll.*	W	13-8
Illinois St.*	L	6-8
Huntington Coll.*	W	17-9
Huntington Coll.*	W	15-10
Vanderbilt*	L	2-3
Ferris St.*	L	4-11
Ferris St.*	L	8-9
South Alabama*	L	1-7
South Alabama*	W	12-10
South Alabama*	L	4-14
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	7-0#
Ky. Wesleyan*	W	7-0#
Tennessee St.	W	5-4
Austin Peay*	L	4-5
Indiana St.	W	9-8
Indiana St.	L	1-4
Ala. in Birmingham	L	5-11
Ala. in Birmingham	W	9-2
Ala. in Birmingham	W	9-7
Austin Peay	W	21-15
Vanderbilt	W	8-1
South Alabama	L	6-7
South Alabama	L	2-8
South Alabama	L	5-7
Campbellsville*	W	5-4
Ala. in Birmingham*	L	7-9
Ala. in Birmingham*	W	10-7
Tennessee St.*	W	14-5
South Fla.*	L	3-5
South Fla.*	W	5-0
Louisville	W	10-9
Louisville	W	5-3

#Forfeit

1983 (26-22)
Coach: Joel Murrie

Ball St.*	L	5-6
Ball St.*	W	9-4
Middle Tenn.*	W	4-3
Georgia St.	L	5-10
Central Fla.	W	8-2
Central Fla.	L	0-1
Central Fla.	W	5-3
Central Fla.	L	10-11
Temple	L	7-12
Temple	W	6-5
South Fla.	W	5-2
South Fla.	L	2-3
South Fla.	L	7-11
Bellarmine*	W	6-5
Bellarmine*	L	0-5

The SBC Tournament

The Sun Belt Conference will hold its seventh annual baseball tournament May 11-13, at the home of the West Division winner.

The tournament will feature the top two finishers in each division in a double-elimination event. The first day of competition will consist of two games, the second three and, if necessary, a third day of two games.

The winner of this year's tournament, as in the last two seasons, will receive an automatic bid to play in the NCAA playoffs. Any other Sun Belt teams would have to enter the NCAA tournament through at-large invitations, which will be extended by the NCAA Baseball Committee in May.

In case of a tie in the regular season standings, a tie-breaker procedure, which was approved by the conference nearly two years ago, will be used, eliminating the necessity of a pre-tournament playoff.

Head-to-head competition will be used to determine which team finishes higher in the standings in the case of a tie.

If head-to-head competition fails to resolve the issue, the records of the teams involved against the next best team in the division shall be used. If this method does not resolve the tie, the same procedure will be used against the next best in the division. If all tie-breaking procedures fail, then the flip of a coin will be used to determine the tournament team. Because rainouts may prevent some games from being played, all finishes will be figured on a percentage basis.

East Division Winner


The Sun Belt Conference



Using the identical formula that has pushed its basketball to the top echelons of the NCAA play, the Sun Belt Conference has created one of the nation's premier baseball conferences in just six short seasons of competition.

With its magic cities, top "name" coaches, outstanding athletic facilities, quality educational programs and an ideal climate for play, the Sun Belt has attracted talented athletes who have built championship caliber teams at the conference's member schools.

The emergence of baseball as a premier sport in the Sun Belt has resulted in the attraction of national rankings and television coverage for league teams, as well as increased fan support. And the conference can boast of superb baseball stadiums, which are among the finest collegiate baseball facilities in the nation.

Last spring, two new baseball powers — Old Dominion and Western Kentucky — were added to the Sun Belt lineup, bringing even greater balance into the league chase for the automatic NCAA Tournament berth that goes to the conference champion.

This season, the Sun Belt will feature divisional play for the third consecutive year. The West Division is comprised of perennial national power South Alabama; UAB, a school with a promising baseball program; Western Kentucky, long a force to be reckoned with in the Ohio Valley Conference before joining the Sun Belt ranks prior to last season; and South Florida, which won the Sun Belt title to advance to NCAA playoff competition two years ago.

The East Division consists of Jacksonville, always one of the toughest teams in Florida and the Southeast; Old Dominion, a major power for six years in the ECAC South before joining the Sun Belt last year; and UNC Charlotte and Virginia Commonwealth, two young programs which are building toward prominence.

The ability of Sun Belt Conference schools to attract nationally prominent coaches has added to the rapid growth of its collegiate baseball.

Pitching great Robin Roberts, a former Philadelphia Phillies "Whiz Kid" and a major league Hall-of-Famer, has been at South Florida for seven seasons, building the Bulls into a regional contender. Former major leaguer Tommy Bradley has transformed Jacksonville into one of the top teams in talent-rich Florida, and he has led the Dolphins to Top Twenty status in each of the past two seasons. Mark Newman, one of a new breed of young coaches, has established one of the East's top programs at Old Dominion.

At South Alabama, former Jaguar baseball star Steve Kittrell has replaced coaching legend Eddie Stanky, who led the school to national prominence in his 14-year career in Mobile. UAB's Harry "The Hat" Walker, who spent 42 years in professional baseball as a player, coach, and manager, continues to build a winner in his sixth season at the Birmingham school. UNC Charlotte's Gary Robinson, a former collegiate All-America selection, has led his 49ers to respectability by turning around a struggling program in just two seasons. Virginia Commonwealth's Tony Guzzo is quietly building the same kind of solid program he engineered in four seasons at North Carolina Wesleyan, where he took his teams to two NAIA World Series.

And, Western Kentucky's Joel Murrie, who at the age of 30 has already won 150 games as a collegiate coach, has continued a tradition of excellence with the Hilltopper baseball program.

Commissioner Vic Bubas has guided Sun Belt baseball to its present lofty position, just as he has done for the conference's basketball programs since the founding of the league in 1976. Bubas secured the automatic bid to the NCAA playoffs three years ago, and he provided the leadership to establish regular season play in the Sun Belt. Five Sun Belt teams have participated in post-season play during the last seven years. South Alabama, South Florida, Western Kentucky, Old Dominion and Jacksonville have all taken part in championship competition.

The construction of new training and playing facilities at UNC Charlotte, UAB and Old Dominion have made baseball stadiums in the Sun Belt second to none nationally. South Alabama's Stanky Field has gained the reputation as one of the finest collegiate complexes in the country, while South Florida and Jacksonville both have parks with lights provided by the New York Yankees organization. Western Kentucky plays in the tradition-rich Nick Denes Field in Bowling Green, and Virginia Commonwealth has played its games in recent seasons at Richmond's Parker Field, one of the top Class AAA parks in the nation and home of the Richmond Braves.

All of this, in addition to the outstanding educational opportunities and ideal Sun Belt weather, has brought top athletes to the league's baseball programs. With Sun Belt baseball gaining more and more prominence, and conference teams in other sports emerging as national powers, the league continues to have a dramatic impact on intercollegiate athletics. The eight member institutions average over 14,000 in student enrollment, providing increasing alumni support each year. And the unparalleled growth of the Southeastern region will continue to make the Sun Belt Conference one of the most prosperous and dynamic collegiate conferences in the nation.

1983 Final SBC Standings

West Division

	Conference		Overall	
1. South Alabama*	12- 5	(.706)	40-26	(.606)
2. Alabama in Birmingham	11- 6	(.647)	29-18	(.617)
3. Western Kentucky	6-11	(.375)	26-22	(.542)
4. South Florida	4-12	(.250)	19-34	(.358)

*Conference champion by virtue of tournament play

East Division

	Conference		Overall	
1. Old Dominion	12- 3	(.800)	41-11	(.788)
2. Jacksonville	11- 6	(.647)	38-19	(.677)
3. UNC Charlotte	9- 7	(.563)	21-18	(.538)
4. Virginia Commonwealth	0-16	(.000)	13-32	(.289)

1983 SBC Statistical Leaders

Batting

	AB	Hits	Avg
1. Hector Villanueva, UAB	103	49	.476
2. Ralph Antone, WKU	142	62	.437
3. Terry Bell, ODU	164	66	.400
4. Randy Riley, JU	204	81	.397
5. Barry Shifflett, UNCC	126	50	.397

Pitching

	W-L	IP	R-ER	ERA
1. Eddie Jent, WKU	5-1	22.2	15- 5	1.98
2. Eddie Bean, UNCC	4-5	67.2	45-23	3.06
3. John Duffy, USA	11-5	86.1	50-30	3.13
4. Mark Metz, ODU	8-1	70.2	36-27	3.46
5. Alan Nixon, ODU	3-0	36.0	19-14	3.50

Home Runs

1. Jeff DePiano, JU	19	6. Ralph Antone, WKU	13
Randy Riley, JU	19	Ralph Codinach, USA	13
3. Mike Stotka, JU	16	8. Kelly Kulina, JU	12
4. Jim Filotei, USA	15	Trip Mischel, JU	12
5. Mike Mosley, JU	14		

RBIs

1. Randy Riley, JU	77	7. Rob Gilland, ODU	56
2. Jeff DePiano, JU	74	Ralph Codinach, USA	56
3. Nick Boothe, ODU	68	Jim Filotei, USA	56
4. Terry Bell, ODU	63	10. Hector Villanueva, UAB	53
5. Mike Stotka, JU	59	11. Ralph Antone, WKU	52
6. Mike Mosley, JU	56		

Triples

1. Tim Evans, UAB	8	7. Bob Slover, JU	5
2. Rob Gilland, ODU	7	8. Brian Day, WKU	4
3. Ralph Codinach, USA	6	Joe Millis, ODU	4
Dennis Johnston, USA	6	John Nowell, VCU	4
Jim Lloyd, USA	6		
Vince Pierce, USA	6		

Doubles

1. Jeff DePiano, JU	21
2. Trip Mischel, JU	18
3. Joe Garafola, WKU	17
Brian Mackin, UAB	17
5. Joe Millis, ODU	15

Stolen Bases

1. Darren Strickland, JU	48	6. Terry Summerfield, VCU	20
2. Kevin Ayers, UNCC	34	7. Dennis Johnston, USA	19
3. Joe Millis, ODU	26	8. Tim Fahrney, VCU	17
4. Bob Slover, JU	24	9. Mark DeRuzzo, WKU	15
5. Rodney Wright, VCU	21	10. Jim Filotei, USA	14

Team Batting			
	Ab	Hits	Avg
1. Old Dominion	1621	575	.355
2. Jacksonville	1933	660	.341
3. Alabama in Birmingham	1541	524	.340
4. Western Kentucky	1460	440	.301
5. South Alabama	1986	593	.299
6. UNC Charlotte	1209	361	.299
7. South Florida	1636	468	.286
8. Virginia Commonwealth	1373	364	.265

Team Pitching				
	IP	Runs	ER	ERA
1. Old Dominion	399.0	250	184	4.16
2. South Alabama	509.1	379	278	4.91
3. UNC Charlotte	306.2	240	174	5.11
4. South Florida	410.0	323	246	5.40
5. Alabama in Birmingham	366.2	309	220	5.40
6. Western Kentucky	350.0	300	218	5.61
7. Jacksonville	458.0	374	296	5.82
8. Virginia Commonwealth	347.0	350	254	6.59

1983 SBC All-Conference Team

West Division		East Division	
First Base	Brian Mackin, UAB Jim Filotei, South Alabama		Randy Riley, Jacksonville
Second Base	Mike Goff, UAB		Charles Pittman, UNC Charlotte
Shortstop	Johnny Morgan, UAB		Tom Reichel, Old Dominion
Third Base	Ralph Codinach, South Alabama		Barry Shifflet, UNC Charlotte
Right Field	Larry Johnson, UAB		James Dickerson, UNC Charlotte
Center Field	Jeff Bassett, South Florida		Joe Millis, Old Dominion
Left Field	Bobbie Jones, UAB Dennis Johnston, South Alabama		Jeff DePiano, Jacksonville
Catcher	Jon Cook, South Florida		Terry Bell, Old Dominion
Pitcher (Right)	Steve Oliverio, South Alabama		Alvin (Tommy) West, Old Dominion
Pitcher (Left)	Mike Spearneck, Western Kentucky		Dave Fitzgerald, Virginia Commonwealth
Designated Hitter	Ralph Antone, Western Kentucky		Lou Berge, Old Dominion
Most Valuable Player:	Dennis Johnston, South Alabama		
Coch-of-the-Year:	Eddie Stanky, South Alabama		

Future Football Schedules

Tentative

1984		1985	
Sept. 8	Appalachian State	Sept. 7	Tennessee State
15	at Akron	14	at Appalachian State
22	Central Florida	21	at Louisville
29	at Southeastern Louisiana	28	at Southwest Missouri
Oct. 6	at Louisville	Oct. 5	Akron
13	Southwest Missouri	12	at Central Florida
20	Eastern Kentucky	19	open date
27	at Morehead State	26	at Eastern Kentucky
Nov. 3	Middle Tennessee	Nov. 2	Morehead State
10	at Eastern Illinois	9	at Middle Tennessee
17	at Murray State	16	Eastern Illinois
		23	Murray State

Home games in boldface type

1984 Hilltopper Schedule

Date	Day	Opponent	Site/Time (Central)	The Series
Feb. 25	Sat	Ind-Purdue @ Indianapolis (dh)	Denes Field/noon	WK 2- 0-0
26	Sun	Ind-Purdue @ Indianapolis	Denes Field/1 pm	
Mar 2	Fri	at Troy State	Troy, Ala/1:30 pm	1- 1-0
3	Sat	at Troy State	Troy, Ala/1:30 pm	
5	Mon	Villanova	Orlando, Fla/11:30 am	0- 0-0
6	Tue	St. Joseph's (Pa)	Orlando, Fla/9 am	0- 0-0
6	Tue	at Rollins	Winter Park, Fla/2:30 pm	0- 0-0
7	Wed	La Salle	Orlando, Fla/11:30 am	0- 0-0
8	Thu	at Central Florida	Orlando, Fla/2:30 pm	2- 2-0
9	Fri	at South Florida*	Tampa, Fla/6 pm	SF 4- 3-0
10	Sat	at South Florida*	Tampa, Fla/6 pm	
11	Sun	at South Florida*	Tampa, Fla/noon	
13	Tue	at Bellarmine (dh)	Louisville, Ky/noon	WK 22- 8-0
14	Wed	Middle Tennessee	Denes Field/2 pm	WK 74-60-2
16	Fri	Illinois State	Denes Field/noon	IS 1- 0-0
16	Fri	Xavier	Denes Field/3 pm	0- 0-0
17	Sat	Illinois State	Denes Field/noon	
17	Sat	Xavier	Denes Field/3 pm	
18	Sun	Illinois State (dh)	Denes Field/1 pm	
20	Tue	at Campbellsville	Campbellsville, Ky/2 pm	WK 28- 4-0
24	Sat	at South Alabama (dh)*	Mobile, Ala/5 pm	SA 5- 1-0
25	Sun	at South Alabama*	Mobile, Ala/1 pm	
27	Tue	Vanderbilt	Denes Field/2:30 pm	VU 28-15-2
28	Wed	at Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn/2:30 pm	WK 58-37-1
31	Sat	Eastern Kentucky (dh)	Denes Field/1 pm	WK 47-40-2
Apr 2	Mon	Indiana State (dh)	Denes Field/1 pm	2- 2-0
3	Tue	Austin Peay	Denes Field/2:30 pm	
4	Wed	Louisville (dh)	Denes Field/1 pm	WK 43-34-0
5	Thu	Evansville (dh)	Denes Field/1 pm	WK 21-14-2
7	Sat	at Alabama in Birmingham (dh)*	Birmingham, Ala/1 pm	3- 3-0
8	Sun	at Alabama in Birmingham*	Birmingham, Ala/1 pm	
9	Mon	at Samford	Birmingham, Ala/1 pm	0- 0-0
10	Tue	at Louisville (dh)	Louisville, Ky/5 pm	
12	Thu	Tennessee State	Denes Field/2:30 pm	WK 4- 1-0
14	Sat	South Alabama (dh)*	Denes Field/1 pm	
15	Sun	South Alabama*	Denes Field/2 pm	
17	Tue	Cumberland (Tenn) (dh)	Denes Field/1 pm	WK 3- 2-1
18	Wed	at Tennessee State	Nashville, Tenn/2:30 pm	
21	Sat	Alabama in Birmingham (dh)*	Denes Field/1 pm	
22	Sun	Alabama in Birmingham*	Denes Field/2 pm	
25	Wed	at Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn/3 pm	
26	Thu	at Cumberland (Tenn) (dh)	Lebanon, Tenn/1 pm	
28	Sat	South Florida (dh)*	Denes Field/1 pm	
29	Sun	South Florida*	Denes Field/2 pm	
May 5	Sat	at Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Tenn/7 pm	
6	Sun	at Eastern Kentucky (dh)	Richmond, Ky/1 pm	
11-13	Fr-Su	Sun Belt Conference Tournament (at site of West Division champion; top two teams from each division)		
18	Fri	NCAA Tournament begins		

* Sun Belt Conference West Division game
 (DH) Doubleheader
 All times Central