

Western Kentucky University

TopSCHOLAR®

WKU Archives Records

WKU Archives

2023

UA19/16/2 Softball Press Releases

WKU Athletic Media Relations

Follow this and additional works at: https://digitalcommons.wku.edu/dlsc_ua_records



Part of the [African American Studies Commons](#), [Higher Education Administration Commons](#), [Journalism Studies Commons](#), [Mass Communication Commons](#), [Public Relations and Advertising Commons](#), [Race and Ethnicity Commons](#), [Sports Management Commons](#), [Sports Studies Commons](#), and the [Women's Studies Commons](#)

This News Article is brought to you for free and open access by TopSCHOLAR®. It has been accepted for inclusion in WKU Archives Records by an authorized administrator of TopSCHOLAR®. For more information, please contact topscholar@wku.edu.

DAVIS NAMED PRESEASON ALL-CONFERENCE; TOPS PICKED SECOND IN POLL

DALLAS, Texas -- Ahead of opening weekend for the 2023 campaign, Conference USA has announced Thursday its Preseason Coaches Poll, All-Conference team and superlatives. The Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in the 10-team league while Taylor Davis was all named to the Preseason All-Conference squad.

Davis completed the 2022 season with a .397/.447/.436 hitting line, with the .397 batting average marking the third-best season mark in program history. She was named C-USA Second Team All-Conference, All-Tournament Team, and NFCA Third Team All-Region following her senior campaign.

Voted by the league's head coaches, reigning C-USA Tournament champion North Texas was predicted to finish ahead of the Hilltoppers while Charlotte, LA Tech, and a tie at fifth with Florida Atlantic and UAB rounded out the top five. UTSA, FIU, Middle Tennessee, and UTEP were slotted in the bottom four.

Davis is one of five outfielders on the preseason team, marking her second nomination to the preseason list after garnering a spot on the 2022 team.

2023 C-USA Softball Preseason Poll

1. North Texas (9)
2. **WKU**
3. Charlotte (1)
4. LA Tech
- T5. Florida Atlantic
- T5. UAB
7. UTSA
- T8. FIU
- T8. Middle Tennessee
10. UTEP

2023 C-USA Softball Preseason Player of the Year

Bailey Vannoy, Charlotte

2023 C-USA Softball Preseason Pitcher of the Year

Ashley Peters, North Texas

2023 C-USA Softball Preseason All-Conference Team

Kalei Christensen, North Texas, Jr., C
Sierra Frazier, UAB, Sr., C
Ella Chancey, Charlotte, So., IF
Kailey Gamble, North Texas, Jr., IF
Amanda Gonzalez, LA Tech, Sr., IF
Kat Ibarra, UTSA, Jr., IF
Lindsey Smith, UAB, So., IF
Sara Berthiaume, Florida Atlantic, Sr., OF
Lexi Cobb, North Texas, Jr., OF
Taylor Davis, WKU, Gr., OF
Sierra Sacco, LA Tech, So., OF
Bailey Vannoy, Charlotte, Gr., OF
Marena Estell, UTSA, Gr., DP/UT
Lynn Gardner, Florida Atlantic, Gr., P
Ashley Peters, North Texas, Sr., P
Skylar Savage, North Texas, So., P

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS OPEN 2023 SEASON IN FLORIDA

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The 24th season of WKU Softball will open in Leesburg, Fla. this weekend where the Hilltoppers will play in the neutral-site tournament The Spring Games and take on Minnesota, Butler, and Michigan. The Hilltoppers are scheduled to play five games in total with two on Friday, doubleheader on Saturday, and one on Sunday.

This weekend's meetings will be the second and third times that the Tops have faced Big Ten opponent, Minnesota. The Gopher lead the all-time series 0-1. The Hilltoppers hold the all-time lead over Butler, 2-0 in the series, while the weekend's doubleheader with Michigan could tie the series as the Wolverines hold a 1-3 series edge over WKU.

“We’ve worked really hard since we got back in January”, head coach Amy Tudor said during her media availability on Tuesday. “We have a lot of returners as well as some new faces, we’re just excited to get the season started in sunny Florida. Our main goal is to build this team and build on our success for the future.”

WKU's roster features two fifth-year seniors, Taylor Davis and transfer Faith Hegh for the 2023 season. As well as four seniors: Katie Gardner, Brylee Hage, Taylor Sanders, and TJ Webster, who have all elected to return to The Hill with fifth-year eligibility. Additionally, the Hilltoppers see six returners from the C-USA Tournament Championship game, as well as adding six freshmen and Auburn transfer Kelsey Schmidt.

FloSoftball is the official streaming partner for The Spring Games. Additionally, live stats will be available for all games played at the Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex.

GAMES 1-5

WKU (0-0) vs. Minnesota (0-0)

Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex – Field 4 | Leesburg, Florida

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 | 10 a.m. CT

WKU vs. Butler

Field 4

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, Feb. 10, 2022 | 3 p.m. CT

WKU vs. Michigan

Field 1

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2022 | 10 a.m. CT

WKU vs. Michigan

Field 1

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2022 | 12:30 p.m. CT

WKU vs. Minnesota

Field 1

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2022 | 8 a.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball has faced off against Minnesota once in program history, with the series lead going to the Gophers. WKU owns the series against Butler, 2-0, while Michigan takes the upper edge all-time, 1-3, versus WKU.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season, with Minnesota and Michigan being the first two in 2023, both from the Big Ten.
- Head Coach Amy Tudor owns a 17-1 record in season-openers across her career. Tudor enters her 19th season as a head coach – tenth on The Hill – and owns a 489-377-2 career coaching record.
- WKU Softball is 15-8 in all-time season openers and 8-1 with head coach Amy Tudor at the helm.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

HILLTOPPER

S O F T B A L L

2023 GAME NOTES

Est. 2000 | 4 Conference Championships
718 Victories | 3 NCAA Regional Berths

SCHEDULE (0-0, 0-0 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)
FEBRUARY			
10	vs. Minnesota	Leesburg, Florida	10 a.m.
	vs. Butler	Leesburg, Florida	3 p.m.
11	vs. Michigan	Leesburg, Florida	10 a.m.
	vs. Michigan	Leesburg, Florida	12:30 p.m.
12	vs. Minnesota	Leesburg, Florida	8 a.m.
17	vs. Delaware	Columbia, S.C.	9 a.m.
	vs. East Tennessee	Columbia, S.C.	11:30 a.m.
18	vs. George Wash.	Columbia, S.C.	4:30 p.m.
19	vs. Campbell	Columbia, S.C.	11:30 a.m.
	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	2 p.m.
24	Central Michigan	WKU Softball Field	3 p.m.
	Illinois State	WKU Softball Field	5:30 p.m.
25	Central Michigan	WKU Softball Field	12:30 p.m.
	Jacksonville State	WKU Softball Field	3 p.m.
26	Illinois State	WKU Softball Field	12:30 p.m.
MARCH			
3	Akron	WKU Softball Field	3 p.m.
	Evansville	WKU Softball Field	5:30 p.m.
4	Akron	WKU Softball Field	12:30 p.m.
	Austin Peay	WKU Softball Field	3 p.m.
5	Evansville	WKU Softball Field	12:30 p.m.
8	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	4 p.m.
11	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	3 p.m.
12	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	12 p.m.
13	Indiana	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
17	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	7 p.m.
18	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	4 p.m.
19	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	1 p.m.
24	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
25	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
26	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
29	Belmont	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
31	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
APRIL			
1	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
2	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
6	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	6 p.m.
7	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	6 p.m.
8	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	1 p.m.
12	at Lipscomb	Nashville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
14	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6 p.m.
15	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	4 p.m.
16	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	12 p.m.
19	Louisville	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
21	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
22	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
23	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
24	Arkansas	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
28	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	4 p.m.
29	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	12 p.m.
30	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	11 a.m.
MAY			
5	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
5	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
7	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
8-13	C-USA Tournament	Ruston, La.	

FEB 10-12: THE SPRING GAMES

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

WKU vs. Minnesota | 10 a.m. CT
Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex
Leesburg, Florida



2022 Record: 27-26-1

Batting Avg: .282 Home Runs: 68
Hits: 400 ERA: 4.56
Runs: 290 Strikeouts: 300

All-Time Series: 0-1, Minnesota

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

WKU vs. Butler | 3 p.m.
Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex
Leesburg, Florida



2022 Record: 31-17

Batting Avg: .267 Home Runs: 27
Hits: 335 ERA: 2.53
Runs: 185 Strikeouts: 342

All-Time Series: 2-0, WKU

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

WKU vs. Michigan | 10 a.m./12:30 p.m.
Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex
Leesburg, Florida



2022 Record: 38-18

Batting Avg: .284 Home Runs: 36
Hits: 425 ERA: 2.14
Runs: 269 Strikeouts: 483

All-Time Series: 1-3, Michigan

SUNDAY, FEB. 12

WKU vs. Minnesota | 8 a.m.
Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex
Leesburg, Florida



HOW TO FOLLOW

STREAMING

Friday -
Saturday (DH) -
Sunday -



TOPPER NOTES

SEASON OPENERS

Head Coach Amy Tudor owns a 17-1 record in season-openers across her career. Coach Tudor enters her 19th season as a head coach – tenth on The Hill – this season with a career record of 489-377-2. WKU Softball is 15-8 in all-time season openers and 8-1 with Tudor at the helm.

CONFERENCE USA PRESEASON POLL

WKU Softball was predicted to finish second in Conference USA by league coaches. Individually, fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis has been named to the Preseason All-Conference Team.

AGAINST POWER 5 SQUADS

Last season, WKU faced four Power 5 squads for five games. The Tops took on [RV] Texas A&M (in College Station), paid a visit down to Oxford to Play Ole Miss twice, hosted No. 10 Arkansas and added in a late midweek match against No. 5 Alabama. WKU went 1-4 against Power 5 teams on the 2022 campaign. WKU is set to see six Power 5 opponents in 2023.

TOPPER NUMBERS

.303

WKU Softball collective team
batting average in 2022.

38

Home runs hit off the Hilltopper
bats in 2022.

3

C-USA All-Conference members
on the 2023 roster.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Primary Contact Cassie Buchholz
Assistant Director of Media Relations
Alma Mater Iowa ('20)
Email Address cassie.buchholz@wku.edu
Cell Phone 224-277-1478

WHERE TO FIND IT

Match up/Records/Topper Numbers	1
Quick Facts and Notes	2
Roster & Pronunciation Guide	3
HC Amy Tudor & Superlatives	4
RPI & The Last Time	5
Record When & C-USA Standings	6
Pitching Breakdown	7
Home Runs/Streaks/Multi-Hit/RBI Games	8
Walk-offs/Come-from-behind/Bat. Analysis	9
Starters	10
Line Scores	11-12
Season Stats	13-15
Athlete Bios	16
Headshot Roster	23

Livestats links can be found at WKUSports.com on the team's schedule and will be posted to WKU Softball's team social media accounts.

QUICK FACTS

Location.....Bowling Green, Ky.
 Nickname.....Hilltoppers
 Colors.....Red and White
 Founded.....1906
 Enrollment.....19,461
 NCAA Affiliation.....Division I
 Conference Affiliation.....Conference USA
 President.....Dr. Timothy C. Caboni
 Director of Athletics.....Todd Stewart

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year.....2000
 All-Time Record.....718-539-3 (.571)
 Conference Championships.....2 (2013, 15, 22)
 Tournament Championships.....2 (2015, 21)
 NCAA Tournaments.....3 (2013, 15, 21)
 NCAA Postseason Record.....5-6 (.455)
 Best Record (2013).....43-18 (.705)
 Best Win Percentage (2020).....20-5 (.800)
 Best in NCAA's (2015).....2-2 (.500)
 Drafted to NPF.....2 (last, Miranda Kramer)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Amy Tudor (Tenth season)
 Career Record.....489-377-2 (18 seasons)
 Record at WKU.....272-171-1 (9 seasons)
 Assistant Coach.....Kayla Bixel (Seventh)
 Assistant Coach.....Mario Hernandez (First)
 Athletic Trainer.....Emily Reed
 Strength and Conditioning.....John Stephanski

WKU SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Capacity.....500
 Surface.....Natural Grass
 Opened.....2000
 WKU Record.....322-186-1 (.633)
 Attendance Record.....1,512
 Record Info.....vs. Alabama, 4/27/22
 Record Result.....W, 3-1
 Winning Seasons.....15

2022 RECAP

Overall Record.....38-13 (.745)
 Conference USA Record.....17-7 (.708)
 Conference USA Finish.....1st (East)
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....11/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost.....2/1
 Incoming Freshmen (Pitchers).....6 (2)
 Incoming Transfers (Pitchers).....2 (0)

2023 C-USA PRESEASON COACHES POLL

TEAM	1ST VOTES	PRE. PICKS
1. North Texas	8	2
2. WKU	-	3
3. Charlotte	1	1
4. LA Tech	-	7
T5. Florida Atlantic	-	12
T5. UAB	-	4
7. UTSA	-	10
T8. FIU	-	8
T8. Middle Tennessee	-	6
10. UTEP	-	11

TOPPER NOTES

NEAR 500 CAREER WINS & 300 VICTORIES AT WKU

Most recently, head coach Amy Tudor collected her 450th career win in 2021 with the Hilltoppers' C-USA Tournament Championship win against UAB. After a 38-13 season in 2022, Tudor is 11 wins away from hitting the career 500-win mark. Tudor, a 2002 WKU graduate, is now in her 19th season as a head coach and 10th on The Hill. Prior to her return to WKU, Tudor coached at IPFW (2010-13), Belmont (2007-09), and Ohio Wesleyan (2005-06). With the Hilltoppers' tournament win over Saint Louis is Oxford, Miss., Tudor locked down her 250th win at WKU with 28 more W's to reach 300 at her alma mater. **MORE ABOUT COACH TUDOR ON P. 5.**

RANKED WINS AND RECORD CROWD

Across the 23-year history of WKU Softball, the program has picked up 25 wins over a ranked opponent with the two most recent victories coming over No. 7 Kentucky and No. 5 Alabama. Prior to the March 24, 2021 win in Bowling Green, WKU's previous win over a ranked squad was on March 26, 2019 against the No. 17 Wildcats in Lexington. The 2019 win at UK was the first time the Red and White took down a ranked Wildcat squad and the sixth time WKU claimed a win over a ranked team by at least three runs. Of the 25 wins over ranked opposition, 12 of those victories have come on the ranked team's home turf.

Western Kentucky's victory in Bowling Green over the No. 5 Alabama Crimson Tide was the highest ranked opponent win in program history, outranking the previous No. 7 spot by Kentucky. The 3-1 final was also capped by the largest home crowd at the WKU Softball Complex since its groundbreaking in 2000, with 1,512 fans packed into the 500-person capacity stadium and filling lines in the parking garage behind the outfield.

VICTORIES OVER BIG TEN SQUADS

Since 2000, WKU Softball has played nine different Big Ten squads, having seen all three, Minnesota, Michigan, and Indiana once before in program history. The Hilltoppers have gone 10-13 against Big Ten opposition. Under Coach Tudor's reign, the 2014-2023 squad have gone head to head with only two Big Ten programs (Nebraska and Michigan), putting together a 1-1 record in 2015. The Hilltoppers hold highest winning percentage against Indiana, a 3-1 series in favor of the Red and White, dating back to the last meetings from 2004-06.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Into the 2023 season, WKU softball sees eight new faces on the turf. The tops signed six freshmen: Anniston Bray, Luna Curran, Addy Edgmon, Kaytlan Kemp, Payton O'Connor, and Maddy Wood. Of the class, Bray and Kemp are Kentucky natives, Edgmon from just south in Tennessee, O'Connor is from Georgia, Wood is an Iowa native, and Curran is from Florida.

WKU also sought two transfers over the summer, fifth-year senior Faith Hegh hails from UAB and is pursuing a master's degree at WKU, while junior Kelsey Schmidt appeared in 80 games at Auburn and joins the Hilltoppers at first base.

BEYOND THE HILL PODCAST

Last season, graduated senior Bailey Curry appeared on WKU Athletics' Beyond the Hill podcast to discuss her strong start to the season, master's degree program, and much more. Check it out at WKUSports.com/Podcasts or search Beyond the Hill on Apple Music or Spotify. Starting pitcher Katie Gardner also recorded an episode in 2022 to discuss her jersey retirement at Warren East and journey to WKU. The Bowling Green native's chat with host Tyler Eaton can also be found online.

NFCA AND ALL-CONFERENCE RETURNERS

Even with the key loss in starting pitcher Shelby Nunn, WKU still returns NFCA third team All-Region and second team All-Conference nominees Taylor Davis and Taylor Sanders, while retaining second team All-Conference and All-Freshman team member Randi Drinnon behind the plate.

BY THE NUMBERS

Three current WKU players are in the top-five in career statistics before the upcoming 2023 season. Senior outfielder Brylee Hage holds a career .348 batting average which ranks third all-time, while senior third baseman Taylor Sanders owns a .402 on base percentage (fifth all-time), and is the program leader with a .637 career slugging clip. Fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis holds the most of active players in career records. Davis holds career on-base percentage (.405, fourth all-time), outfield fielding percentage (.988, third all-time), stolen bases (55, third all-time), and career batting average (.367, second all-time).

2023 WKU SOFTBALL PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF

2023 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NUM.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	B/T	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
1	KAYTLAN KEMP	UTL	FR.	5-3	L/R	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
3	TJ WEBSTER	IF	SR.	5-4	L/R	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
4	KASIA PARKS	OF	SO.	5-4	S/R	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
5	KATIE GARDNER	P	SR.	5-10	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Warren East HS
6	TAYLOR DAVIS	OF	5TH	5-7	L/L	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
7	RANDI DRINNON	C/IF	SO.	5-5	R/R	White Pine, Tenn.	Morristown Hambleton HS East
9	FAITH HEGH	UTL	5TH	5-9	L/L	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	UAB
11	BRYLEE HAGE	OF	SR.	5-3	L/L	Nicholasville, Ky.	East Jessamine HS
12	ABBY NEWMAN	IF	SO.	5-3	L/R	Owensboro, Ky.	Daviess County HS
15	TAYLOR SANDERS	IF	SR.	5-6	R/R	Shelbyville, Tenn.	Shelbyville Central HS
19	KELSIE HOUCHEMS	P	RS-SO.	5-6	R/R	Louisville, Ky.	Male HS
20	ADDY EDMON	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Dunlap, Tenn.	Sequatchie County HS
21	KENNEDY FOOTE	IF	JR.	5-7	R/R	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
22	JESSICA BUSH	C/OF	JR.	5-4	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lipscomb University
23	ANNISTON BRAY	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Richmond, Ky.	Model HS
24	PAYTON O'CONNOR	UTL	FR.	5-6	L/R	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
25	MADDY WOOD	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Corydon, Iowa	Wayne HS
26	LUNA CURRAN	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Wellington, Florida	Oxbridge Academy
28	KELSEY SCHMIDT	UTL	JR.	5-6	R/R	Maineville, Ohio	Auburn University

2023 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NUM.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	B/T	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
23	ANNISTON BRAY	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Richmond, Ky.	Model HS
22	JESSICA BUSH	C/OF	JR.	5-4	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lipscomb University
26	LUNA CURRAN	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Wellington, Fla.	Oxbridge Academy
6	TAYLOR DAVIS	OF	5TH	5-7	L/L	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
7	RANDI DRINNON	C/IF	SO.	5-5	R/R	White Pine, Tenn.	Morristown Hambleton HS East
20	ADDY EDMON	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Dunlap, Tenn.	Sequatchie County HS
21	KENNEDY FOOTE	IF	JR.	5-7	R/R	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
5	KATIE GARDNER	P	SR.	5-10	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Warren East HS
11	BRYLEE HAGE	OF	SR.	5-3	L/L	Nicholasville, Ky.	East Jessamine HS
9	FAITH HEGH	UTL	5TH	5-9	L/L	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	UAB
19	KELSIE HOUCHEMS	P	RS-SO.	5-6	R/R	Louisville, Ky.	Male HS
1	KAYTLAN KEMP	UTL	FR.	5-3	L/R	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
12	ABBY NEWMAN	IF	SO.	5-3	L/R	Owensboro, Ky.	Daviess County HS
24	PAYTON O'CONNOR	UTL	FR.	5-6	L/R	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
4	KASIA PARKS	OF	SO.	5-4	S/R	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
15	TAYLOR SANDERS	IF	SR.	5-6	R/R	Shelbyville, Tenn.	Shelbyville Central HS
28	KELSEY SCHMIDT	UTL	JR.	5-6	R/R	Maineville, Ohio	Auburn University
3	TJ WEBSTER	IF	SR.	5-4	L/R	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
25	MADDY WOOD	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Corydon, Iowa	Wayne HS

2021 COACHING STAFF

NAME	POSITION	EXPERIENCE	ALMA MATER	HOMETOWN
AMY TUDOR	Head Coach	Eighth Season	WKU (2002)	Petersburg, Tenn.
KAYLA BIXEL	Assistant Coach	Fifth Season	IPFW (2010)	Bremen, Ind.
MARIO HERNANDEZ	Assistant Coach	First Season	Walden Univ. (2021)	Chicago Heights, Ill.
MADDIE BOWLDS	Graduate Assistant	First Season	WKU (2021)	Utica, Ky.
SHELBY NUNN	Graduate Assistant	First Season	WKU (2020)	Bowling Green, Ky.

ELIGIBILITY NOTE

Players are listed as though eligibility progressed normally in 2020-21. Extra seasons of eligibility granted due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be noted when that extra season is utilized following a player's regular senior season. More information about eligibility is available in each player's bio.

RECORDS BY CLASS

FR.....0-0	Home.....0-0	C-USA.....0-0	Postseason.....0-0
SO.....38-13	Home.....23-2	C-USA.....17-8	Postseason.....3-2
JR.....70-28	Home.....40-6	C-USA.....29-14	Postseason.....8-5
SR.....90-33	Home.....51-8	C-USA.....31-14	Postseason.....8-5
5th.....137-46	Home.....70-11	C-USA.....48-20	Postseason.....8-6

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Freshmen.....	5
Sophomores.....	3
RS-Sophomores.....	1
Juniors.....	3
Seniors.....	4
Fifth Years.....	2

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Alabama.....	3
Florida.....	1
Georgia.....	1
Iowa.....	1
Kentucky.....	8
New Jersey.....	1
Tennessee.....	3

BREAKDOWN BY HANDEDNESS

HITTERS	PITCHERS
Righty.....	9
Lefty.....	8
Switch.....	1
Righty.....	4
Lefty.....	0

PHONETIC GUIDE

Addy EDMON.....	edge-MUN
Kennedy FOOTE.....	FOOT
Brylee HAGE.....	Hay-jh
Faith HEGH.....	HEGG
Kelsie HOUCHEMS.....	HOW-CHINS
KASIA Parks.....	KAY-shuh
Maddie BOWLDS.....	BOLDS
Amy TUDOR.....	TOO-DUR

GAMES STARTED STREAK & CAREER TOTALS

PLAYER	CONS.	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	CAREER
Davis	32		50	44	23	20	137
Webster	123		51	47	25	---	123
Hage	83		51	45	11	---	107
Sanders	16		50	30	21	---	101
Drinnon	51		51	---	---	---	51
Foote	1		23	15	---	---	38
Newman	0		23	---	---	---	23
Parks	0		6	---	---	---	6
Bush	0		1	3	---	---	4



AT THE HELM

Head Coach Amy Tudor // Tenth Season // Overall Coaching Record: 489-377-2 // AT WKU: 272-171-1



Amy Tudor File

- Tenth Season
- WKU 2002
- Petersburg, Tenn.

Tudor Coaching Highlights

CAREER

- 34 Division I All-Conference Selections
- Nine NFCA All-Region Honorees
- One Conference Pitcher/Player of the Years
- Six CoSIDA Academic All-District Selections
- One Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- 350 Career Wins/350 Division I Wins

WKU

- 14 All-Conference Selections
- EvenW NFCA All-Region Selections
- 2014 NCAA Individual Stolen Base Leader
- 2015 NCAA Individual Strikeouts Leader
- One CoSIDA Academic All-District Honoree
- 2015 Conference USA Coach of the Year
- 2015 Regional Coaching Staff of the Year

Tudor Year-by-Year

Year	Overall	Conf.	School
2005	22-14	11-3 (NCAC)	Ohio Wesleyan
2006	23-19	8-6 (NCAC)	Ohio Wesleyan
2007	11-38	5-13 (ASUN)	Belmont
2008	14-36	3-19 (ASUN)	Belmont
2009	11-35	3-17 (ASUN)	Belmont
2010	29-19	17-6 (Summit)	IPFW
2011	28-15-1	16-8 (Summit)	IPFW
2012	45-14	17-6 (Summit)	IPFW
2013	34-16	12-4 (Summit)	IPFW
2014	33-24-1	11-10 (SBC)	WKU
2015	36-14	16-4 (C-USA)	WKU
2016	17-30	8-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2017	31-31	10-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2018	28-26	10-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2019	37-13	18-6 (C-USA)	WKU
2020	20-5	3-0 (C-USA)	WKU
2021	32-15	10-6 (C-USA)	WKU
2022	38-13	17-7 (C-USA)	WKU
Total	489-377-2	195-155	18 Years
DI	444-389-2	176-146	16 Years
WKU	272-171-1	76-60	Nine Years

WKU All-Time vs. 2023 Opponents

Opponent	Record
Minnesota	0-1
Butler	2-0
Michigan	1-3
Delaware	0-0
East Tennessee	1-1
George Washington	0-0
Campbell	3-0
South Carolina	0-2
Central Michigan	1-0
Illinois State	6-6
Jacksonville State	3-2
Akron	3-2
Evansville	12-9-1
Austin Peay	23-6
Eastern Kentucky	13-12
Total	292-216-2

WKU SUPERLATIVE STATS

2023 WKU TEAM SUPERLATIVES			
STAT	AMOUNT	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats			
Runs Scored			
Hits			
RBI			
Doubles			
Triples			
Home Runs			
Walks			
Stolen Bases			
Assists			
DP Turned			
Innings Pitched			
Fewest Hits Allowed			
Fewest Runs Allowed			
Most Strikeouts			
Longest Game			
Shortest Game			

2023 WKU INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES				
STAT	AMOUNT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats				
Runs Scored				
Hits				
RBI				
Doubles				
Triples				
Home Runs				
Total Bases				
Walks				
Stolen Bases				
Putouts				
Assists				
Innings Pitched				
Fewest Hits Allowed				
Fewest Runs Allowed				
Most Strikeouts				

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

RPI STANDINGS

C-USA 2022 RPI RANKS		
RANK	TEAM	RESULT
35	CHARLOTTE	-
42	WKU	-
44	NORTH TEXAS	-
75	UAB	DNP
91	LA TECH	-
104	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	-
143	FIU	-
150	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	-
152	UTSA	-
192	UTEP	-

WKU OPPONENT 2022 RPI RANKS		
RANK	TEAM	RESULT
7	ARKANSAS	-
19	MICHIGAN	-
41	MINNESOTA	-
47	LOUISVILLE	-
56	SOUTH CAROLINA	-
62	MIAMI (OH)	-
74	CAMPBELL	-
77	INDIANA	-
82	DELAWARE	-
90	BELMONT	-
101	GEORGE WASHINGTON	-
115	BUTLER	-
126	AUSTIN PEAY	-
131	ILLINOIS STATE	-
136	JACKSONVILLE STATE	-
159	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	-
179	LIPSCOMB	-
184	AKRON	-
205	EVANSVILLE	-
248	EASTERN KENTUCKY	-
266	EAST TENNESSEE	-

THE LAST TIME WKU...

Defeated a top 10 team	vs. No. 5 Alabama, 4/27/22
Defeated a top 11-25 team	at No. 24 Charlotte, 3/13/22
Had a pitcher strikeout 15+	Kennedy Sullivan, 3/2/19 (17)
Had a pitcher strikeout 10-14	Shelby Nunn vs. UTEP, 3/8/22 (12)
Threw a perfect game	Miranda Kramer vs. Charlotte, 5/7/15
Threw a no-hitter (run-rule)	Kennedy Sullivan at Samford, 3/1/19
Threw a no-hitter (regulation/extras)	Kelsey Aikey vs. Sacred Heart, 2/15/18
Opponent threw no-hitter	vs. No. 23 Marshall, 5/11/17
Won a run-rule game	vs. Florida Atlantic, 5/12/22 (5)
Lost a run-rule game	at North Texas, 5/14/22 (5)
Played extra innings	at Charlotte 3/11/22 (9)
Won in extra innings	at Charlotte, 3/11/22 (9)
Lost in extra innings	at MTSU, 4/17/21 (9)
Scored 10-14 runs	vs. FAU, 5/12/22 (14)
Scored 15-18 runs	vs. Indiana State, 2/20/21 (15)
Scored 19+ runs	at Tennessee-Martin, 4/2/00 (19)
Allowed 10-14 runs	at Ole Miss 3/5/22 (10)
Allowed 15+ runs	at No. 23 FAU, 4/30/16 (16)
Batted around the order (10+ batters)	vs. FAU, 5/12/22 (10)
Batted through the order (9 batters)	vs. Marshall, 5/13/22
Had 10-14 hits	vs. FAU, 5/12/22 (13)
Had 15+ hits	vs. Charlotte, 3/11/22 (16)
Team hit 3+ home runs	vs. Marshall, 4/23/22 (4)
Back-to-back home runs	vs. FIU, 4/1/22 (Bowlds/Drinnon, 6thinn.)
Back-to-back-to-back home runs	vs. FIU, 4/1/22 (Sanders/Ridge/Curry, 3rd inn.)
Player with back-to-back home runs	Paige Carter, 5/1/21, 2 consec.
Had a player hit two HRs	Bailey Curry vs Marshall, 4/23/22
Had a player hit a grand slam	Taylor Sanders, FIU, 4/3/22
Team hit three doubles	vs. LA Tech, 5/13/22
Team hit four or more doubles	at UAB, 4/9/22 (4)
Team hit two triples	vs. Western Illinois, 2/16/19
Team hit three or more triples	vs. Dayton, 2/24/13 (5)
Team stole five or more bases	vs. Marshall, 5/13/22 (6)
Player with three RBI	Curry/Ridge vs. Marshall, 5/13/22
Player with four RBI	Taylor Sanders vs. FAU, 5/12/22
Player with five RBI	Paige Carter, UAB, 3/20/21
Player with six or more RBI	Taylor Sanders vs. Marshall, 4/24/22 (6)
Player with three hits	Davis/Hage vs. FAU, 5/12/22
Player with four hits	Taylor Sanders vs. Samford, 3/4/22
Player with five hits	Tommi Stowers vs. Evansville, 3/3/17
Player with two or more doubles	Jordan Ridge vs. LA Tech, 5/13/22 (2)
Player with two or more triples	Shawna Sadler vs. Dayton, 2/24/13 (2)
Player stole three or more bases	Brylee Hage vs. Marshall, 5/13/20 (4)
Player scored three or more runs	Bowlds/Ridge vs. FAU, 5/12/22
Hit a walk-off home run (reg./extras)	Maddie Bowlds vs. Marshall, 4/23/22
Hit a walk-off home run (run-rule)	Taylor Sanders vs. FIU, 4/3/22
Walked off a game	Maddie Bowlds vs. Marshall, 4/23/22
Swept a conference home series	vs. Middle Tennessee, 5/4-6/22
Swept a conference road series	at MTSU, 4/22-23/19
Was swept in a conference home series	vs. FAU, 3/18-19/17
Was swept in a conference road series	vs. LA Tech, 4/27-28/18

RECORD WHEN...

TEAM RECORD BY...

LOCATION

Overall	0-0
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Neutral.....	0-0
In Kentucky	0-0
In Tennessee	0-0
Other States.....	0-0

OPPONENT

Conference USA.....	0-0
Non-Conference	0-0
vs. Ranked Teams	0-0
vs. RV Teams	0-0

TIME

Day Games	0-0
Night Games (5 pm & later)	0-0

DAY

Midweek.....	0-0
Friday.....	0-0
Saturday.....	0-0
Sunday.....	0-0

MONTH

February.....	0-0
March.....	0-0
April.....	0-0
May.....	0-0

MISC.

1-Run Games.....	0-0
2-Run Games.....	0-0
Shortened Games	0-0
Extra Innings	0-0
Shutouts	0-0
Series Sweeps.....	0-0

STARTERS

WKU Throws RHP.....	0-0
WKU Throws LHP.....	N/A
Opp. Throws RHP.....	0-0
Opp. Throws LHP.....	0-0

RUNS

WKU Scores in 1st.....	0-0
Opp. Scores in 1st.....	0-0
WKU Scores 1st.....	0-0
Opp. Scores 1st.....	0-0

HITS

WKU Has More.....	0-0
Opp. Has More.....	0-0
Hits Are Even	0-0

ERRORS

WKU Commits 0.....	0-0
WKU Commits 1	0-0
WKU Commits 2+	0-0
Opp. Commits 0.....	0-0
Opp. Commits 1+	0-0
Opp. Commits 2+	0-0

HOMERUNS

WKU Hits 0	0-0
WKU Hits 1	0-0
WKU Hits 2+.....	0-0
Opp. Hits 0	0-0
Opp. Hits 1	0-0
Opp. Hits 2+.....	0-0

RECORD WHEN TEAM SCORES

RUNS	WKU	C-USA	OPPONENTS	C-USA
0				
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
10+				

WKU RECORD AFTER INNINGS

INNINGS	LEADING	TRAILING	TIED
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			

SCORE BY INNINGS

INNINGS	WKU	C-USA	OPPONENTS	C-USA
1				
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				
7				
8				
9				
EX				
Total				

2023 CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS

--	--	--	--	--

PITCHING BREAKDOWN

TEAM RESULT				
PITCHER	GS	RECORD	SAVES	TEAM W/L
Curran	0	0-0	0	0-0
Gardner	0	0-0	0	0-0
Houchens	0	0-0	0	0-0
Wood	0	0-0	0	0-0

CAREER 7+ STRIKEOUTS				
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	CAREER
Curran	-	-	-	-
Gardner	0	2	-	2
Houchens	0	0	-	0
Wood	-	-	-	-

CAREER 0-2 HIT GAMES (5+ IP)				
PLAYER	0	1	2	2023/TOTAL
Curran	-	-	-	-
Gardner	0	/1	/1	/2
Houchens	0	0	0	0/0
Wood	-	-	-	-

CAREER COMPLETE GAMES					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Curran	-	-	-	-	-
Gardner	2	2	5	-	9
Houchens	-	0	0	-	0
Wood	-	-	-	-	-

INHERITED RUNNERS/SCORED					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Curran	-	-	-	-	-
Gardner	0/0	10/3	7/3	-	17/6
Houchens	-	-	4/4	-	4/4
Wood	-	-	-	-	-

THREE-STRIKEOUT INNINGS				
DATE	OPP	TIMES	INNING(S)	PITCHER

PERFORMANCES

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	NP	SCORE	FINAL
Feb. 10	Minnesota										
Feb. 10	Butler										
Feb. 11	Michigan										
Feb. 11	Michigan										
Feb. 12	Minnesota										
Feb. 17	Delaware										
Feb. 17	East Tennessee										
Feb. 18	George Washington										
Feb. 19	Campbell										
Feb. 19	at South Carolina										
Feb. 24	Central Michigan										
Feb. 24	Illinois State										
Feb. 25	Central Michigan										
Feb. 25	Jacksonville State										
Feb. 26	Illinois State										
Mar. 3	Akron										
Mar. 3	Evansville										
Mar. 4	Akron										
Mar. 4	Austin Peay										
Mar. 5	Evansville										
Mar. 8	at Eastern Kentucky										
Mar. 11	Miami (OH)										
Mar. 11	Miami (OH)										
Mar. 12	Miami (OH)										
Mar. 13	Indiana										
Mar. 17	at UTEP*										
Mar. 18	at UTEP*										
Mar. 19	at UTEP*										
Mar. 24	North Texas*										
Mar. 25	North Texas*										
Mar. 26	North Texas*										
Mar. 29	Belmont										
Mar. 31	Charlotte*										
Apr. 1	Charlotte*										
Apr. 2	Charlotte*										
Apr. 6	at UTSA*										
Apr. 7	at UTSA*										
Apr. 8	at UTSA*										
Apr. 12	at Lipscomb										
Apr. 14	at MTSU*										
Apr. 15	at MTSU*										
Apr. 16	at MTSU*										
Apr. 19	Louisville										
Apr. 21	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 22	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 23	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 24	Arkansas										
Apr. 28	at FIU*										
Apr. 29	at FIU*										
Apr. 30	at FIU*										
May 5	LA Tech*										
May 6	LA Tech*										
May 7	LA Tech*										

* C-USA game ^ Complete game

SCORELESS INNING STREAKS						
PLAYER	LONGEST	2020	2021	2022	2023	CURRENT
Curran	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gardner	21.1	2.1	12.1	9.1	-	-
Houchens	6.0	-	-	6.0	-	-
Wood	-	-	-	-	-	-

2023 STATISTICS

NUM.	NAME	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	AVG.	WP	HBP	BK	SF	SH
5	Gardner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Curran	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19	Houchens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	Wood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

ANALYSIS STATS

SEASON/CAREER HITTING STAT TRACKER

CAREER MULTI-HIT GAMES 2023/CAREER					
PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	CAREER
Davis	/30	/8	/4	0	42
Hage	/19	/6	/1	0	26
Sanders	/14	/5	/1	0	20
Webster	/15	/4	/1	0	20
Drinnon	/5	/1	0	0	6
Foote	/4	0	0	0	4
Newman	/2	/1	0	0	3

CAREER MULTI-RBI GAMES 2023/CAREER					
PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	CAREER
Sanders	/9	/4	/5	/2	20
Hage	/7	/1	/1	0	9
Davis	/7	0	0	0	7
Foote	/3	0	/1	0	4
Webster	/3	0	0	0	3
Newman	/2	0	0	0	2
Drinnon	0	/2	0	0	2

CAREER HOMERUNS/GRAND SLAMS					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Sanders	3	8	11/1		22/1
Schmidt	-	2/0	2/0		4/0
Drinnon	-	-	3/0		3/0
Hegh	1/0	2/0	0		3/0
Foote	-	0	1/0		1/0
Hage	0	0	1/0		1/0

STREAK TRACKERS

CAREER HITTING STREAKS			
PLAYER	LONGEST	2023	CURRENT
Sanders	13		
Hage	12		
Davis	9		
Webster	9		
Drinnon	6		
Foote	5		
Newman	3		
Bush	1		
Parks	1		

REACHED BASE STREAK			
PLAYER	LONGEST	2023	CURRENT
Hage	23		
Sanders	20		
Davis	17		
Drinnon	10		
Webster	10		
Newman	7		
Foote	6		
Bush	1		
Parks	1		

PINCH HITTING PRODUCTION

PLAYER	GAME-DATE	OPPONENT	INNING/OUTS	SCORE	FINAL
--------	-----------	----------	-------------	-------	-------

BIG INNINGS AT THE PLATE

PLAYER	OPPONENT	INNINGS	RUNS	BATTERS	FINAL SCORE
--------	----------	---------	------	---------	-------------

HOME RUN TRACKER

NO.	PLAYER	GAME-DATE	OPPONENT	COUNT/OB	INNING/OUTS	SCORE	FINAL
-----	--------	-----------	----------	----------	-------------	-------	-------

ANALYSIS STATS

WALK-OFF TRACKER

NO.	BATTER	GAME/DATE	OPPONENT	COUNT/OB	INNING/OUTS	RESULT	SCORE	FINAL

COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN TRACKER

NO.	GAME/DATE	OPPONENT	DEFICIT	INNING	TYING HIT (score)	GO-AHEAD HIT (score)	FINAL

BATTING ANALYSIS

PLAYER	LEADOFF			BASES EMPTY			1-2 RUNNERS			BASES LOADED			RISP			2 OUTS			2-OUT RBI
	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	#
Bray																			
Bush																			
Curran	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0
Davis																			
Drinnon																			
Edgmon																			
Foote																			
Gardner	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0
Hage																			
Hegh																			
Houchens	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0
Kemp																			
Newman																			
O'Connor																			
Parks																			
Sanders																			
Schmidt																			
Webster																			
Wood	0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0	0		0

2023 WKU INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

- BATING AVERAGE - Min. 8 AB _____
- SLUGGING PERCENTAGE - Min. 8 AB _____
- ON BASE PERCENTAGE - Min. 10 Plate Appearances _____
- RUNS SCORED _____
- HITS _____
- RUNS BATTED IN _____
- DOUBLES _____
- TRIPLES _____
- HOME RUNS _____
- TOTAL BASES _____
- WALKS _____
- HIT BY PITCH _____
- SACRIFICE HITS _____
- SACRIFICE FLIES _____
- STOLEN BASES _____

2023 STARTERS SUMMARY

PLAYER	POSITION											BATTING ORDER										
	GS	P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	FLEX	

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Date	Team	P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP	Record
Feb. 10	Minnesota											
Feb. 10	Butler											
Feb. 11	Michigan											
Feb. 11	Michigan											
Feb. 12	Minnesota											
Feb. 17	Delaware											
Feb. 17	East Tennessee											
Feb. 18	George Washington											
Feb. 19	Campbell											
Feb. 19	at South Carolina											
Feb. 24	vs. Central Michigan											
Feb. 24	vs. Illinois State											
Feb. 25	vs. Central Michigan											
Feb. 25	vs. Jacksonville State											
Feb. 26	vs. Illinois State											
Mar. 3	vs. Akron											
Mar. 3	vs. Evansville											
Mar. 4	vs. Akron											
Mar. 4	vs. Austin Peay											
Mar. 5	vs. Evansville											
Mar. 8	at Eastern Kentucky											
Mar. 11	vs. Miami (OH)											
Mar. 11	vs. Miami (OH)											
Mar. 12	vs. Miami (OH)											
Mar. 13	vs. Indiana											
Mar. 17	at UTEP											
Mar. 18	at UTEP											
Mar. 19	at UTEP											
Mar. 24	vs. North Texas											
Mar. 25	vs. North Texas											
Mar. 26	vs. North Texas											
Mar. 29	vs. Belmont											
Mar. 31	vs. Charlotte											
Apr. 1	vs. Charlotte											
Apr. 2	vs. Charlotte											
Apr. 6	at UTSA											
Apr. 7	at UTSA											
Apr. 8	at UTSA											
Apr. 12	at Lipscomb											
Apr. 14	at MTSU											
Apr. 15	at MTSU											
Apr. 16	at MTSU											
Apr. 19	vs. Louisville											
Apr. 21	vs. Florida Atlantic											
Apr. 22	vs. Florida Atlantic											
Apr. 23	vs. Florida Atlantic											
Apr. 24	vs. Arkansas											
Apr. 28	at FIU											
Apr. 29	at FIU											
Apr. 30	at FIU											
May 5	vs. LA Tech											
May 6	vs. LA Tech											
May 7	vs. LA Tech											

2023 WKU LINE SCORES



2023 WKU LINE SCORES

*2023 WKU **SEASON** STATS*

2023 WKU C-USA ONLY STATS

2023 WKU TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

1



KAYTLAN KEMP

- FRESHMAN
- UTILITY
- HENDERSONON, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE
		AT BATS	
		RUNS	
		HITS	
		DOUBLES	
		TRIPLES	
		HOME RUNS	
		RBI	
		WALKS/HBP	
		STOLEN BASES	

KEMP'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

3



TJ WEBSTER

- SENIOR
- INFIELD
- HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE
		AT BATS	MR, AT UAB (4-10-22)
		RUNS	MR, VS MARSHALL (4-24-22)
		HITS	AT UTC (2-14-20)
		DOUBLES	MR, AT UAB (4-10-22)
		TRIPLES	VS TENN TECH (4-28-21)
		HOME RUNS	-
		RBI	MR, VS MARSHALL (4-23-22)
		WALKS/HBP	MR, VS FAU (5-12-22)
		STOLEN BASES	MR, VS MARSHALL (4-24-22)

WEBSTER'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.317	25-25	60	15	19	1	0	0	4	20	.333	6	0	11	0	.379	0	4	9-10	28	45	6	.924
2021	.318	47-47	129	22	41	2	1	0	9	44	.349	9	2	12	0	.317	0	9	20-23	76	94	13	.929
2022	.276	51-51	156	29	43	2	0	0	9	45	.288	5	0	22	0	.298	0	6	20-21	74	119	9	.955
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.299	123-123	345	66	103	5	1	0	22	109	.319	20	2	45	0	.341	0	19	49-54	178	258	28	.940

4



KASIA PARKS

- SOPHOMORE
- OUTFIELD
- LEXINGTON, KY.
- BATS S / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE
3	VS UTA (2-11-22)	AT BATS	VS UTA (2-11-22)
1	MR, VS FAU (5-12-22)	RUNS	MR, VS FAU (5-12-22)
1	VS UTA (2-11-22)	HITS	VS UTA (2-11-22)
-	-	DOUBLES	-
-	-	TRIPLES	-
-	-	HOME RUNS	-
-	-	RBI	-
-	-	WALKS/HBP	-
1	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	STOLEN BASES	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)

PARKS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.059	33-6	17	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	.059	0	0	6	0	.059	0	0	5-5	6	0	3	.667
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.059	33-6	17	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	.059	0	0	6	0	.059	0	0	5-5	6	0	3	.667

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

5



KATIE GARDNER

- SENIOR
- PITCHER
- BOWLING GREEN, KY.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		IP	MR, VS LA TECH (5-13-22)	7
		FEWEST HITS (CG)	VS ALCORN ST (3-5-21)	1
		FEWEST ER	MR, VS FAU (5-12-22)	0
		STRIKEOUTS	AT FAU (3-26-22)	11

GARDNER'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2020	18.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	3	6	6	6	3	0	1	0	18	.273	1	1	0	0	0
2021	2.08	6-1	19	7	3	2/1	0	64.0	47	23	19	29	64	8	0	5	275	.198	8	5	0	1	3
2022	2.89	11-5	31	16	6	1/4	2	116.1	94	49	48	50	117	19	2	15	497	.221	8	10	0	3	9
2023	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	2.80	17-6	53	23	9	3/5	2	182.2	144	78	73	85	184	27	3	20	790	.214	17	16	0	4	12

6



TAYLOR DAVIS

- FIFTH-YEAR
- OUTFIELD
- HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS	MR, CLT (4-23-21)	4
		RUNS	MR, VS UTEP (3-20-22)	3
		HITS	MR, APSU (2-28-20)	4
		DOUBLES	MR, AT USM (4-29-22)	1
		TRIPLES	MR, AT CLT (3-12-22)	1
		HOME RUNS	-	-
		RBI	MR, VS FAU (5-12-22)	2
		WALKS/HBP	BALL ST (3-6-21)	2
		STOLEN BASES	VS COFC (2-7-20)	3

DAVIS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2019	.263	32-20	57	12	15	0	0	0	4	15	.263	4	0	1	0	.311	0	3	8-9	21	0	0	1.000
2020	.437	25-23	71	20	31	1	0	0	8	32	.451	4	0	7	0	.467	0	4	15-17	23	0	3	.885
2021	.336	46-44	125	20	42	0	1	0	6	49	.352	5	0	8	0	.359	1	7	12-13	54	2	0	1.000
2022	.397	51-50	156	42	62	4	1	0	19	67	.436	12	2	6	0	.447	0	11	20-25	62	1	1	.984
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.367	154-137	409	94	150	5	2	0	37	163	.389	25	2	22	0	.405	1	25	55-64	160	3	4	.976

7



RANDI DRINNON

- SOPHOMORE
- CATCHER/INFIELD
- WHITE PINE, TENN.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS	VS MARSHALL (5-13-22)	4
		RUNS	VS MARSHALL (4-23-22)	2
		HITS	AT CLT (3-13-22)	3
		DOUBLES	MR, VS MTSU (5-6-22)	1
		TRIPLES	AT UAB (4-9-22)	1
		HOME RUNS	MR, VS FIU (4-1-22)	1
		RBI	AT UAB (4-9-22)	3
		WALKS/HBP	MR, VS MARSHALL (4-23-22)	2
		STOLEN BASES	MR, VS FAU (5-12-22)	1

DRINNON' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.264	51-51	129	20	34	7	1	3	14	45	.403	21	0	18	0	.367	0	4	5-5	254	26	7	.976
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.264	51-51	129	20	34	7	1	3	14	45	.403	21	0	18	0	.367	0	4	5-5	254	26	7	.976

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

9



FAITH HEGG

- FIFTH-YEAR
- UTILITY
- EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ. | UAB
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS (WKU)		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS		
		RUNS		
		HITS		
		DOUBLES		
		TRIPLES		
		HOME RUNS		
		RBI		
		WALKS/HBP		
		STOLEN BASES		

HEGG'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2019*	.351	47-47	151	21	53	15	0	0	21	68	.450	14	2	7	0	.411	1	1	1-1	43	1	4	.917
2020*	.242	25-19	66	11	16	3	1	1	5	21	.364	7	0	4	0	.311	1	0	1-3	24	3	0	1.000
2021*	.319	49-46	138	30	44	12	1	2	20	61	.464	8	5	9	1	.373	2	0	6-7	69	2	2	.973
2022*	.318	48-48	151	26	48	11	3	0	18	62	.430	5	4	9	0	.356	0	0	3-5	62	1	2	.969
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.318	169-160	506	88	161	41	5	3	64	210	.437	34	11	29	1	.371	4	1	11-16	197	7	8	.962

*2019-22 seasons played at UAB

11



BRYLEE HAGE

- SENIOR
- OUTFIELD
- NICHOLASVILLE, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS	AT CLT (3-11-22)	5
		RUNS	VS UTEP (3-18-22)	3
		HITS	AT TENN. TECH (4-28-21)	4
		DOUBLES	VS ALCORN ST. (3-5-21)	2
		TRIPLES	VS MTSU (5-8-22)	1
		HOME RUNS	AT CLT (3-13-22)	1
		RBI	AT TENN. TECH (4-28-21)	4
		WALKS/HBP	VS MARSHALL (5-13-22)	2
		STOLEN BASES	VS MARSHALL (5-13-22)	4

HAGE'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.419	21-11	31	8	13	1	2	0	7	20	.581	4	1	4	0	.500	0	0	4-4	9	0	0	1.000
2021	.321	46-45	131	17	42	11	1	0	19	54	.420	7	0	13	1	.350	2	5	7-8	44	1	2	.957
2022	.365	51-51	160	37	57	12	4	1	19	74	.500	18	1	19	0	.420	2	0	17-18	49	2	2	.962
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.348	118-107	322	62	112	24	7	1	45	144	.475	29	2	36	1	.401	4	5	28-30	102	3	4	.963

12



ABBY NEWMAN

- SOPHOMORE
- INFIELD
- OWENSBORO, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS		
		RUNS	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	2
		HITS	AT CLT (3-11-22)	3
		DOUBLES	VS MTSU (5-8-22)	1
		TRIPLES	-	-
		HOME RUNS	-	-
		RBI	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	2
		WALKS/HBP	MR, VS MARSHALL (5-13-22)	1
		STOLEN BASES	MR, VS STL (3-6-22)	1

NEWMAN'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.246	32-23	61	10	15	1	0	0	9	16	.262	13	1	17	0	.387	0	0	2-2	19	4	2	.920
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.246	32-23	61	10	15	1	0	0	9	16	.262	13	1	17	0	.387	0	0	2-2	19	4	2	.920

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

15



TAYLOR SANDERS

- SENIOR
- INFIELD
- SHELBYVILLE, TENN.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
		AT BATS	MR, CLT (5-11-22)	4	
		RUNS	MR, MARSHALL (2-24-22)	3	
		HITS	VS SAMFORD (3-4-22)	4	
		DOUBLES	VS UAB (3-20-21)	3	
		TRIPLES	BELMONT (3-4-20)	1	
		HOME RUNS	MR, VS UTC (2-19-21)	2	
		RBI	AT MARSHALL (4-24-22)	6	
		WALKS/HBP	MR, VS UTEP (3-19-22)	2	
		STOLEN BASES	MR, AT MTSU (5-7-22)	1	

SANDERS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.267	23-21	45	12	12	2	1	3	9	25	.556	8	2	10	0	.400	0	1	3-3	9	32	3	.932
2021	.293	31-30	92	20	27	8	0	8	26	48	.641	7	4	13	0	.362	2	2	3-4	27	54	7	.920
2022	.347	50-50	144	35	50	12	0	11	54	73	.660	19	4	28	0	.427	4	2	5-6	38	105	6	.960
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.317	104-101	281	67	89	22	1	22	89	134	.637	34	10	51	0	.402	6	5	11-13	74	191	16	.943

19



KELSIE HOUCHENS

- REDSHIRT-SOPHOMORE
- PITCHER
- LOUISVILLE, KY.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
		IP	VS OHIO (2-27-22)	3	
		FEWEST HITS (CG)	-	-	
		FEWEST ER	MR, AT UAB (4-8-22)	0	
		STRIKEOUTS	VS ILL ST (2-26-22)	3	

HOUCHENS' CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2021	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	3.50	2-0	11	1	0	0/0	0	20.0	20	12	10	7	9	6	0	2	87	.260	1	2	0	1	0
2023	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	3.50	2-0	11	1	0	0/0	0	20.0	20	12	10	7	9	6	0	2	87	.260	1	2	0	1	0

20



ADDY EDGMON

- FRESHMAN
- OUTFIELD
- DUNLAP, TENN.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
		AT BATS			
		RUNS			
		HITS			
		DOUBLES			
		TRIPLES			
		HOME RUNS			
		RBI			
		WALKS/HBP			
		STOLEN BASES			

EDGMON'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

21



KENNEDY FOOTE

- JUNIOR
- INFIELD
- ALABASTER, ALA.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS	MR, AT USM (4-29-22)	4
		RUNS	VS BELLARMINE (2-19-22)	2
		HITS	MR, VS LA TECH (5-13-22)	2
		DOUBLES	AT UAB (4-10-22)	2
		TRIPLES	-	-
		HOME RUNS	VS LA TECH (5-13-22)	1
		RBI	AT UAB (4-10-22)	4
		WALKS/HBP	MR CLT (4-25-21)	2
		STOLEN BASES	-	-

FOOTE'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021	.171	24-15	41	4	7	2	0	0	4	9	.220	9	0	11	0	.320	0	2	0-0	12	16	3	.903
2022	.200	36-23	70	12	14	5	0	1	8	20	.314	5	1	14	0	.260	1	1	0-0	21	2	1	.958
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.189	60-38	111	16	21	7	0	1	12	29	.279	14	1	25	0	.283	1	3	0-0	33	18	4	.927

22



JESSICA BUSH

- JUNIOR
- CATCHER/OUTFIELD
- BOWLING GREEN, KY. | LIPSCOMB
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS	MR, AT CLT (3-12-22)	2
		RUNS	MR, AT UAB (4-10-22)	1
		HITS	MR, AT UAB (4-10-22)	1
		DOUBLES	-	-
		TRIPLES	-	-
		HOME RUNS	-	-
		RBI	-	-
		WALKS/HBP	MR, AT UAB (4-10-22)	1
		STOLEN BASES	-	-

BUSH'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021*	.000	5-3	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.111	0	0	0-0	14	1	1	.938
2022	.188	16-1	16	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	.188	2	0	5	0	.278	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.188	21-4	24	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	.188	3	0	8	0	.194	0	0	0-0	16	1	1	.969

*2021 season played at Lipscomb

23



ANNISTON BRAY

- FRESHMAN
- OUTFIELD
- RICHMOND, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS		
		RUNS		
		HITS		
		DOUBLES		
		TRIPLES		
		HOME RUNS		
		RBI		
		WALKS/HBP		
		STOLEN BASES		

BRAY'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

24



PAYTON O'CONNOR

- FRESHMAN
- UTILITY
- ACWORTH, GA.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE
		AT BATS	
		RUNS	
		HITS	
		DOUBLES	
		TRIPLES	
		HOME RUNS	
		RBI	
		WALKS/HBP	
		STOLEN BASES	

O'CONNOR'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

25



MADDY WOOD

- FRESHMAN
- PITCHER
- CORYDON, IOWA
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE
		IP	
		FEWEST HITS (CG)	
		FEWEST ER	
		STRIKEOUTS	

WOOD'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2023	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0

26



LUNA CURRAN

- FRESHMAN
- PITCHER
- WELLINGTON, FLA.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE
		IP	
		FEWEST HITS (CG)	
		FEWEST ER	
		STRIKEOUTS	

CURRAN'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2023	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	0.0	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

31



KELSEY SCHMIDT

- JUNIOR
- UTILITY
- MAINESVILLE, OHIO | AUBURN
- BATS R /THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS (WKU)		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS		
		RUNS		
		HITS		
		DOUBLES		
		TRIPLES		
		HOME RUNS		
		RBI		
		WALKS/HBP		
		STOLEN BASES		

SCHMIDT'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021*	.234	39-28	77	11	18	2	0	2	5	22	.338	4	0	12	0	.268	1	0	4-4	18	2	3	.870
2022*	.375	41-7	40	12	15	5	1	2	9	23	.700	5	0	5	0	.444	0	0	2-2	14	0	0	1.000
2023	.000	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.282	80-35	117	23	33	7	1	4	14	45	.462	9	0	17	0	.331	1	0	6-6	32	2	3	.919

*2021-22 seasons played at Auburn

TV/RADIO ROSTER



1 Kaytlan Kemp
Freshman | UTL | L/R
Lebabon, Ky.



3 TJ Webster
Senior | IF | L/R
Huntsville, Ala.



4 Kasia Parks
Sophomore | OF | S/R
Lexington, Ky.



5 Katie Gardner
Senior | P | R/R
Bowling Green, Ky.



6 Taylor Davis
Fifth-Year | OF | L/L
Huntsville, Ala.



7 Randi Drinnon
Sophomore | C/IF | R/R
White Pine, Tenn.



9 Faith Hegh
Fifth-Year | UTL | L/L
Egg Harbor Township, N.J. | UAB



11 Brylee Hage
Senior | OF | L/L
Nicholasville, Ky.



12 Abby Newman
Sophomore | IF | L/R
Owensboro, Ky.



15 Taylor Sanders
Senior | IF | R/R
Shelbyville, Tenn.



19 Kelsie Houchens
R-Sophomore | P | R/R
Louisville, Ky.



20 Addy Edgmon
Freshman | OF | L/L
Dunlap, Tenn.



21 Kennedy Foote
Junior | IF | R/R
Alabaster, Ala.



22 Jessica Bush
Junior | C/OF | R/R
Bowling Green, Ky. | Lipscomb



23 Anniston Bray
Freshman | OF | L/L
Richmond, Ky.



24 Payton O'Connor
Freshman | UTL | L/R
Acworth, Ga.



25 Maddy Wood
Freshman | P | R/R
Corydon, Iowa



26 Luna Curran
Freshman | P | R/R
Wellington, Fla.



28 Kelsey Schmidt
Junior | UTL | R/R
Maineville, Ohio | Auburn

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Feb. 10, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

WKU DROPS TO MINNESOTA; GAME HALTED AGAINST BUTLER ON OPENING DAY

LEESBURG, Fla. – WKU Softball dropped the first of two games on Opening Day 2023 to Minnesota, 10-2, but was encouraged from strong bats as senior outfielder Brylee Hage went three-for-three in the morning, and fifth-years Taylor Davis and Faith Hegh both knocked in RBI for the Tops. The evening game against Butler was in the top of the fourth inning before strong storms entered Leesburg and the game is currently halted and could potentially be played at a later time over the weekend. The Hilltoppers were up 5-0 with no outs in the inning.

GAME 1 – MINNESOTA 10, WKU 2

Katie Gardner opened up the defense in the circle on Opening Day, retiring three of four in the top of the first, before a Gopher triple in the second carried through momentum and Minnesota earned four on the board.

Now in to pitch, freshman right-hander Maddy Wood would go 1,2,3 on the scoresheet and earn her first career strikeout with the Gophers' Maddy Ehlike swinging and missing.

After Taylor Davis advanced to second on a Minnesota throwing error, right fielder Faith Hegh stepped into a double through the right side, scoring Davis and putting the Tops on the board in the bottom of the third.

The Gophers picked up another four runs in the top of four as redshirt-junior Kelsey Houchens came in for relief.

Shortstop TJ Webster got things rolling for WKU in the bottom of five, doubling into right-center field just before Brylee Hage's three-for-three day ended with a single down the left field line sent Webster to third. Davis would come up and groundout to the pitcher, not before Webster put on the gas and collect another run for the Red and White at home plate.

A back-to-back triple and double off Minnesota bats in the top of the sixth inning would collect two more runs and eventually end the game in the morning.

GAME 2 – WKU 5, BUTLER 0 (TOP 4TH INNING)

The Hilltoppers saw action on the bases as the Bulldogs walked the first two Tops at the top of the second inning. Junior first baseman Kelsey Schmidt would be waved home as freshman right fielder Addy Edgmon picked up her first career hit and RBI with a double down the left side.

In the Tops' next trip to the plate, Davis led off the frame with a single and stolen base before Schmidt and Taylor Sanders would hit back-to-back singles. Catcher Randi Drinnon got in at the plate, notching her own single towards second base and Edgmon earning her second hit of the day up the middle giving WKU the 4-0 lead.

Prior to the weather in the top of the fourth, TJ Webster turned on the speed and reached first

base on a bunt, later stealing second. Hage would come at bat, sending her home on a single into left field giving WKU the 5-0 edge.

Katie Gardner worked the game before the weather halted. She faced 12 batters, only giving up three hits with two strikeouts from the circle.

GAMES 3-5

WKU vs. Michigan (1)

Field 1

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2022 | 10 a.m. CT

WKU vs. Michigan (2)

Field 1

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Feb. 11, 2022 | 12:30 p.m. CT

WKU vs. Minnesota

Field 1

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2022 | 8 a.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball has faced off against Minnesota one other time in program history, with the series lead going to the Gophers, 0-2.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season, with Minnesota and Michigan being the first two in 2023, both from the Big Ten.
- Head Coach Amy Tudor owns a 17-2 record in season-openers across her career. Tudor enters her 19th season as a head coach – tenth on The Hill – and owns a 489-378-2 career coaching record.
- WKU Softball is 15-9 in all-time season openers and 8-2 with head coach Amy Tudor at the helm.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder [Taylor Davis](#) was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
 MINNESOTA vs Western Kentucky
 Feb 10, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla. (Field 4)

MINNESOTA 10 (1-0)

Western Kentucky 2 (0-1)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Sydney Strelow 2b	3	1	1	3	0	2	2	0	1
Natalie DenHartog cf	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0
Jess Oakland ss	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	2	0
Taylor Krapf c	4	2	3	2	0	0	7	0	3
Breezy Burnett pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nani Valencia rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kayla Chavez 3b	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
Maddy Ehlke dh	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Delanie Cox 1b	1	2	0	1	2	0	8	0	2
Amani Bradley lf	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Autumn Pease p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0
Sydney Schwartz p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	26	10	10	9	7	7	18	8	7

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	0
T. Davis lf	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Hegh rf/dh	3	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	1	0	1	0	7	1	0
Kasia Parks pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Bush dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Addy Edgmon rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2
Abby Newman 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TJ Webster ss	2	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	2	6	2	1	7	18	3	6

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
MINNESOTA	0	4	0	4	0	2	10	10	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	6	0

E - Strelow. LOB - MINNESOTA 7; WKU 6. 2B - Strelow; Krapf; Chavez; F. Hegh; R. Drinnon; T. Webster. 3B - Oakland; Krapf. HBP - Cox; A. Edgmon. SH - T. Davis. SF - Strelow. SB - Strelow; DenHartog 2; Cox; K. Parks. CS - Oakland.

MINNESOTA	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Autumn Pease	5.0	6	2	1	1	7	20	22
Sydney Schwartz	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Katie Gardner	1.2	3	4	4	4	3	6	12
Maddy Wood	1.2	4	4	4	1	2	9	10
Kelsie Houchens	2.2	3	2	2	2	2	11	13

Win - Pease (1-0). Loss - K. Gardner (0-1). Save - None.
 HBP - by K. Gardner (Cox); by Schwartz (A. Edgmon).

Umpires - HP: Dave Borges 1B: Joe Maestro 3B: Kristina Bates
 Start: 11:00am Time: 1:13 Attendance: 250
 Weather: 75 Degrees, sunny

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
TOPS RUN-RULE BUTLER; DROPS TWO TO MICHIGAN ON SATURDAY**

LEESBURG, Fla. – WKU Softball picked up where they left off Saturday morning, finishing two more innings against Butler from Friday afternoon, to run-rule them 10-0 in five full frames. Putting in a day's work, the Hilltoppers sought Michigan in a doubleheader, falling in both 5-2, with going to extra innings in the later game at the Sleepy Hollow Sports Complex.

Stepping up on the offense was center fielder Brylee Hage on the day. The Nicholasville, Kentucky native was 5-for-12 between all three games, picking up three RBI along the way. Junior Kelsey Schmidt came in along in the batter's box, scoring two runs while hitting three RBI as well. In the circle, Kelsie Houchens came in for relief for the final two innings in the Butler match up, while starting in the first game against the Wolverines, picking up two strikeouts along the way, while senior Katie Gardner pitched a complete nine-inning game against Michigan totaling four strikeouts and a walk.

GAME 1 – WKU 10, BUTLER 0 (RESUMED FROM TOP 4TH)

Resuming play with Brylee Hage on first base, fifth-year Faith Hegh would pick up an RBI, sending Hage home, with a double past the shortstop on the left side.

Continuing the big fourth inning for the Hilltoppers, Taylor Sanders would load the bases while garnering an RBI with a single to left field. Catcher Randi Drinnon would later get hit by the pitch, taking her base and moving everyone along for another run on the board.

After picking up her first collegiate career hit and RBI in the second, outfielder Addy Edgmon would pick up another RBI single, followed by a RBI single off the bat of Abby Newman in the top of four to close out the scoring for the Tops.

Houchens would retire the next six straight through her two innings in the circle, earning two strikeouts, while Katie Gardner earned the win.

GAME 2 – MICHIGAN 5, WKU 2

With Houchens in the circle, the Wolverines moved quickly, jumping on an RBI double and sacrifice fly to get a 2-0 lead in the first frame.

The next inning, Michigan would take advantage of the top of their line up and runners in scoring position to take two more off a triple into right-center. Freshman Luna Curran later came in for relief for Houchens in her first college appearance. The Florida native walked one, before Michigan's designated hitter popped a shallow ball into right field for WKU to head to the next inning.

Curran would have a strong inning in the bottom of four, starting off with a swinging strikeout at the plate, before earning a groundout, giving up a hit, and striking out the Blue and Maize batter to end the inning.

Michigan would score once more at the top of six, before WKU kept the bats loaded in the top of seven. After Drinnon walked and freshman Kaytlan Kemp curtesy pinch ran, TJ Webster came swinging as a slapper with a shot into left field, earning a double and advancing Kemp to third. Hage would be up next, as she hit a two RBI single up the middle to score both Kemp and Webster.

GAME 3 – MICHIGAN 5, WKU 2 (9 INNINGS)

Starting off with redemption, Katie Gardner and the Hilltoppers held an early lead for most of the game starting off in the first inning. Gardner would kick off her time in the circle with a strikeout to Michigan's lead off hitter, followed by retiring the next two for a quick 1-2-3 top inning. In the bottom half, Hage would lead off, opening up the bats with a shot up the middle before fifth-year Taylor Davis turned on the wheels and made it safe to first on a bunt. Drinnon would be walked to load the bases, later Schmidt would earn the first RBI of the second game hitting a sacrifice fly into right field, sending Hage home for a quick 1-0 start.

The next 2-5 innings for both opponents would go quietly, a collective six hits between both teams were partaken as the Hilltoppers held the lead and Gardner would force 11 groundouts and 11 flyouts. Holding the lead with strong defense also led TJ Webster to turn two on a 6-4-3 double play and end the top of the fourth inning for the first double play of the 2023 season.

Michigan would rally off of a back-to-back single and triple to gain a run, tying the game 1-1 and later sending both teams to extra innings.

In the top of the eight with international rules applied and a runner on second base, a Michigan groundout and pop-fly in subsequent batters would send their runner home and take the edge before the next frame.

In the Tops' next trip to the plate, Davis led off, grounding out and sending runner Brylee Hage to advance to third. After a near walkoff home run into left field off the bat of Taylor Sanders that turned foul, Drinnon would later be walked -- with Kasia Parks in to pinch run -- before Schmidt kept the Tops fate alive with a RBI double into left-center to tie the board.

The ninth and final inning for both teams would be the deciding factor of the day. Michigan's four-spot hitter would go in and hit a lead-off triple to start the inning, followed by two singles through the right side to give a three-run advantage to the visiting team of the game. WKU would push, including TJ Webster and a single up the middle to advance runners, but would suffice in extras.

UP NEXT

WKU vs. Minnesota

Field 1

Watch: [FloSoftball](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 12, 2022 | 8 a.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball has faced off against Minnesota one other time in program history, with the series lead going to the Gophers, 0-2.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season, with Minnesota and Michigan being the first two in 2023, both from the Big Ten.
- The last shutout for WKU was back on May 8, 2022 where the Tops shutout Middle Tennessee, 7-0, to wrap up the series.
- In four games on the season, five Hilltoppers (Hage, Webster, Drinnon, Edgmon, Sanders) own a .300 or higher batting average.
- Seniors Brylee Hage and TJ Webster have thus far collected a hit in all four game for the Hilltoppers. Hage totals eight on the season, while Webster owns six off the bat.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder [Taylor Davis](#) was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Western Kentucky vs BUTLER
Feb 10, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla. (Field 4)

Western Kentucky 10 (1-1)

BUTLER 0 (0-2)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	4	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
T. Davis lf	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	3
Faith Hegh dh	4	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	3	1	1	2	0	3	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0
Jessica Bush c	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Addy Edgmon rf	3	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2
Abby Newman 2b	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	2
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	10	14	10	3	2	15	2	7

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
LEHNER, Cate rf	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
WHITE, Ella 3b	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
HOOSEN, Monique lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
DORSETT, Paige 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0
GRIMAN, Mackenzie dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
RYAN, Kieli c	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0
CARTER, Sydney 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
GROSS, Kaylee cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
MOXLEY, Olivia ss	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
MCHAHON, Mallory ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DYER, Rilyn p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NOERR, Kayla p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	18	0	3	0	0	4	15	6	3

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	1	3	6	0	10	14	0
BUTLER	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0

LOB - WKU 7; BUTLER 3. 2B - F. Hegh; A. Edgmon. HBP - R. Drinnon. SB - T. Davis; T. Webster. CS - B. Hage.

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Katie Gardner	3.0	3	0	0	0	2	12	12
Kelsie Houchens	2.0	0	0	0	0	2	6	6

BUTLER	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
DYER, Rilyn	3.0	12	10	10	3	2	20	23
NOERR, Kayla	2.0	2	0	0	0	0	8	9

Win - K. Gardner (1-1). Loss - DYER, R. (0-1). Save - None.
HBP - by NOERR, K. (R. Drinnon).

Umpires - HP: Mike LaRaviere 1B: Carl Fisher 3B: Mark Findblom
Start: 4:15pm Time: 3:00 Attendance: 200
Weather: 82 degrees, sunny
DYER, R. faced 6 batters in the 4th.

2023 WKU Softball
 MICHIGAN vs Western Kentucky (Game 2)
 Feb 11, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla. (Field 2)

MICHIGAN 5 (3-1)

Western Kentucky 2 (1-3)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Mataya, Ellie rf	3	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	0
Blair, Lexie cf	4	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	1
Tholl, Keke c	4	0	1	0	0	0	6	1	1
Ilacqua, Janelle pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Langford, Indiana pr/2b	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Livingston, Melina 2b/1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
Erickson, Maddie 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	1
Carricaburu, Ryleigh 1b/c	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
LeClair, Audrey 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	3	0
Voss, Lexi dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Sieler, Ellie lf	4	1	3	1	0	0	2	0	0
McVey, Ella ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2
Aiken, Emerson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LeBeau, Jessica p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Derkowski, Lauren p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	34	5	9	5	1	4	27	10	6

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
T. Davis lf	5	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	3
Faith Hegh dh	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3
Kaytlan Kemp pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	1	2	0	1	10	1	0
Kasia Parks pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Randi Drinnon c	1	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	0
Addy Edgmon rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
Abby Newman 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2	5	3	0
TJ Webster ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	3	3	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	32	2	8	2	4	6	27	10	11

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	5	9	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	8	0

DP - WKU 1. LOB - MICHIGAN 6; WKU 11. 2B - B. Hage; K. Schmidt. 3B - Blair; Livingston. SH - McVey; R. Drinnon.
 SF - K. Schmidt. SB - LeClair; T. Davis; R. Drinnon.

MICHIGAN	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Aiken, Emerson	2.0	3	1	1	2	0	7	10
LeBeau, Jessica	5.2	3	1	0	1	5	19	21
Derkowski, Lauren	1.1	2	0	0	1	1	6	7

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Katie Gardner	9.0	9	5	3	1	4	34	36

Win - Derkowski (2-1). Loss - K. Gardner (0-2). Save - None.

Umpires - HP: Phil Sowders 1B: Keith Poirier 3B: Catherine Creighton
 Start: 1:25pm Time: 3:05 Attendance: 300
 Weather: 80 degrees, overcast

2023 WKU Softball
Western Kentucky vs MICHIGAN (Game 1)
Feb 11, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla. (Field 2)

Western Kentucky 2 (1-2)

MICHIGAN 5 (2-1)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	0	0
T. Davis lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Faith Hegh dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Kasia Parks dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
Kennedy Foote 1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	1	0	1	0	2	0	4	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	1
Addy Edgmon rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	2
TJ Webster ss	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	4	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luna Curran p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	25	2	5	2	2	9	18	8	6

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Mataya, Ellie rf	4	1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
Blair, Lexie cf	3	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	1
Tholl, Keke dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
Livingston, Melina 2b	1	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0
Erickson, Maddie 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	6	0	0
Ilacqua, Janelle 1b/pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LeClair, Audrey 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0
McVey, Ella ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0
Carricaburu, Ryleigh c	2	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	2
Langford, Indiana lf	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Derkowski, Lauren p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	25	5	7	5	2	3	21	8	6

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	2
MICHIGAN	2	2	0	0	0	1	X	5	7	0

E - K. Foote; T. Sanders. LOB - WKU 6; MICHIGAN 6. 2B - T. Webster; Mataya; Blair. 3B - Mataya. HBP - B. Hage; Carricaburu. SH - T. Davis. SF - Livingston. SB - Blair 2; Langford.

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Kelsie Houchens	1.2	4	4	3	0	0	9	10
Luna Curran	4.1	3	1	0	2	3	16	19

MICHIGAN	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Derkowski, Lauren	7.0	5	2	2	2	9	25	29

Win - Derkowski (1-1). Loss - K. Houchens (0-1). Save - None.
HBP - by Derkowski (B. Hage); by L. Curran (Carricaburu).

Umpires - HP: Catherine Creighton 1B: Phil Sowders 3B: Keith Poirier
Start: 11:00 Time: 2:00 Attendance: 350
Weather: 74 degrees, overcast

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Feb. , 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
GOPHERS TAKE HILLTOPPERS IN FINAL WEEKEND GAME

LEESBURG, Fla. – The Western Kentucky University Hilltoppers fell short to Minnesota Sunday morning as both teams wrapped up the neutral weekend tournament, The Spring Games, down in Leesburg, Florida. The 4-7 match between C-USA and the Big Ten showcased an early lead for WKU in the first inning, while senior Brylee Hage has recorded a hit in five consecutive games.

WKU took a 2-0 lead in the opening frame starting off with Brylee Hage taking a first pitch triple to the right field fence and get on the bag. A fielder's choice and walk for the Red and White, Randi Drinnon came in big fourth in the line up with a double into left field and scoring both TJ Webster and Taylor Sanders.

Freshman Addy Edgmon would tally up the hits and RBI in her first weekend of college softball. Edgmon would hit a deep single and pick up the RBI as Sanders would head home from her previous walked at-bat. The Hilltoppers would pick up their last run of the game as second baseman Abby Newman would take a based-loaded walk, giving the Tops a 4-0 start to the ballgame.

Minnesota would later gain some traction as shortstop Jess Oakland hit a two-run home run into left-center field in the bottom of the third, putting the Gophers on the board. UMN would eventually hit a double in the fourth inning good for an RBI, but the Tops held the tie as Kelsey Schmidt and Randi Drinnon earned the 3-2 double-play and end the inning by catching the batter and runner at third.

In the bottom of the fifth, the Gophers took over with two home runs and a bases-loaded walk to finalize the board.

All four pitchers in the Hilltoppers' bullpen saw action in the circle today, accumulating seven runs off of seven hits, walking five, and striking out three.

TOP STORYLINES

- Minnesota owns the series with a 4-0, lead over WKU.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season, with Minnesota and Michigan being the first two in 2023, both from the Big Ten.
- Junior Kelsey Schmidt went two-for-three on the morning, her best yet as a Hilltopper.
- Senior Brylee Hage has thus far collected a hit in all five game for the Hilltoppers. Hage totals nine on the season.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder [Taylor Davis](#) was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 Minnesota Softball
 WKU vs Minnesota
 Feb 12, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla. (Sleepy Hollow Sports)

WKU 4 (1-4)

Minnesota 7 (4-1)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf/dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	3
TJ Webster ss	4	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	2
Taylor Sanders 3b	1	2	0	0	3	0	1	2	0
Randi Drinnon c/dh	4	0	2	2	0	1	3	0	0
Kasia Parks pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Addy Edgmon rf/c	4	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	2	0	0	1	6	1	0
Faith Hegh dh/rf	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	4
Abby Newman 2b	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	1	0
T. Davis lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luna Curran p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	6	4	7	6	18	5	9

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Amani Bradley rf/lf	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Natalie DenHartog cf	4	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	0
Jess Oakland ss	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	2	0
Taylor Krapf c	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1
Reilli Gardner pr	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Addison Leschber dh	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kayla Chavez 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
Delanie Cox 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	11	0	0
Breezy Burnett lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Nani Valencia ph/rf	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Sydney Strelow 2b	2	2	1	1	1	0	1	5	3
Autumn Pease p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sydney Schwartz p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Jacie Hambrick p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	25	7	7	7	5	3	20	12	6

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
WKU	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4	6	2
Minnesota	0	0	2	1	4	0	X	7	7	1

E - T. Webster; K. Schmidt; Oakland. LOB - WKU 9; MN 6. 2B - R. Drinnon; Chavez. 3B - B. Hage. HR - DenHartog; Oakland; Strelow. HBP - Leschber. SF - K. Schmidt.

WKU	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Katie Gardner	2.2	2	2	2	2	3	10	12
Luna Curran	3.1	5	5	3	3	0	15	19

Minnesota	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Autumn Pease	1.0	3	2	2	1	1	6	7
Sydney Schwartz	2.0	2	2	2	4	3	8	12
Jacie Hambrick	4.0	1	0	0	2	2	12	15

Win - None. Loss - L. Curran. Save - Hambrick (1).
 HBP - by L. Curran (Leschber).

Umpires - HP: Michael Laraview 1B: Cathy Kreighton 3B: Mark Lindbloom
 Start: 8:00AM Time: 2:30 Attendance: 250
 Weather: Cloudy and windy

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Monday, February 13, 2023

Baseball and Softball / Contact: Jack Todd and Cassie Buchholz, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

WKU BASEBALL & SOFTBALL 2023 PROMOTIONS SCHEDULES ANNOUNCED

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – With the home openers for both WKU [Baseball](#) and [Softball](#) coming up this month, WKU Athletics announced its full promotions schedule for the 2023 campaign. Numerous giveaways, free ticket opportunities and concessions deals highlight the schedules.

At Nick Denes Field, fans can participate in Saturday Fever along with Kids Day Sundays every weekend the Hilltoppers are home. Saturdays feature Baseball Bingo along with a \$15 deal that includes bottomless popcorn, a souvenir soda and hot dog. Additionally, kids 12 and under who wear a youth jersey receive free admission. The Hilltoppers will stick around following the conclusion of Sunday's game to give out autographs in the dugout.

A new addition to the 2023 WKU Baseball season will be Food Truck Fridays, starting March 24. More details will be provided at a later date. Bark in the Park is back at The Nick for one game only on Sunday, April 30 and will feature a giveaway announced at a later date.

On Sundays, there's a \$5 kids lunch deal that includes a soda, chips and hot dog for both programs.

At the WKU Softball Complex, a season-long promotion in the last 19 games of the season, will feature player trading cards for all 19 players on the 2023 roster. The March 13th game will see free hot chocolate for the first 50 fans, Wednesday, April 19th is a free t-shirt giveaway, while the Arkansas match-up on April 24th will feature free popsicles and red towel giveaway.

Flexible season ticket packages are on sale now for both Hilltopper Baseball and Softball. Fans can purchase tickets [online](#), by calling 1-800-5-BIGRED or in person at the WKU Ticket Office during business hours.

The flexible season tickets package includes 32 tickets for baseball, 28 tickets for softball, all for \$50 that can be used for any regular-season home game (Excludes Kentucky on 3/28 -- baseball and Arkansas on 4/24 -- softball) featuring the Hilltoppers. All seating in general admission - one ticket will gain access to all doubleheader games.

New WKU Baseball head coach Marc Rardin and the Hilltoppers are set to host Conference USA series against the likes of Louisiana Tech, Middle Tennessee, Florida Atlantic, Charlotte and Rice while also holding a marquee matchup at Nick Denes Field against Power 5 opponent Kentucky on March 28.

In her 10th season on The Hill, head coach Amy Tudor and softball will play host to Conference USA opponents, North Texas, Charlotte, Florida Atlantic, and Louisiana Tech, while slating Power Five opponents at the WKU Softball Complex, Indiana, Louisville, and Arkansas to round out the 2023 schedule.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2023

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL / Contact: Jack Todd, Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Directors of Media Relations

WKU ANNOUNCES 2023 BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL STREAMING SCHEDULES

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Baseball and Softball have announced their home stream schedules for the 2023 season, which includes 35 games at Nick Denes Field and all 29 contests at the WKU Softball Complex. The full slate of home games available to stream on Facebook Watch can be found on the main website's schedule links for [BASEBALL](#) and [SOFTBALL](#).

Hilltopper fans will be able to watch almost every home baseball and softball game this season for free on Facebook Live via WKU PBS on the Hilltopper Satellite Network (HSSN). Similar to last year, Hilltopper Sports Properties (HSP) has executed a secondary stream called "Behind The Mic" on HSP's Facebook page, allowing for simultaneous baseball and softball games to be streamed.

Brad Klein, The Voice of the Lady Toppers, and former WKU letterwinner Kat (Downing) Smith will split calling the action for softball on HSSN throughout the season. The Voice of the Hilltoppers, Randy Lee, will continue to call baseball games chosen for Facebook streaming.

Hilltopper Baseball kicks off opening weekend on The Hill from Feb. 17-19. At Nick Denes Field, the Hilltoppers' series opener and finale against Dayton will be available on the primary HSSN feed. Over at the WKU Softball Complex, the Tops open up the 2023 home slate with the WKU Hilltopper Classic, starting Friday, Feb. 24 with a doubleheader against Central Michigan and Illinois State. The Friday doubleheader will be streamed on HSSN as well as Sunday's matinee against Illinois State on Sunday, Feb. 26.

For baseball, 18 home contests will be streamed between the Facebook Live feed, including 11-of-15 Conference USA games. As in years past, there will also be a radio broadcast for every game throughout the season available on ESPN 102.7.

On the softball side, all 29 home games will also be available to watch between the two Facebook Live feeds. The Hilltoppers will have 18 games on the HSSN primary stream, which includes 4-of-10 tournament games, two complete Conference USA series and four midweek outings. The remaining 11 contests will stream on the secondary HSP account.

The current streaming schedules will be subject to change based on game alterations or other logistics.



HILLTOPPER



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL 2023 HOME STREAM SCHEDULE

SPORT	DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)	STREAM
BASE	FRI	Feb. 17	DAYTON	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SAT	Feb. 18	DAYTON	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
BASE	SUN	Feb. 19	DAYTON	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	HSSN
SB	FRI	Feb. 24	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	WKU Softball Complex	3 p.m.	BTM
BASE	FRI	Feb. 24	OHIO	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
SB	FRI	Feb. 24	ILLINOIS STATE	WKU Softball Complex	5:30 p.m.	BTM
SB	SAT	Feb. 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	WKU Softball Complex	12:30 p.m.	BTM
BASE	SAT	Feb. 25	OHIO (DH)	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	TBD
SB	SAT	Feb. 25	JACKSONVILLE STATE	WKU Softball Complex	3 p.m.	BTM
SB	SUN	Feb. 26	ILLINOIS STATE	WKU Softball Complex	12:30 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SUN	Feb. 26	OHIO	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
BASE	TUES	Feb. 28	BELLARMINE	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	FRI	March 3	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	HSSN
SB	FRI	March 3	AKRON	WKU Softball Complex	3 p.m.	BTM
SB	FRI	March 3	EVANSVILLE	WKU Softball Complex	5:30 p.m.	BTM
SB	SAT	March 4	AKRON	WKU Softball Complex	12:30 p.m.	BTM
BASE	SAT	March 4	NORTHERN ILLINOIS (DH)	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	HSSN
SB	SAT	March 4	AUSTIN PEAY	WKU Softball Complex	3 p.m.	BTM
SB	SUN	March 5	EVANSVILLE	WKU Softball Complex	12:30 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SUN	March 5	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
BASE	TUES	March 7	BELMONT	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	FRI	March 10	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.	HSSN
SB	SAT	March 11	MIAMI OH (DH)	WKU Softball Complex	1 p.m.	BTM
BASE	SAT	March 11	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE (DH)	Nick Denes Field	2 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SUN	March 12	SOUTH DAKOTA STATE	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
SB	SUN	March 12	MIAMI OH	WKU Softball Complex	12 p.m.	BTM
SB	MON	March 13	INDIANA	WKU Softball Complex	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	FRI	March 24	LA TECH*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
SB	FRI	March 24	NORTH TEXAS*	WKU Softball Complex	6 p.m.	HSSN
SB	SAT	March 25	NORTH TEXAS*	WKU Softball Complex	1 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SAT	March 25	LA TECH*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
BASE	SUN	March 26	LA TECH*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	HSSN
SB	SUN	March 26	NORTH TEXAS*	WKU Softball Complex	1 p.m.	BTM
BASE	TUES	March 28	KENTUCKY	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.	HSSN
SB	WED	March 29	BELMONT	WKU Softball Complex	6 p.m.	HSSN
SB	FRI	March 31	CHARLOTTE*	WKU Softball Complex	6 p.m.	HSSN
SB	SAT	April 1	CHARLOTTE*	WKU Softball Complex	1 p.m.	HSSN
SB	SUN	April 2	CHARLOTTE*	WKU Softball Complex	12 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	FRI	April 7	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SAT	April 8	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	Nick Denes Field	4 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SUN	April 9	MIDDLE TENNESSEE*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	TUES	April 11	EVANSVILLE	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	HSSN
SB	WED	April 19	LOUISVILLE	WKU Softball Complex	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	FRI	April 21	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
SB	FRI	April 21	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	WKU Softball Complex	6 p.m.	HSSN
SB	SAT	April 22	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	WKU Softball Complex	1 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SAT	April 22	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
SB	SUN	April 23	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	WKU Softball Complex	1 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SUN	April 23	FLORIDA ATLANTIC*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	N/A (Radio Only)
SB	MON	April 24	ARKANSAS	WKU Softball Complex	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	TUES	April 25	AUSTIN PEAY	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	FRI	April 28	CHARLOTTE*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SAT	April 29	CHARLOTTE*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SUN	April 30	CHARLOTTE*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	TBD
SB	FRI	May 5	LA TECH*	WKU Softball Complex	6 p.m.	BTM
SB	SAT	May 6	LA TECH*	WKU Softball Complex	1 p.m.	BTM
SB	SUN	May 7	LA TECH*	WKU Softball Complex	1 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	TUES	May 9	EASTERN KENTUCKY	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.	TBD
BASE	FRI	May 12	RICE*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SAT	May 13	RICE*	Nick Denes Field	6 p.m.	HSSN
BASE	SUN	May 14	RICE*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.	HSSN

BLACK denotes baseball game
RED denotes softball game

HSSN denotes Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network Stream
BTM denotes a "Behind The Mic" Stream

DH denotes doubleheader
* denotes Conference USA game

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, Feb. 16, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
WKU SOFTBALL TO PLAY AT THE CAROLINA CLASSIC

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Softball is set for week two of the 2023 season as the Hilltoppers will travel down to Columbia, South Carolina to play in the Carolina Classic this weekend. Hosted by the Gamecocks, the Tops are scheduled to play Delaware and East Tennessee on Friday, a night match up with George Washington on Saturday, and round out the tournament playing Campbell and host South Carolina on Sunday.

This weekend's meetings will be the first match ups of WKU against Delaware and George Washington in program history. The series between the ETSU Buccaneers and Hilltoppers is tied one apiece, while WKU holds the 3-0 upper edge against Campbell. The third Power 5 opponent this season and first from the SEC, South Carolina and the Tops have met twice, both games going to the Gamecocks.

The Hilltoppers got great hits off of tough teams in Florida at The Spring Games last weekend. Facing two teams in the top-50 RPI, senior Brylee Hage gained a hit in all five games for the Hilltoppers last week, including a perfect three-for-three at the plate against Minnesota Friday morning. The center-fielder is tied with catcher Randi Drinnon leading the Red and White with a .500 batting average thus far in the season.

WKU's roster features two fifth-year seniors, Taylor Davis and transfer Faith Hegh for the 2023 season. As well as four seniors: Katie Gardner, Brylee Hage, Taylor Sanders, and TJ Webster, who have all elected to return to The Hill with fifth-year eligibility. Additionally, the Hilltoppers see six returners from the C-USA Tournament Championship game, as well as adding six freshmen and Auburn transfer Kelsey Schmidt.

Streaming will be available only for the Hilltopper's Sunday match up with South Carolina. The game will be broadcast on SECN+.

GAMES 1-5

WKU (1-4) vs. Delaware (4-1)

Carolina Softball Stadium at Backham Field | Columbia, S.C.

[Livestats](#)

Friday, Feb. 17, 2023 | 9 a.m. CT

WKU vs. East Tennessee (0-3)

[Livestats](#)

Friday, Feb. 1, 2022 | 1:30 a.m. CT

WKU vs. George Washington (2-1)

[Livestats](#)

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2022 | 4:30 p.m. CT

WKU vs. Campbell (2-2)

[Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2022 | 11:30 a.m. CT

WKU at South Carolina (2-1)

Watch: [SECN+](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2022 | 2 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball has never met Delaware or George Washington. The Red and White are tied 1-1 in the series with ETSU, lead 3-0 against Campbell, and are down 0-2 with the series against South Carolina.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season. The Tops saw Minnesota and Michigan last weekend, South Carolina will be the first from the SEC.
- Head coach Amy Tudor is 10 wins away from her career 500-win mark. She owns 273 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- On the stat sheet, senior Brylee Hage leads with nine hits, three RBI, 12 total bases, the only triple thus far in the season, with a .500 batting average. Catcher Randi Drinnon follows with a .700 slugging percentage, five hits, three RBI, and tied with a .500 batting average at the plate.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder [Taylor Davis](#) was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
 Western Kentucky at Middle Tennessee
 Apr 16, 2023 at Murfreesboro, TN (Blue Raider Field)

Western Kentucky 0 (23-17,8-6)

Middle Tennessee 1 (27-14,7-7)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	2	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	1	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0
Abby Newman 3b/2b	3	0	0	0
Kasia Parks 2b	2	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 3b	1	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	0	2	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	0	3	0

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
ECHOLS, Shelby 2b	3	1	1	0
MEALER, Laura ss	3	0	1	0
TEPE, Ava c	3	0	0	0
CARCICH, Kamryn dh	3	0	1	0
GARCIA, Julia 3b	3	0	1	0
MEDLOCK, Lexi pr	0	0	0	0
SARGENT, Shelby cf	1	0	0	0
BLEVINS, Ansley 1b	2	0	0	0
BEHABETZ, Savannah lf	2	0	1	0
HARRIS, Amaya rf	2	0	1	0
MEAD, Gretchen p	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	1	6	0

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Middle Tennessee	1	0	0	0	0	0	X	1	6	0

E - K. Parks. DP - WKU 1. LOB - WKU 6; MTSU 4. 2B - B. Hage; MEALER; GARCIA. 3B - T. Webster; ECHOLS. HBP - B. Hage; K. Schmidt. SB - B. Hage; T. Webster. CS - CARCICH.
 Strikeouts - R. Drinnon; A. Newman; MEALER; GARCIA. Walks - F. Hegh; SARGENT.

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Kelsie Houchens L,7-4	6.0	6	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	23	5	9	86

Middle Tennessee	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
MEAD, Gretchen W,10-3	7.0	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	24	27	9	10	115

HBP - by MEAD (K. Schmidt); by MEAD (B. Hage). Pitches/strikes: K. Houchens 86/53; MEAD 115/66.
 Umpires - HP: Darryl Sanders 1B: Steve Wenner 3B: Ken Cato
 Start: 12 p.m. Time: 1:51 Attendance: 142
 Weather: 60 degrees

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Feb. 17, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
TAYLOR SANDERS HITS THREE HOME RUNS; TOPS 2-0 ON FRIDAY**

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The Hilltoppers kicked off the first day of the Carolina Classic 2-0 with a 6-2 win over Delaware, followed by an afternoon win against East Tennessee State, 5-1. Senior Taylor Sanders showed up big at the plate with three shots over the left field wall during both games, the most of her career in a single day.

In the circle, Katie Gardner picked up 10 strikeouts in the dirt, pitching a complete seven innings against Delaware, while Kelsie Houchens got the go for the second game against ETSU, collectively earning two k's along with Luna Curran and Maddy Wood in relief.

On offense, the Hilltoppers drew in 19 hits, with 12 runs at home plate the whole day, only striking out four times collectively as a team.

WKU 6, DELAWARE 2

The Hilltoppers got the bats moving at the top of the first. Brylee Hage made her way to first base after a full-count single into right field, followed by a walk on Taylor Davis. Taylor Sanders, in the three-spot, hit the Hilltoppers' first home run of the season – a shot into left field on a full count.

With senior right-hander, Katie Gardner in the circle, the Blue Hens pulled off a two-run RBI in with their cleanup hitter, making the game a 5-2 Tops match. With the rocket arm of Brylee Hage in center field, she assisted the final out of the inning catching the runner advancing from third to home plate.

Already two-for-two in the morning, catcher Randi Drinnon drove in her fourth RBI of the season with a single up the middle at the top of the second.

The Hilltoppers narrowly edged the Blue Hens in the top of the fifth inning with bases loaded. Drinnon got walked second up to bat, first baseman Kelsey Schmidt shot a single down to third base, while designated hitter Faith Hegh hit a single up to the pitcher.

From the circle, senior Katie Gardner pitched her second complete game of the season, only letting up two runs off of seven hits, while collecting 10 strikeouts and three walks.

WKU 6, EAST TENNESSEE STATE 1

Western Kentucky reached the board in the top of the second after Kennedy Foote took a sacrifice-fly into foul territory on the right side, scoring Faith Hegh.

In a big third inning for the Tops, Hegh took an RBI single through the right, scoring Sanders while Drinnon advanced home on a dead ball out of play after an East Tennessee error.

Hegh later headed home after Schmidt picked up her first hit of the game, and collecting her fourth RBI of the season.

WKU rounded out the board with a final two runs from Taylor Sanders in the fifth and seventh innings, featuring her second and third home runs of the day: both solo shots over the fence in left field.

Kelsie Houchens got her second start for the season. The Louisville native pitched the first three, only taking four hits and a walk before freshman Luna Curran came in for relief. Curran earned the win and finished up with four hits and a run including a strikeout, while Maddy Wood saw action and recorded a strikeout in the circle.

The Carolina Classic: Games 3-5

WKU (2-4) vs. George Washington (2-1)

[Livestats](#)

Saturday, Feb. 18, 2022 | 4:30 p.m. CT

WKU vs. Campbell (3-2)

[Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2022 | 11:30 a.m. CT

WKU at South Carolina (4-1)

Watch: [SECN+](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2022 | 2 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball now owns the all-time record over Delaware, 1-0, after their first meeting today. They hold steady 2-1 in the series against ETSU.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season. The Tops saw Minnesota and Michigan last weekend, South Carolina will be the first from the SEC.
- Head coach Amy Tudor is eight wins away from her career 500-win mark. She owns 275 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- On the stat sheet, Randi Drinnon is leading the tops with a .500 batting average, while Brylee Hage collects 11 hits on the season and Taylor Davis notches 17 RBIs for 2023.
- Taylor Sanders was the first Hilltopper to record a home run for the Red and White this season. The senior third baseman took a three-run shot into left in the Delaware game, before hitting a solo HR in the East Tennessee match up.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Western Kentucky (2-4) -vs- Delaware (4-2)
2/17/2023 at Columbia, S.C. (Carolina SB Stadium)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	10	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	0

Western Kentucky 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Brylee Hage cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	2	2	1	0	1	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	4	1	1	3	0	0	1
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	2	1	1	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	4	0	1	0	0	2	1
Addy Edgmon rf	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Hegh dp	3	1	2	1	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	3	0	1	1	0	0	3
TJ Webster ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	6	10	6	2	2	6

2B: Faith Hegh (1); Kennedy Foote (1)
HR: Taylor Sanders (1)
SH: Taylor Davis (1)
SB: Taylor Davis (1); TJ Webster (1)

Delaware 2

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Hanna Garber 3b	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Julz Garber cf	3	0	0	0	1	1	0
Brittney Mendoza 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	2
Kiara Mills 1b	3	0	2	2	0	1	0
Morgan Olynyk rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	2
Katie Scheivert lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
Chloe Blantz ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kristen Luzon ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Sydney Shaffer dp	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Jayla Brooks c	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Olivia Marinucci ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Graceyn Frost p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Wroten p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	2	7	2	3	10	6

2B: Kiara Mills (1); Morgan Olynyk (1)

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner (W, 2-3)	7.0	7	2	2	3	10	1	0	0	0	27	30	3	7	141
Totals		7	2	2	3	10	1	0	0	0	27	30	3	7	141

Delaware	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Graceyn Frost (L, 0-1)	0.0	2	3	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	20
Taylor Wroten	7.0	8	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	28	30	8	11	102
Totals		10	6	6	2	2	2	0	0	0	30	33	8	11	122

Win: Katie Gardner (2-3)
Loss: Graceyn Frost (0-1)
HBP: None
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Eric Salgado First: Marc Brown Third Base: Jose Chaparro
Start: 10:02am **Time:** 2:25 **Attendance:** 56 **Weather:** 68, Ligth Rain, R-L@15mph

Game notes:

- Frost faced 3 batters in the 1st.

Western Kentucky (3-4) -vs- East Tennessee State (0-5)
2/17/2023 at Columbia, S.C. (Carolina SB Stadium)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	6	9	0
East Tennessee State	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	8	1

Western Kentucky 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Brylee Hage cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	2
Taylor Davis lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	4	3	3	2	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	1	1	0	0	3	0	1
Kasia Parks pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Hegh dp	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
Addy Edgmon rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	1	0	0	3
Payton O'Connor ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luna Curran p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	6	9	5	5	1	8

2B: Brylee Hage (1); Faith Hegh (1)
HR: Taylor Sanders (2)
SF: Kennedy Foote (1)
SB: Kelsey Schmidt (1)
HBP: Faith Hegh (1)
PO: Brylee Hage (1)

East Tennessee State 1

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Riley Nayadley ss	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Jasmine Sanchez rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	0
Sara Muir p/1b	2	0	2	1	2	0	0
Kaylee Higgins c	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Emily Musco ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cameron Young 3b	4	0	2	0	0	0	4
Makenzie Henderson dp	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kasidy Dunn 2b	1	0	0	0	2	0	0
Jessica Odom cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Faith Adams ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kemiah Michel lf	3	1	2	0	0	0	1
Kendal Pitts 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Whitley Arnott p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	8	1	5	2	10

2B: Cameron Young (1); Kemiah Michel (1)
SB: Kemiah Michel (1)
E: Jasmine Sanchez (1)

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Kelsie Houchens	3.0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	13	2	6	49
Luna Curran (W, 1-0)	3.0	4	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	12	14	4	3	53
Maddy Wood	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	0	2	21
Totals		8	1	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	27	32	6	11	123

East Tennessee State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Sara Muir (L, 0-2)	3.0	7	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	14	17	5	3	46
Whitley Arnott	4.0	2	2	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	14	18	8	3	79
Totals		9	6	5	5	1	1	0	1	0	28	35	13	6	125

Win: Luna Curran (1-0)
Loss: Sara Muir (0-2)
HBP: Whitley Arnott
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Jason Smith First: Kevin Andrews Third Base: Ken Jones
Start: 1:03pm **Time:** 2:14 **Attendance:** 107

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
TOPS SHUTOUT GEORGE WASHINGTON, 8-0**

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The Hilltoppers only game on Saturday of the Carolina Classic, went out with a WKU shutout, 8-0, over the George Washington Colonials in the two team’s first meeting. In the run-ruled game, Katie Gardner pitched her third complete game of the season, collecting zero runs off of two hits, earning six strikeouts, while only walking three.

On offense, Brylee Hage had a big night at the plate, rolling in three RBIs and two hits. Freshman Addy Edgmon went two-for-three on the night, while Taylor Sanders and Faith Hegh were one-for-two at the plate both with two RBIs.

WKU 8, GEORGE WASHINGTON 0

In the second inning, the Hilltopper bats got moving after a single up the middle off the bat of Addy Edgmon, who is now batting .360.

Taylor Sanders, who now has a hit in every game all weekend, drove in the first RBIs of the evening with a double into left-center field, sending leadoff hitter Brylee Hage and Taylor Sanders home in the bottom of the third inning.

In the five-spot in the lineup, designated hitter Faith Hegh picked up the final run of the third, a single up the middle sending Sanders to home plate and collecting her sixth RBI on the year.

Senior center-fielder Brylee Hage pulled in two RBIs in the bottom of the fourth inning, bringing a 5-0 ballgame after her single up the middle, followed by a Colonial error sent Addy Edgmon and TJ Webster across the plate.

Rounding out the fourth inning, Randi Drinnon gets walked by George Washington with bases loaded. Faith Hegh closes out the scoring in the frame with a sac-fly into left field, sending Taylor Davis down the line after tagging up.

In the bottom of the fifth, Webster got walked and later found herself on third base after a stolen base and wild pitch. In walkoff fashion with the large lead, Brylee Hage singled up right to the pitcher sending speedy Webster to home plate with the 8-0 run-rule win.

Katie Gardner now owns a 3.46 ERA, totaling 28 strikeouts in the 2023 season.

The Carolina Classic: Games 4-5

WKU vs. Campbell (5-2)

[Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2022 | 11:30 a.m. CT

WKU at South Carolina (6-1)

Watch: [SECN+](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2022 | 2 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball now owns the all-time record over George Washington, 1-0, after their first meeting this evening.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season. The Tops saw Minnesota and Michigan last weekend, South Carolina will be the first from the SEC.
- Head coach Amy Tudor is seven wins away from her career 500-win mark. She owns 275 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- On the stat sheet, Randi Drinnon is leading the tops with a .467 batting average, while Brylee Hage collects 13 hits on the season and Taylor Sanders notches 8 RBIs for 2023.
- This is the Hilltoppers' second shutout of the season. The first was the 10-0 win over Butler at The Spring Games last weekend.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

George Washington (3-3) -vs- Western Kentucky (4-4)
2/18/2023 at Columbia, S.C. (Carolina SB Stadium)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
George Washington	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	4	1	8	8	0

George Washington 0

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
RITCHIE, Arizona ss	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
CANO, Rose p/2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
PARKER, Mia 1b	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
CORPUZ, Ashley lf	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
TORRES, Reese c	2	0	1	0	0	1	0
LEW, Daniella 2b/cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
SCHAUB, Abby dp	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
TORRES, Sidney rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
POLSKY, Gabby ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
GRECO, Maggie 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUIG, Taylor ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
STANCIL, Darbie cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FALES, EMMA p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HANAFIN, Lily p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	14	0	2	0	3	6	2

2B: CORPUZ, Ashley (1)
SH: LEW, Daniella (1)
E: LEW, Daniella (1)

Western Kentucky 8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Brylee Hage cf	2	2	2	3	2	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	2	1	1	2	1	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	1	0	0	1	2	0	0
Faith Hegh dp	2	0	1	2	0	0	2
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Addy Edgmon rf	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Bush ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	3	2	0	1	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	8	8	8	7	1	5

2B: Taylor Sanders (1)
SH: Taylor Davis (1)
SF: Faith Hegh (1)
SB: Brylee Hage (1); Taylor Davis (1); Faith Hegh (1); Addy Edgmon (1); TJ Webster (3)

George Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
CANO, Rose (L, 3-1)	3.0	4	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	11	15	5	2	60
FALES, EMMA	0.1	3	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	1	0	28
HANAFIN, Lily	1.1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	7	2	2	30
Totals		8	8	8	7	1	1	0	0	0	19	28	8	4	118

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner (W, 3-3)	5.0	2	0	0	3	6	1	0	0	0	14	18	2	5	75
Totals		2	0	0	3	6	1	0	0	0	14	18	2	5	75

Win: Katie Gardner (3-3)
Loss: CANO, Rose (3-1)
HBP: None
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Jason Smith First: Kevin Andrews Third Base: Ken Jones
Start: 6:10 pm **Time:** 1:47 **Attendance:** 75 **Weather:** decent

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TOPS SPLIT SUNDAY GAMES

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Wrapping up the last road tournament for the Hilltoppers this season, WKU took care of Campbell, gaining a back-to-back shutout against Campbell, 3-0, while falling 11-2 to South Carolina. Redshirt-junior Kelsie Houchens pitched her first career complete game against the Camels, while Katie Gardner got the go from head coach Amy Tudor for the match up against the Gamecocks.

Brylee Hage had her second big day in a row at the plate during the Campbell match up and brought in the final two runs to largen the gap on the board. TJ Webster also was perfect at the plate in the first doubleheader, going two-for-two in the afternoon. Kennedy Foote and Taylor Davis both pulled in RBIs in the late afternoon game with USC.

WKU 3, CAMPBELL 0

Right away in the bottom of the first, Taylor Sanders hit a single up the middle, collecting her ninth RBI of the season, after sending Taylor Davis across the plate.

On defense, pitcher Kelsie Houchens escaped a one-out, runners in scoring position, keeping the Camels scoreless. The nine-hole hitter hit a triple down the middle, while the lead off hit an infield fielder's choice then stole second base. Houchens hit the Camels batter with a 2-2 count strikeout swinging, while the next up grounded out to shortstop TJ Webster to end the inning.

The Hilltoppers collected two more runs on the board in the fourth inning, as Brylee Hage went two-for-three on the afternoon, and hit a double to left-center and picking up two RBIs in the process.

In the circle, Houchens all seven innings, giving up two hits, walking one, and pitching six strikeouts across the plate, posing an ERA of 2.61 in the first game.

WKU 2, SOUTH CAROLINA 11

Getting the jump in the opening frame, South Carolina takes four on starter Katie Gardner, picking up four runs off of four hits with a runner left on the bag to open up the match up.

In the top of two, Kelsey Schmidt singled out to center field on the full count. Freshman Addy Edgmon later doubled out to right-center, advancing Schmidt to third base, while Kennedy Foote sent her home off of a sacrifice-fly to earn a run on the board.

Continuing runs on the board, eight-spot hitter Taylor Davis knocked in an infield single and collected another RBI to make it a 4-2 ballgame.

A two-run single through the right side kicked off the scoring for the Gamecocks in the second inning, Curran later came in for relief for Gardner in the circle. Collecting seven runs in total during the frame, USC hit two back-to-back home runs, including a grand slam.

Freshman right-hander Maddy Wood came during the fourth inning and wrapped up the game, putting away all three up to the plate.

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball now holds a 4-0 all-time record over the Campbell Camels, while also posting a 0-3 record against South Carolina.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season. The Tops saw Minnesota and Michigan last weekend, South Carolina was the first from the SEC.
- Head coach Amy Tudor is six wins away from her career 500-win mark. She owns 275 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- The Hilltoppers open their home slate next weekend, starting Friday Feb. 24 where WKU will host the annual Hilltopper Classic Tournament at the WKU Softball Complex.
- On the stat sheet, Brylee Hage is leading the tops with a .484 batting average, while also collecting 15 hits on the season. Taylor Sanders holds nine RBIs for 2023, leading WKU.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Campbell (5-3) -vs- Western Kentucky (5-4)
2/19/2023 at Columbia, S.C. (Carolina SB Stadium)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Campbell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	2	0	0	X	3	6	0

Campbell 0

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Claudia Ware dp	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
Charlie Montgomery cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
Makayla McClain ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Allyiah Swiney rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Savannah White c	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Lindsey Hunt c	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alyssa Henault 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Madilyn Gillespie 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Mariana Rodriguez pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erin Rafferty 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kayla Thomas 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tyra Parker lf	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Kayla Howald p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	2	0	2	7	5

3B: Tyra Parker (1)
SH: Savannah White (1)
SB: Claudia Ware (1); Tyra Parker (1)
E: Makayla McClain (1); Alyssa Henault (1)

Western Kentucky 3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	2	2	0	1	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	1
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Faith Hegh dp	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Addy Edgmon rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	1	2	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	3	6	3	3	3	5

2B: Brylee Hage (1)
SB: Taylor Sanders (1)
CS: Kelsey Schmidt (1)

Campbell	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Kayla Howald (L, 0-1)	6.0	6	3	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	23	26	13	1	103
Totals		6	3	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	23	26	13	1	103

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Kelsie Houchens (W, 1-1)	7.0	2	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	23	26	5	9	94
Totals		2	0	0	2	7	0	0	0	0	23	26	5	9	94

Win: Kelsie Houchens (1-1)
Loss: Kayla Howald (0-1)
HBP: None
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Kevin Andrews First: Ken Jones Third Base: Marc Brown
Start: 12:31pm **Time:** 1:48 **Attendance:** 126 **Weather:** 53, Cloudy, In@5mph

Western Kentucky (5-5) -vs- South Carolina (7-1)
2/19/2023 at Columbia, S.C. (Carolina SB Stadium)

Score by Innings

	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	2	0	0	0	2	5	0
South Carolina	4	7	0	0	X	11	8	0

Western Kentucky 2

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
Faith Hegh dp	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	0	0	0	2	1
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Addy Edgmon rf	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Taylor Davis lf	2	0	2	1	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luna Curran p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	2	5	2	1	5	4

2B: Addy Edgmon (1)
SF: Kennedy Foote (1)

South Carolina 11

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Aaliyah White cf	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
Jen Cummings c	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
Kyye Ricks pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Giulia Desiderio c	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riley Blampied 3b	2	2	2	3	1	0	0
Zoe Laneaux dp	2	1	1	0	1	0	0
Jordan Fabian 1b	3	1	0	0	0	1	2
Marissa Gonzalez lf	2	2	1	4	1	0	0
Emma Sellers 2b	2	0	1	2	0	0	0
Aniyah Black ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carlie Henderson rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Haley Simpson ph/rf	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Brooke Blankenship ss	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
Rachel Vaughan p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Karsen Ochs p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donnie Gobourne p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	11	8	10	6	2	3

3B: Jen Cummings (1)
HR: Marissa Gonzalez (1); Haley Simpson (1)
SB: Jordan Fabian (1); Marissa Gonzalez (1); Emma Sellers (1)

Western Kentucky

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner (L, 3-4)	1.0	6	8	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	9	12	0	3	53
Luna Curran	2.0	2	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	8	11	2	2	44
Maddy Wood	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	3	9
Totals		8	11	11	6	2	0	0	0	0	20	26	2	8	106

South Carolina

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Rachel Vaughan	1.1	2	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	6	1	1	26
Karsen Ochs	1.2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	7	2	2	23
Donnie Gobourne (W, 2-0)	2.0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	8	2	2	34
Totals		5	2	2	1	5	0	0	0	0	19	21	5	5	83

Win: Donnie Gobourne (2-0)
Loss: Katie Gardner (3-4)
HBP: None
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Eric Salgado First: Jason Smith Third Base: Jose Chaparro
Start: 3:01pm **Time:** 1:42 **Weather:** 60, Partly Cloudy, Calm

Game notes:

- K. Gardner faced 4 batters in the 2nd.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Monday, Feb. 20, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

SANDERS NAMED C-USA PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DALLAS, Texas -- After the Hilltoppers went 4-1 over the weekend, Conference USA announced Monday that WKU infielder Taylor Sanders was named Player of the Week, collecting the third weekly award nod of her career.

The senior from Shelbyville, Tenn. opened up Friday morning in the first game of the Hilltoppers run at the Carolina Classic with a three-run shot over the left field fence for WKU's first home run of the season against Delaware.

Later that afternoon, Sanders hit two more solo home runs against ETSU, making her grand total three home runs in a single day, while she went three-for-four at the plate against the Buccaneers.

Saturday and Sunday's shutouts against George Washington and Campbell drew in three more RBIs and .375 and .370 hitting clips, respectfully.

In total, the third baseman batted up a .375 average, collecting eight RBIs for a 1.000 slugging clip over five games through the weekend.

The Hilltoppers are back this weekend, starting Friday, Feb 24 to host the annual Hilltopper Classic, before staying at home at the WKU Softball Complex for three weekends. WKU will see Central Michigan and Illinois State Friday, before taking on Central Michigan and Jacksonville Saturday, and wrapping up the weekend against Illinois State Sunday morning.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TOPS OPEN HOME SLATE HOSTING HILLTOPPER CLASSIC THIS WEEKEND

Hilltopper Classic // Feb. 24-26 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 1: Central Michigan	Friday, Feb. 24 3 p.m. CT BTM (Facebook Live) Livestats
Game 2: Illinois State	Friday, Feb. 24 5:30 p.m. CT BTM (Facebook Live) Livestats
Game 3: Central Michigan	Saturday, Feb. 25 12:30 p.m. CT BTM (Facebook Live) Livestats
Game 4: Jacksonville State	Saturday, Feb. 25 3 p.m. CT BTM (Facebook Live) Livestats
Game 5: Illinois State	Sunday, Feb. 26 12:30 p.m. CT HSSN (Facebook Live) Livestats

Single Day: Adults: \$10, Youth (3-12): \$5

[Tickets](#)

WKU students receive free admission by showing their student ID.

Sunday: Free admission by showing a church bulletin

Schedule Magnet Giveaway (All Weekend)

[Promotions](#)

Autograph Saturdays

Free Admission with Church Bulletin (Sunday only)

[Game Notes](#)

WKU | Illinois State | Jacksonville State

[Series History](#)

Central Michigan (Lead, 1-0; [Full History](#)), Illinois State (Tied, 6-6; [Full History](#)), Jacksonville State (Tied, 2-2; [Full History](#))

[Social Media](#)

[@WKUSoftball](#)  | [@WKU Softball](#)  | [Facebook](#)  | [YouTube](#)  | [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Softball is set to open their home field slate this Friday-Sunday at the WKU Softball Complex for their annual Hilltopper Classic. WKU is set to face Central Michigan, Illinois State, and Jacksonville State, playing a total of five games.

The Hilltopper Classic consists of three teams that WKU has matched up against before. This will mark the second and third times WKU has played Central Michigan, the Hilltoppers last played the MAC team last season ago, taking the Chippewas, 10-2 in Bowling Green. WKU will play Illinois State for the 13th time, also meeting last in 2022 and taking the last five games to the Redbirds in the 6-6 tied series. The Tops have seen Jacksonville State four times, with a tied 2-2 series as the Gamecocks are set to join Conference USA this summer.

From the circle, Kelsie Houchens notched the first complete game of her career: a 3-0 shutout over Campbell on Sunday. Through the weekend, she threw seven strikeouts, walked three, and only collected six hits in two games and leads the WKU pitching staff with a 2.29 ERA. Katie Gardner also recorded a complete game in South Carolina. The Bowling Green native saw action in three of five games, picking up 16 strikeouts including 10 in the game with Delaware.

All five weekend games for WKU Softball will feature a livestream on Facebook Live. WKU's Friday and Saturday match ups will be on the secondary stream, Behind the Mic. Sunday's game against Illinois State will be streamed from the primary HSSN Facebook Live. Hilltopper letterwinner and HAF Executive Director Kat (Downing) Smith will be on the call for Friday and Saturday's games, while the Voice of the Lady Toppers, Brad Klein, will be calling the game Sunday.

For games **prior** to 4:30 p.m., parking will be available in the first level of Parking Structure 3. Please tell the attendant that you are there for softball. All games past 4:30 p.m. parking is open

in the Creason lot past the WKU Softball Complex outfield fences.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

COMPLETE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

10 a.m. - Central Michigan (H) vs. Jacksonville State (A)

12:30 p.m. - Illinois State (H) vs. Jacksonville State (A)

3:30 p.m. - WKU vs. Central Michigan

5:30 p.m. - WKU vs. Illinois State

Saturday

10 a.m. - Jacksonville State (H) vs. Illinois State (A)

12:30 p.m. - WKU vs. Central Michigan

3 p.m. - WKU vs. Jacksonville State

5:30 p.m. - Illinois State (H) vs. Central Michigan (A)

Sunday

10 a.m. - Central Michigan (H) vs. Jacksonville State (A)

12:30 p.m. - WKU vs. Illinois State

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball will see Central Michigan after their first meeting last season, resulting in a 1-0 Tops victory. Illinois State and WKU are tied in the long standing series, 6-6, while Jacksonville State and WKU are also tied 2-2 as JSU is joining Conference USA this summer.
- The Hilltoppers will face six Power Five teams in seven games this season. The Tops have seen Minnesota, Michigan, and South Carolina this season.
- Head coach Amy Tudor is six wins away from her career 500-win mark. She owns 277 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- Senior infielder Taylor Sanders was picked as the C-USA Conference Player of the Week on Monday, now earning her third weekly nod.
- Hosting a five-game homestand this weekend, WKU will be at home for three weekends in a row, starting with the Hilltopper Classic, Hilltopper Spring Fling, and three-game series hosting Miami (OH).
- On the stat sheet, Brylee Hage is leading the tops with a .484 batting average, while also collecting 13 hits on the season. Taylor Sanders holds nine RBIs for 2023, leading WKU.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .308 batting average, 78 hits off the bats with 45 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Feb. 24, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HILLTOPPERS TAKE TWO ON HOME OPENING DAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Hilltoppers opened up the 2023 home slate, hosting the annual Hilltopper Classic in victorious fashion, with wins over Central Michigan and Illinois State Friday evening at the WKU Softball Complex. The Tops held Central Michigan to a no-hitter through the seventh inning, 2-1, while garnering their fourth shutout of the season with a 6-0 match up against the Redbirds of Illinois State.

Brylee Hage, Taylor Davis, and Faith Hegg all picked up three hits on the day. As a unit, the Hilltoppers batted .286 against Central Michigan, before picking up speed against the Redbirds with .423 at the plate. Kelsie Houchens and Katie Gardner both contained six innings of production from the circle, with a 5+ strikeout night for Gardner.

WKU 2, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 1

In a bizarre fashion of advancing the Chippewas' leadoff hitter after being hit by a pitch at the plate, though groundouts, CMU scored in the first inning, hitless, after a wild pitch over home.

Bats were moving by the fourth inning in Bowling Green. Catcher Randi Drinnon singled up the middle before designated hitter Faith Hegg sent Drinnon's pinch runner, Kasia Parks to second after a hit into left field. After a groundout from Kelsey Schmidt that advanced runners, freshman outfielder Addy Edgmon flied out left, sending Parks home and getting the Tops on the board.

The season's RBIs leader, Taylor Sanders collected her tenth RBI on the year with a sac-fly into right field, tagging up TJ Webster, after she singled down the left field line. Webster advanced to third after Brylee Hage singled back to the pitcher's circle, and Taylor Davis sacrificed bunted on the left side.

In the circle, Houchens left the Chippewas hitless through the seventh inning. She worked through 6.1 innings, only earning one run off of one hit with a strikeout on the board.

WKU 6, ILLINOIS STATE 0

Taylor Sanders gained momentum on the evening with a single into right, sending Brylee Hage home who led off the third inning with a single into the same spot. Drinnon carried out scoring in the inning, flying out into center field and sending Davis who tagged up on the bag.

In a big sixth inning to earn some insurance runs, Kennedy Foote and Webster hit back-to-back doubles to mark themselves on second and third base. Hage came in with a single up the middle to score Foote, while Davis found the gap in left field sending Webster across the plate.

Sanders once again picked up an RBI with a sacrifice fly, before Hegg singled and Illinois State made a change in the circle. A wild pitch from the Redbirds' Annie Volkers, Davis headed home and

the Hilltoppers' picked up four more on the board with their last time at-bat of the night.

Marking another stellar six innings in the circle, senior Katie Gardner got the go from head coach Amy Tudor for the Tops' nightcap at the field. The Bowling Green native went through scoreless, only claiming three hits, walking two, and throwing eight strikeouts – leading the Hilltopper pitching staff with 36 on the season.

The Hilltoppers' are back in action tomorrow afternoon in Bowling Green to face Central Michigan at 12:30 p.m. and Jacksonville State at 3 p.m. for the second day of the Hilltopper Classic.

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball now holds a perfect 2-0 all-time record over Central Michigan, while the Tops now hold the upper hand 7-6 record against Illinois State.
- Last Hilltopper Classic, the Hilltoppers' swept every opponent, run-ruling Central Michigan and Bellarmine in Bowling Green.
- Head coach Amy Tudor is four wins away from her career 500-win mark. She owns 279 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- The Hilltoppers stay at home next weekend, WKU will host the annual Hilltopper Spring Fling Tournament at the WKU Softball Complex.
- On the stat sheet, Brylee Hage is leading the tops with a .462 batting average, while also collecting 18 hits on the season and Taylor Sanders notches 12 RBIs and three home runs for 2023.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
 Central Michigan at Western Kentucky
 Feb 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Central Michigan 1 (2-4)

Western Kentucky 2 (6-5)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Tolmie cf	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Vallimont rf	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Hollo dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Coberley 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
Alexander lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	1
Cronin 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
Britton ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bracamonte 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
Knapp pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Springer ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0
Mills c	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	3
Petrovitch ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bean p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	20	1	1	0	4	1	18	3	5

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	4	1
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Kasia Parks pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Hegh dh	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	0
Addy Edgmon rf	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	3	2
Abby Newman ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TJ Webster ss	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	21	2	6	2	2	5	21	15	6

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Central Michigan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	1	0	X	2	6	1

E - K. Schmidt. DP - WKU 1. LOB - CMU 5; WKU 6. HBP - Tolmie. SH - Tolmie; Vallimont; T. Davis; K. Schmidt. SF - A. Edgmon. SB - T. Davis.

Central Michigan	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Bean	6.0	6	2	2	2	5	21	26

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Kelsie Houchens	6.1	1	1	1	3	1	18	24
Maddy Wood	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	2	3

Win - K. Houchens (2-1). Loss - Bean (0-2). Save - M. Wood (1).
 WP - K. Houchens. HBP - by K. Houchens (Tolmie).

Umpires - HP: Chuck Beighle 1B: John West 3B: Victor Canales
 Start: 4:15pm Time: 1:45 Attendance: 345
 Weather: 55 degrees, sunny

2023 WKU Softball
 Illinois State at Western Kentucky
 Feb 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Illinois State 0 (2-9)

Western Kentucky 6 (7-5)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Bryant, Delainey ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0
Masching, Addison lf	3	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0
Olson, Emme 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
Horton, Abby pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knight, Abby 1b	2	0	1	0	1	0	6	0	0
Kennedy, Dayna c	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	2
Standish, Jayden 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0
Hicks, Hanna rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
LaFontaine, Brandi rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Meeks, Hannah dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Chval, Kailli cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0
Meshnick, Hannah p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Volkers, Annie p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	0	3	0	2	9	18	7	7

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	3	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	4	2	2	1	0	0	4	0	2
Taylor Sanders 3b	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0
Faith Hegh dh	4	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	1	0	0	1	2	0	7	1	2
Kaytlan Kemp pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	0	0	1	2	6	0	1
Addy Edgmon rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Kennedy Foote 2b	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	0
TJ Webster ss	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	1
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	6	11	5	6	3	21	6	10

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Illinois State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	2	0	0	4	X	6	11	1

E - T. Webster. DP - ILS 1. LOB - ILS 7; WKU 10. 2B - Masching, A.; K. Foote 2; T. Webster. HBP - Bryant, D..
 SF - T. Sanders; R. Drinnon. SB - B. Hage; T. Davis; F. Hegh; K. Kemp.

Illinois State	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Meshnick, Hannah	5.1	11	6	6	5	2	24	31
Volkers, Annie	0.2	0	0	0	1	1	2	3

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Katie Gardner	6.0	3	0	0	2	8	22	25
Maddy Wood	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3

Win - K. Gardner (4-4). Loss - Meshnick, H. (1-2). Save - None.
 WP - Volkers, A.; K. Gardner. HBP - by K. Gardner (Bryant, D.).

Umpires - HP: Daimon Russell 1B: Victor Canales 3B: Chuck Beighle
 Start: 6:30pm Time: 2:20 Attendance: 267
 Weather: 46 degrees, clear

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Feb. , 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
WKU SOFTBALL SPLITS SATURDAY IN BOWLING GREEN**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – After a comeback win over Central Michigan in the early afternoon, the Hilltoppers dropped their final game on Saturday to Jacksonville State, splitting the second day of the Hilltopper Classic. The 6-4 final over the Chippewas featured a Faith Hegh solo home run and six hits from six different Hilltoppers, while the 4-3 tough loss to Jacksonville State was the fourth complete game for right-hander Katie Gardner.

Taylor Davis came out of the day with a .571 batting average, while both Hegh and Kelsey Schmidt were .500 at the plate on day two. All four pitchers on staff saw action, with both veterans Gardner and Kelsie Houchens collected three strikeouts on the afternoon.

WKU 6, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 4

The Chippewas got going in the top of one, a fielders' choice led advancing runners and CMU's leadoff hitter home, unearned. Later in the second and fourth frames, Central Michigan plated two more for the 3-0 lead, featuring a groundout force to first base and a sacrifice-fly into center field.

Senior designated hitter Faith Hegh lasered out a ball straight back over the center field wall for her fourth career home run, putting the Hilltoppers on the board in the bottom of the fourth inning.

Following suit for a big fifth inning to tie the ballgame, Taylor Sanders walked with bases loaded off of Central Michigan's pitcher, sending TJ Webster across the plate. With Hegh at-bat and a pitching change, the Chippewas accumulated a passed ball behind the plate, sending runners advancing and Brylee Hage to home plate for the tying run.

Central Michigan worked through though, their cleanup hitter notched an RBI double into center field to tie up the game again in the top of six, not until the Tops came back in the bottom frame.

Brylee Hage took in a two-run RBI double into left field to kick off a one-run lead as both Webster and Schmidt hit themselves on base and put themselves in scoring position. Faith Hegh captured her second RBI of the ballgame with the insurance run: a sacrifice-fly lined out in center field, as Hage tagged up and went home.

From the circle, freshman Maddy Wood got her first career start, racking up seven hits, one earned run, and a strikeout before Luna Curran came in for relief. Curran pitched 1.2 innings, gaining one run off of two hits and walking one. Kelsie Houchens came in for the last three innings, earning the win as she only gave up two hits and a run, while striking out three at the plate.

WKU 3, JACKSONVILLE STATE 4

Jumping on the board first, Hegh doubled into right-center field, scoring Taylor Davis for an early 1-0 lead.

Later in the bottom of the fourth, freshman Addy Edgmon gained her first RBI on the weekend through the right side, advancing the runners to closeout a 2-0 shutout before the Gamecocks would come back with a solo home run to the scoreboard in the top of the fifth.

In the first hit of her career, Kaytlan Kemp shot a blooper into shallow left field on the first pitch of her at-bat, sending Schmidt home and Kemp's first RBI of her career for a 3-1 ballgame.

A tough top of the seventh, JSU plated one in the inning with a shallow ball just slightly towards the first base line, as the throw from first to home was not in time with bases loaded. Jacksonville State later took over the tying run with a sacrifice-fly, before the game was decided on a Gamecock RBI fielder's choice.

Senior Katie Gardner partook in her fourth complete game of the season, giving up four runs off of seven hits. She only walked and struck out three in her seven innings in the circle.

The Hilltoppers' are back to wrap up the Hilltopper Classic tomorrow afternoon facing Illinois State at 12:30 p.m. at the WKU Softball Complex.

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball now holds a perfect 3-0 all-time record over Central Michigan, while the Gamecocks now hold the upper hand 3-2 record as Jacksonville State enters Conference USA in the summer.
- Last Hilltopper Classic, the Hilltoppers' swept every opponent, run-ruling Central Michigan and Bellarmine in Bowling Green.
- Head coach Amy Tudor is three wins away from her career 500-win mark. She owns 280 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- The Hilltoppers stay at home next weekend, WKU will host the annual Hilltopper Spring Fling Tournament at the WKU Softball Complex.
- On the stat sheet, Brylee Hage is leading the tops with a .432 batting average, while also collecting 19 hits on the season and Taylor Sanders notches 13 RBIs and three home runs for 2023.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Central Michigan (2-5) -vs- Western Kentucky (8-5)
2/25/2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Central Michigan	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	11	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	2	3	X	6	6	1

Central Michigan 4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Tolmie cf	4	3	3	0	0	0	0
Alexander lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	0
Hollo rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	2
Coberley 2b	4	0	3	1	0	1	0
Bracamonte 3b	3	0	0	1	0	1	2
Britton dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	2
Knapp pr/rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cronin 1b	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Springer ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mills c	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
Lehto p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallace p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	4	11	4	1	4	10

2B: Tolmie (2); Coberley (1)
SH: Bracamonte (1); Cronin (1)
SF: Hollo (1)
SB: Knapp (1)
HBP: Cronin (1)
E: Bracamonte (1)

Western Kentucky 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Brylee Hage cf	2	2	1	2	2	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Taylor Sanders 3b	2	0	1	1	2	0	0
Faith Hegh dh/rf	2	1	1	2	1	0	1
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0	1	0	2
Addy Edgmon rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	1
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luna Curran p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	6	6	5	6	2	8

2B: Brylee Hage (1)
HR: Faith Hegh (1)
SH: Kennedy Foote (1)
SF: Faith Hegh (1)
SB: TJ Webster (1)
HBP: Taylor Davis (1)
E: Kelsey Schmidt (1)

Central Michigan	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Lehto	4.1	4	3	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	17	21	6	5	-
Wallace (L, 1-1)	1.2	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	11	2	3	-
Totals		6	6	5	6	2	0	0	1	0	23	32	8	8	

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Maddy Wood	2.1	7	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	15	0	6	-
Luna Curran	1.2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	9	3	2	-
Kelsie Houchens (W, 3-1)	3.0	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	10	11	2	4	-
Totals		11	4	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	30	35	5	12	

Win: Kelsie Houchens (3-1)
Loss: Wallace (1-1)
HBP: Wallace, Luna Curran
PB: Mills

Umpires: Home Plate: Victor Canallas First: Daimon Russell Third Base: John West
Start: 12:30pm **Time:** 2:30 **Attendance:** 201 **Weather:** 45 degrees, sunny

Game notes:

- L. Curran faced 1 batter in the 5th.

Central Michigan (2-5) -vs- Western Kentucky (8-5)
2/25/2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Central Michigan	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	4	11	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	2	3	X	6	6	1

Central Michigan 4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Tolmie cf	4	3	3	0	0	0	0
Alexander lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	0
Hollo rf	3	0	1	1	0	0	2
Coberley 2b	4	0	3	1	0	1	0
Bracamonte 3b	3	0	0	1	0	1	2
Britton dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	2
Knapp pr/rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cronin 1b	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Springer ss	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mills c	3	0	1	0	0	0	4
Lehto p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wallace p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	4	11	4	1	4	10

2B: Tolmie (2); Coberley (1)
SH: Bracamonte (1); Cronin (1)
SF: Hollo (1)
SB: Knapp (1)
HBP: Cronin (1)
E: Bracamonte (1)

Western Kentucky 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Brylee Hage cf	2	2	1	2	2	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Taylor Sanders 3b	2	0	1	1	2	0	0
Faith Hegh dh/rf	2	1	1	2	1	0	1
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0	1	0	2
Addy Edgmon rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	1
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	2	1	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luna Curran p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	6	6	5	6	2	8

2B: Brylee Hage (1)
HR: Faith Hegh (1)
SH: Kennedy Foote (1)
SF: Faith Hegh (1)
SB: TJ Webster (1)
HBP: Taylor Davis (1)
E: Kelsey Schmidt (1)

Central Michigan	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Lehto	4.1	4	3	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	17	21	6	5	-
Wallace (L, 1-1)	1.2	2	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	6	11	2	3	-
Totals		6	6	5	6	2	0	0	1	0	23	32	8	8	

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Maddy Wood	2.1	7	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	15	0	6	-
Luna Curran	1.2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	9	3	2	-
Kelsie Houchens (W, 3-1)	3.0	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	10	11	2	4	-
Totals		11	4	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	30	35	5	12	

Win: Kelsie Houchens (3-1)
Loss: Wallace (1-1)
HBP: Wallace, Luna Curran
PB: Mills

Umpires: Home Plate: Victor Canallas First: Daimon Russell Third Base: John West
Start: 12:30pm **Time:** 2:30 **Attendance:** 201 **Weather:** 45 degrees, sunny

Game notes:

- L. Curran faced 1 batter in the 5th.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Feb. 26, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

SOFTBALL ENDS HILLTOPPER CLASSIC WITH A 6-1 WIN OVER ILLINOIS STATE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Tops wrapped up the annual Hilltopper Classic in victory fashion, with a heavy 6-1 win over the Illinois State Redbirds. Kelsie Houchens, who earned her fifth win of the season, split the game in the circle with Katie Gardner.

The Hilltoppers split all six hits on the board among six different players, both TJ Webster and Faith Hegh going .500 on the afternoon with a hit and a walk a piece. After recording her first career hit and RBI last night, freshman Kaytlan Kemp got her first career start for the Red and White, taking the field at second base, while recording a hit at the plate.

WKU 6, ILLINOIS STATE 1

Taking a heavy lead early in the first inning, WKU got on base and runners in scoring position the whole frame. A wild pitch from Illinois State's right-hander got bases-loaded advancing and center fielder Brylee Hage moving across the plate.

Right fielder Faith Hegh got a piece of the next ball to her, a single through the right side earned her an RBI and a 2-0 ballgame from Taylor Davis hitting home. Kelsey Schmidt would later single to the same spot, earning the RBI from Taylor Sanders.

The final two runs scored from the Hilltoppers in the first frame were fast base running from third. Faith Hegh scored on a throw-down error from the Redbirds as Kelsey Schmidt successfully stole second base, and the Hilltoppers implemented a double steal with Kaytlan Kemp taking second and Schmidt heading home, closing out a 5-0 lead and batting through the WKU order.

The lone run for ISU came out after a sacrifice fly out into right field, sending the Redbirds' six-spot hitter tagging for home in the top of the fourth.

The Tops tagged on another insurance run in the bottom of the fifth inning: a fielding error on the Redbirds' shortstop led Schmidt to second base and pinch runner Anniston Bray to home plate.

Redshirt-sophomore Kelsie Houchens worked her way in the circle through 4.1 innings, giving up one run off of five hits with a strikeout. Katie Gardner closed out the Sunday matinee in Bowling Green, recording just a walk in 10 batters faced in Bowling Green.

The Hilltoppers are back hosting their second tournament of the season, the Hilltopper Spring Fling, March 3-5, at the WKU Softball Complex.

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball now holds the upper hand in an 8-6 record over Illinois State.

- Last Hilltopper Classic, the Hilltoppers' swept every opponent, run-ruling Central Michigan and Bellarmine in Bowling Green. WKU was 4-1 over the weekend.
- Head coach Amy Tudor is two wins away from her career 500-win mark. She owns 281 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- The Hilltoppers stay at home next weekend, WKU will host the annual Hilltopper Spring Fling Tournament at the WKU Softball Complex.
- On the stat sheet, TJ Webster is now leading the Tops with a .425 batting average off of 17 hits. Brylee Hage owns 20 hits on the season, while Taylor Sanders notches 13 RBIs and three home runs for 2023.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Illinois State (3-11) -vs- Western Kentucky (9-6)
2/26/2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Illinois State	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	2
Western Kentucky	5	0	0	0	1	0	X	6	6	1

Illinois State 1

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Bryant, Delaineey ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	0
Olson, Emme 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Bognar, Bailah pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Knight, Abby dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy, Dayna rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	2
LaFontaine, Brandi rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jefferson, Chloe 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
Standish, Jayden 3b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chval, Kaili cf	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Masching, Addison lf	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Wilkerson, Bella c	3	0	0	0	0	0	4
Meeks, Hannah p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ross, Hannah p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	5	1	3	1	8

2B: Bryant, Delaineey (1); Olson, Emme (1); Standish, Jayden (1); Masching, Addison (1)

SF: Masching, Addison (1)

E: Bryant, Delaineey (1); Olson, Emme (1)

Western Kentucky 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Brylee Hage cf	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
Taylor Davis lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Faith Hegh rf	2	1	1	1	1	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt dh	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kennedy Foote 1b	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Payton O'Connor ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kaytlan Kemp 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	3
Abby Newman 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	1	0	1	0	1
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	6	6	2	3	2	5

SH: Kennedy Foote (1)

SB: Faith Hegh (1); Kelsey Schmidt (2); Kaytlan Kemp (1); TJ Webster (1)

CS: TJ Webster (1)

HBP: Taylor Sanders (2)

E: Kaytlan Kemp (1)

Illinois State	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Meeks, Hannah (L, 1-2)	4.1	6	6	3	1	1	1	0	2	0	18	22	6	6	-
Ross, Hannah	1.2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	5	7	0	3	-
Totals		6	6	3	3	2	1	0	2	0	23	29	6	9	

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Kelsie Houchens (W, 5-1)	4.1	5	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	17	20	10	2	-
Katie Gardner	2.2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	10	3	5	-
Totals		5	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	26	30	13	7	

Win: Kelsie Houchens (5-1)

Loss: Meeks, Hannah (1-2)

HBP: Meeks, Hannah

PB: Wilkerson, Bella

Umpires: Home Plate: Chuck Beighle First: Daimon Russell Third Base: John West

Start: 1:00pm **Time:** 2:07 **Attendance:** 226 **Weather:** 56 degrees, cloudy

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Mar. , 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

EVANSVILLE GAME CANCELED; HILLTOPPER SPRING FLING SCHEDULE REVISED

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Due to strong winds that will affect game and field conditions, WKU Softball's 4:30 p.m. game tonight against Evansville has been canceled.

In a revised schedule for the Hilltopper Spring Fling this weekend, the Hilltoppers are now slated to play Akron at 3 p.m. and Evansville at 5:30 p.m. CT at the WKU Softball Complex.

On Sunday, WKU will face Akron again at 12:30 p.m. and challenge Austin Peay at 3 p.m. CT.

For more information on the complete tournament schedule, follow the [tournament central page](#) on WKUSports.com.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

MEDIA ADVISORY / SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz

Friday, March 3, 2023

Hi everyone,

Due to the 50 mph winds in Bowling Green, tonight's game against Evansville as well as the non-WKU game featuring Akron and Austin Peay at the WKU Softball Complex has been canceled. WKU is set to play Akron tomorrow afternoon at 12:30 p.m. CT.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

MEDIA ADVISORY / SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz

Friday, March 3, 2023

Hi everyone,

Due to the tornado warning until 1 p.m. CT and impending rain and wind in Bowling Green, WKU Softball's 3:30 p.m. first pitch against Evansville today has been pushed back to 4:30 p.m. CT at the WKU Softball Complex. The second non-WKU game with Akron and Austin Peay has been pushed to a 7 p.m. start time.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Mar. 4, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TUDOR MARKS 500TH CAREER WIN; TOPS SWEEP SATURDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Softball swept Saturday's games and have won their last 10 of 12 for head coach Amy Tudor's 500th career win after the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville at the WKU Softball Complex. Earlier in the day, the Hilltoppers took care of Akron, 3-2, win freshman Luna Curran earning her first career save in the circle.

"It's always been special with every group I've been able to coach", noted head coach Amy Tudor. "I think back along the way to all the players that have been a part of any of the programs. But to win it here with this team, it's really special. I was proud of the way we've played all day long."

"I'm very proud of her [Tudor], ask me any day, Western is my heart and soul", said fifth-year senior Taylor Davis. "I'm so thankful I've been here for five years, and to hear that Coach T has been here longer too -- not many athletes can say they've been with their coach for five years."

Collectively, WKU pulled through 12 runs off of 14 hits. Three-spot hitter Taylor Sanders picked up four hits and four RBIs in both games, while Kennedy Foote picked up two against the Evansville in WKU's fifth shutout on the season.

WKU 3, AKRON 2

Garnering a run on the board in the bottom of the third, Taylor Davis notches a single up the middle, scoring Brylee Hage. Hage made her way on the bag from a single through the right side and stealing second.

The Hilltopper's RBIs leader this season, Taylor Sanders, popped in two more as she doubled into left field, sending TJ Webster and Kennedy Foote across the plate for a big fifth inning and the final runs for WKU.

The Zips inched their way back into the ballgame, a bases-loaded fielder's choice went to get the runner out heading to third base, while the runner on the bag went home for a 3-1 Tops lead.

In a close call at the top of seven, an RBI groundout on the right side landed a one-run game inside the WKU Softball Complex, before freshman Luna Curran retired one more hitter to end it.

Redshirt-sophomore Kelsie Houchens worked her way in the circle through six innings, giving up one run off of three hits with four strikeouts and earning her sixth win of the season. Freshman Luna Curran came in for the seventh. She walked one, struckout one, while giving up one hit and a run and earning her first career save.

WKU 9, EVANSVILLE 0

A huge first inning for the Hilltoppers marked the most runs in a single frame this season to complete the shutout. With bases loaded, second baseman Kelsey Schmidt singled through the left side, picking up an RBI before catcher Randi Drinnon took her base after being walked, bases-

loaded.

First baseman Kennedy Foote, picking up just her second multi-hit game of the season, pooped a blooper up the middle and collected two RBIs in the process for a 4-0 Tops lead. Designated hitter Kaytlan Kemp got walked and Evansville changed pitchers for the first time of the game.

Nine-spot hitter TJ Webster picked up her seventh consecutive hit in a game with a two-run single in the middle, as the Hilltoppers hit through the order. With two runners on, Taylor Davis reaches base from a fielding error at second base and Kemp scores, unearned to close out the runs in the top frame.

To cap off the board and run-rule the game, Sanders drive in a single in the bottom of the third inning. Kemp and Foote head across the plate to finalize the 9-0 victory for WKU.

In the circle, Katie Gardner collects her fifth W to go 5-5 on the season. The Bowling Green native only gave up two hits and walked one, while striking out three of 16 batters faced. Freshman Maddy Wood got to close out the top of the fifth, collecting zeros across the board, only walking two, and picking up a strikeout.

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball now holds the upper hand in an 8-6 record over Illinois State.
- Last Hilltopper Spring Fling, the Hilltoppers' swept every opponent, shutting out Dayton in the first game.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark between the four programs she has been a head coach. She owns 283 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- The Hilltoppers stay at home next weekend, hosting the first three-game series of the season when Miami of Ohio comes to town.
- On the stat sheet, TJ Webster is now leading the Tops with a .422 batting average off of 19 hits. Brylee Hage owns 21 hits on the season, while Taylor Sanders notches 17 RBIs and three home runs for 2023.
- The Hilltoppers ended the 2022 season collectively with 38 home runs, 240 RBI, and a .303 batting average from the dugout.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Akron at Western Kentucky
Mar 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Akron 2 (6-5)

Western Kentucky 3 (10-6)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
SIVEK, Brooke 2b	4	1	1	0	0	2	2	2	1
MCCHESENEY, Molly rf	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	2
LEE, Meagan lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
CAMPBELL, Alexis 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0
AUTEN, Carley pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BRYANT, Jaiden ss	3	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	3
MACINTOSH-HOULDER, K dh	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
FORTUNE, Shelby pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCHELLER, Abigail c	2	0	1	0	1	0	4	0	0
SEPAR, Emma pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STEVENS, Tiffany cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
DUDEK, Madison 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
BAILEY, Autumn ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DEVOE, Laurel ph	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
CROYLE, Haley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	2	4	2	4	5	18	3	6

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Taylor Davis lf/dh	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	0	2	2	0	1	2	3	1
Faith Hegh rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3
Kelsey Schmidt 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Kennedy Foote 1b	2	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Jessica Bush dh	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh/lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	4	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Luna Curran p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	3	6	3	1	3	21	9	4

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	2	0	X	3	6	2

E - R. Drinnon; K. Foote. LOB - Akron 6; WKU 4. 2B - T. Sanders. SH - K. Kemp. SB - B. Hage; T. Webster.

Akron	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
CROYLE, Haley	6.0	6	3	3	1	3	23	25

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Kelsie Houchens	6.0	3	1	1	3	4	20	23
Luna Curran	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	5	6

Win - K. Houchens (6-1). Loss - CROYLE (3-1). Save - L. Curran (1).

PB - R. Drinnon.

Umpires - HP: Jeffery Blanken 1B: Matt Leisure 3B: Cory Hastings

Start: 3:00pm Time: 1:50 Attendance: 123

Weather: 60 degrees, sunny

2023 WKU Softball
 Evansville at Western Kentucky
 Mar 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Evansville 0 (13-3)

Western Kentucky 9 (11-6)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Howe, T. c	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Lawson, K. c	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frossard, Z. lf	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1
Wood, M. 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	2
Davis, A. cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hood, H. 3b	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0
Nink, J. rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kalonihea, S. ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3
McCorkle, B. dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Willsey, J. 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kleffman, E. p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Weatherford, S. p/pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McAllister, P. p/pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	18	0	2	0	3	4	12	7	6

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Addy Edgmon ph/cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Taylor Davis lf/dh	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
Faith Hegh rf	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kasia Parks rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	3	3
Randi Drinnon c	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	1	0
Kennedy Foote 1b	3	2	2	2	0	0	10	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh/lf	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	0	1	2	0	0	1	3	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	9	8	8	5	0	15	10	7

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Evansville	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Western Kentucky	7	0	2	0	X	9	8	1

E - Kalonihea; Willsey; K. Schmidt. LOB - UE 6; WKU 7. HBP - B. Hage. SB - Davis; Hood; T. Davis; K. Kemp; T. Webster.

Evansville	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Kleffman, E.	0.1	4	7	6	2	0	5	8
Weatherford, S.	2.2	4	2	0	1	0	14	15
McAllister, P.	1.0	0	0	0	2	0	3	5

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Katie Gardner	4.0	2	0	0	1	3	15	16
Maddy Wood	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	3	5

Win - K. Gardner (5-5). Loss - Kleffman (4-1). Save - None.
 WP - McAllister. HBP - by Kleffman (B. Hage). PB - R. Drinnon 2.

Umpires - HP: Jason Booth 1B: Cory Hastings 3B: Jeffery Blanken
 Start: 5:30pm Time: 1:30 Attendance: 353
 Weather: 58 degrees, sunny

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Mar. 5, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HEAVY OFFENSE DRIVES WKU TO A 2-0 SUNDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – In a perfect 4-0 weekend for the Hilltoppers, WKU got the bats moving on Sunday as they swept both their Sunday games at the WKU Softball Complex. To end the 2023 Hilltopper Spring Fling, the Tops marked their fifth complete shutout, 5-0, against Akron before taking care of Austin Peay, 8-1.

In the Hilltoppers' match with Akron, Kaytlan Kemp pulls in WKU's second triple of the season, while first baseman Jessica Bush records the first home run of her career: a two-run shot over the left field wall. Against the Governors in the later afternoon game – even with a Kelsie Houchens start in the circle – freshman Maddy Wood made her mark on the field in six innings with allowing only two hits, no runs on 21 batters faced and earning her first collegiate win.

WKU 5, AKRON 0

Katie Gardner made her way to the circle with the start against the Zips. The Bowling Green native took in seven innings, three hits, only walking two, while striking out a near season-high nine batters in the match up.

Getting things going on the board in the fifth inning, freshman Kaytlan Kemp found the corner of left field in the Hilltoppers' second triple of the season, as she turned on the wheels to the bag, and sent pinch runner Kasia Parks across the plate for a 1-0 lead.

A huge sixth inning for WKU, Taylor Sanders kicked things off with an RBI single into left field. Cleanup hitter Faith Hegh followed up with a sac-fly, sending Taylor Davis across, unearned.

To cap off the final on the boxscore, junior Jessica Bush took a 2-1 count to the left field wall with her first career home run and picking up two RBIs in the process for a 5-0 win.

WKU 8, AUSTIN PEAY 1

Austin Peay got moving in the top of one, a single up the middle with two runners on and one across the plate.

Capping off the other half of the frame, right fielder Faith Hegh tied the game with an RBI single up the middle and scored leadoff hitter, Brylee Hage.

After a pitching change, Maddy Wood took charge of the circle. Collecting only two hits the rest of the ballgame.

Pinch hitter Addy Edgmon worked with her opportunity: she singled straight to the pitcher's circle, advanced runners, and sent Hegh home in the bottom of the fourth. Kemp later in the inning singled right down the left field line and sent another Hilltopper batter across home plate.

An explosive bottom of the fifth to cap the ballgame, catcher Randi Drinnon first reached base on a

fielding error by the Austin Peay second baseman, which moved Taylor Davis to home, unearned. Jessica Bush picked up another hit and RBI on the day, before Kennedy Foote also singled in the inning which resulted in another RBI.

As WKU batted through the order, Hage ended the scoring for the Red and White with a single through the left side, resulting in both Kemp and Foote across the plate and Hage's fifth multi-RBI game this season.

Freshman Maddy Wood pitched through six innings, garnering the win, and only giving up two hits in 21 batters faced. On offense, WKU pulled together 13 hits as a team, just second to their season-high 14 hits earlier in the year.

TOP STORYLINES

- After the last meeting in 2015, WKU Softball now holds the 5-2 upper hand in the all-time series with Akron. Regional foe, Austin Peay and WKU are 24-6 in the Red and White's favor.
- Last Hilltopper Spring Fling, the Hilltoppers swept every opponent, shutting out Dayton in the first game.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark last night in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is now at 502 all-time, while 285 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers stay at home next weekend, hosting the first three-game series of the season when Miami of Ohio comes to town.
- On the stat sheet, TJ Webster is now leading the Tops with a .420 batting average off of 21 hits. Brylee Hage owns 24 hits on the season, while Taylor Sanders notches 18 RBIs and three home runs for 2023.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 149 hits, 85 RBIs, a .316 batting average with five home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Akron at Western Kentucky
Mar 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Akron 0 (7-6)

Western Kentucky 5 (12-6)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
SIVEK, Brooke 2b	3	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0
MCCHESENEY, Molly rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEE, Meagan lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1
CAMPBELL, Alexis 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
SCHELLER, Abigail c	3	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	0
MACINTOSH-HOULDER, K dh	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
BRYANT, Jaiden ss	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1
DEVOE, Laurel ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
STEVENS, Tiffany cf	2	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	1
DUDEK, Madison 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0
BAILEY, Autumn ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DIFEO, Alexa p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	3	0	2	9	18	4	4

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	2	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0
Faith Hegh rf	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	1	0	0	0	9	1	0
Kasia Parks pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 1b	2	1	1	2	0	0	7	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	1
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Totals	22	5	6	5	1	4	21	8	2

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	1	4	X	5	6	0

E - DUDEK. LOB - Akron 4; WKU 2. 3B - K. Kemp. HR - J. Bush. SH - J. Bush. SF - F. Hegh. SB - SIVEK; MCCHESENEY; B. Hage; T. Davis. CS - BAILEY; T. Webster.

Akron	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
DIFEO, Alexa	6.0	6	5	4	1	4	22	25

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Katie Gardner	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	23	25

Win - K. Gardner (6-5). Loss - DIFEO (2-2). Save - None.
PB - SCHELLER.

Umpires - HP: Jason Booth 1B: Matt Leisure 3B: Jeffery Blanken
Start: 12:30pm Time: 1:40 Attendance: 203
Weather: 62 degrees, sunny

2023 WKU Softball
Austin Peay at Western Kentucky
Mar 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Austin Peay 1 (5-7)

Western Kentucky 8 (13-6)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
HODUM, Megan cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
WEINZAPFEL, Kendyl lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
OSOWSKI-ANDERSON, L 3b	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1
CAMPBELL, Kylie 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
CLARK, Mea c	3	0	1	1	0	0	7	2	1
SHERIDAN, Skylar dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
APIAG, Gabi ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
HARKLEROAD, Emily rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ZUEGE, Morgan 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
BENEFIEL, Jordan p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
MARTIN, Ashley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NICHOLS, Emberly p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	1	4	1	1	1	18	6	5

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	4	1	2	2	0	0	2	0	2
Taylor Davis lf	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
Taylor Sanders 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1
Faith Hegh rf	4	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	4	2	2	1	0	1	1	0	1
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 1b	2	0	1	1	1	0	17	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	6	2
Addy Edgmon ph	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Totals	30	8	13	8	2	5	21	16	8

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Austin Peay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	2	5	0	X	8	13	1

E - ZUEGE; T. Webster. LOB - APSU 5; WKU 8. 2B - APIAG; R. Drinnon. SH - T. Davis; J. Bush. SB - ZUEGE; F. Hegh. CS - K. Kemp.

Austin Peay	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
BENEFIEL, Jordan	4.0	8	3	3	0	4	17	19
MARTIN, Ashley	0.1	3	5	1	1	1	5	6
NICHOLS, Emberly	1.2	2	0	0	1	0	8	9

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Kelsie Houchens	1.0	2	1	1	1	1	5	6
Maddy Wood	6.0	2	0	0	0	0	21	21

Win - M. Wood (1-0). Loss - BENEFIEL (3-4). Save - None.

Umpires - HP: Corey Hastings 1B: Jeffery Blanken 3B: Jason Booth
Start: 3:00pm Time: 1:50 Attendance: 253
Weather: 65 degrees, sunny

HILLTOPPERS HEAD EAST FOR FIRST MIDWEEK GAME AT ECU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Softball is heading to Eastern Kentucky this Wednesday for the midweek game of the season against the Colonels, after last year's match up was canceled due to inclement weather. The Hilltoppers lead the all-time series 14-12.

WKU owns an overall record of 13-6 on the campaign, while ECU is fairly even at 12-7 this season. Last weekend, the Hilltoppers stayed at home, hosting their last tournament of the season, the Hilltopper Spring Fling, and going a perfect 4-0 over two days for the first time this season. ECU was split 2-2, hosting their own four-team tournament in Richmond this past weekend.

Both the Hilltoppers and Colonels have squared off with Evansville this season. WKU beat took care of the Purple Aces, a run-rule 9-0 match that was head coach Amy Tudor's career 500th win, while ECU fell 5-10 in DePaul's Dome Tournament.

WKU holds the all-time series edge 14-12, but ECU took the meeting in 2021 in 1-0 decision in Bowling Green. The Hilltoppers are 6-4 all-time in Richmond and have won 2 of their last 3 outings at ECU.

Wednesday's tilt between the Hilltoppers and Colonels will be streamed on ESPN+. Livestats will also be available.

GAME 20

WKU (13-6) vs. ECU (12-7)

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 | 4 p.m. CT

[Livestats](#) | [ESPN+](#)

Gertrude Hood Field | Richmond, Ky

TOP STORYLINES

- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is now at 502 all-time, while 285 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers stay at home next weekend, hosting the first three-game series of the season when Miami of Ohio comes to town.
- On the stat sheet, TJ Webster is now leading the Tops with a .420 batting average off of 21 hits. Brylee Hage owns 24 hits on the season, while Taylor Sanders notches 18 RBIs and three home runs for 2023.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 149 hits, 85 RBIs, a .316 batting average with five home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Sanders was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, Mar. 8, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
TOPS TAKE EASTERN KENTUCKY, 3-2, INTO 13 INNINGS**

RICHMOND, Ky. – Kicking off the first midweek of the 2023 season for the Hilltoppers, WKU defeated/fell to Eastern Kentucky Wednesday night in Richmond as Katie Gardner got her 12th start of the season and enjoyed a stellar night from the circle with ten strikeouts, six hits, one earned run and two walks. Freshman Maddy Wood garnered her second win of the season with a four-inning closing and only accumulated one hit, with three strikeouts and a walk.

Picking up her eighth and ninth RBIs on the year, Randi Drinnon drives two in for her first RBIs in seven games, on top of two hits. Six other Hilltoppers collected hits during the evening match up to total the Hilltoppers' 13 – just short of the season-high 14 collective hits.

WKU 3, ECU 2

Kicking off the top frame East of Bowling Green, Randi Drinnon pulls in an RBI-single into left field on a 2-2 count, to score Taylor Davis and break a 1-0 lead for the Red and White.

After quiet midgame for both teams on the bats, Eastern Kentucky earns a shot on the board after the Colonels leadoff hitter makes her way to second base after a WKU error, and the follow up was an RBI single through the left side to tie the ballgame and head to extras.

In the top of the eighth, the Hilltoppers pulled through two hits and a sacrifice bunt from Drinnon to move runners in scoring position, but unable to complete in the frame as Gardner wrapped up the bottom half with retiring the first three up.

Stellar defense from the Tops created nothing from ECU in the ninth inning. Kennedy Foote came back in redemption from her sixth inning error to drive out a double play to start the outing. A line out right to her in the four-spot plus the throw to first base to catch the Colonel runner, gave the Hilltoppers the defensive advantage. The play of the game went to left fielder Taylor Davis and her strong throw to the plate as the runner on second base went for home – not soon enough as catcher Randi Drinnon tagged her a footstep in front.

WKU gains one back on a Jessica Bush sacrifice fly on the left field line, scoring Taylor Davis who made her way on bag with a single to leadoff. The Colonels tied up the game again with a solo home run into right field from their inning leadoff, Jasmine Miller. Wood later came in for relief in the inning to complete the game.

A quiet 11th inning was only interrupted while the Hilltoppers were playing defense, as Kennedy Foote made an identical turn-two double play with the line out and throw at first to catch the runner. After no action on the bats, Wood would retire three straight in the bottom of the 12th.

The Hilltoppers batted through the order for a sixth time, as leadoff hitter Brylee Hage came to the plate for her seventh at-bat of the evening – good for a single down the left field line in the top of

the 13th. Taylor Sanders would move her to third base after a double into left field left WKU in a good place with go-ahead runners in scoring position and only one out. Cleanup hitter Faith Hage would be walked just before Drinnon would come in for the final RBI of the ballgame: grounding out to third base as the throw went to first for her retirement. Hage would cross the plate before the bottom half of the frame started. Wood retired all three in the bottom for WKU's 3-2 extra-inning victory.

The 13-inning contest would go down near the program record, 14 innings against No. 16 Georgia in 2015. The NCAA Regional match up was 14 innings pitched solely by All-American Miranda Kramer and resulted in a 2-1 Hilltopper win after a 14th inning RBI-double by Carleigh Chaumont.

TOP STORYLINES

- After the last meeting in 2021, Western Kentucky holds the upper hand in the Bluegrass state series 14-12.
- As the first midweek of the season, the Hilltoppers were 3-2 in midweeks in the 2022 season.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville last weekend. She is now at 503 all-time, while 286 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers stay at home next weekend, hosting the first three-game series of the season when Miami of Ohio comes to town before they challenge Indiana on Monday for the first hosting of a Power 5 opponent this year.
- On the stat sheet, Brylee Hage is now leading the Tops with a .394 batting average off of 26 hits, Taylor Sanders notches 18 RBIs and three home runs for 2023, while Taylor Davis and TJ Webster are tied at nine stolen bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 162 hits, 88 RBIs, a .311 batting average with five home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Western Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky
Mar 08, 2023 at Richmond, Ky. (Gertrude Hood Field)

Western Kentucky 3 (14-6)

Eastern Kentucky 2 (12-7)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	7	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	7	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	1
Taylor Sanders 3b	5	0	3	0	2	1	2	2	1
Faith Hegh rf	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	3
Randi Drinnon c	4	0	2	2	2	0	13	1	0
Kasia Parks pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 1b	4	0	2	1	1	0	15	0	2
Addy Edgmon ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	3	7
Abby Newman ph/2b	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Kelsey Schmidt ph/dh	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	5	0	0	0	1	1	2	4	2
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	49	3	13	3	9	6	39	15	18

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Jaelin Haynes cf	6	1	0	0	0	1	3	0	1
Vianna Barron rf	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Lou Bowers dh	4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Rylie Grantz pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maggie Pertee ss	5	0	3	0	0	0	1	5	1
Jeanay Riley lf	5	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	2
Jasmine Miller 3b	5	1	1	1	0	2	1	3	0
Bella Sanchez c	4	0	0	0	1	3	7	2	1
N. Schwarzingerova 2b	5	0	0	0	0	4	2	5	0
Madison Scott 1b	5	0	0	0	0	2	19	0	0
Brooke Davis p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lauren Narvaez p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0
Totals	44	2	7	2	3	13	39	18	6

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	13	1
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	7	1

E - K. Foote; M. Pertee. DP - WKU 2; ECU 1. LOB - WKU 18; ECU 6. 2B - T. Sanders 2. 3B - M. Pertee. HR - J. Miller. SH - R. Drinnon. SF - J. Bush. SB - B. Hage; M. Pertee. CS - K. Parks.

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Katie Gardner	9.0	6	2	1	2	10	32	34
Maddy Wood	4.0	1	0	0	1	3	12	13

Eastern Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf
Brooke Davis	4.0	4	1	1	3	3	15	18
Lauren Narvaez	9.0	9	2	2	6	3	34	42

Win - M. Wood (2-0). Loss - L. Narvaez (6-4). Save - None.

Umpires - HP: Gavin Canon 1B: Brett Cavins 3B: Bill Renzi

Start: 5:02 pm Time: 3:30 Attendance: 223

Weather: 44-45 overcast 6-9 NE 42% hum.

B. Davis faced 1 batter in the 5th.

TOPS OPEN FOUR-GAME HOMESTAND WITH MIAMI (OH) AND INDIANA

Hilltopper Spring Fling // March 3-5 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 21: Miami (OH) Saturday, Mar. 11 | 1 p.m. CT | No Stream | [Livestats](#)

Game 22: Miami (OH) Saturday, Mar. 11 | 3 p.m. CT | No Stream | [Livestats](#)

Game 23: Miami (OH) Sunday, Mar. 12 | 12 p.m. CT | [BTM \(Facebook Live\)](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 24: Indiana Monday, Mar. 13 | 6 p.m. CT | [HSSN \(Facebook Live\)](#) | [Livestats](#)

Kaytlan Kemp Trading Card (Sat. Game 1), Luna Curran Trading Card (Sat. Game 2)

Addy Edgmon Trading Card (Sunday), Anniston Bray Trading Card (Monday)

[Promotions](#)

Autograph Saturdays

Free Admission with Church Bulletin (Sunday only)

Free hot chocolate for First 50 fans (Monday)

Game Notes

WKU |

Series History

Miami OH (Tied, 3-3; [Full History](#)), Indiana (Leads, 3-1; [Full History](#))

Social Media

[@WKUSoftball](#)  | [@WKU Softball](#)  | [Facebook](#)  | [YouTube](#)  | [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – After a thrilling 13-inning win for WKU in Richmond for the Hilltoppers' first midweek of the season, the Tops are set to host their first and only non-conference series with Miami of Ohio on Saturday and Sunday, with a Monday midweek match with Indiana on the schedule. The Tops will play a doubleheader to kick off the series with the Redhawks and a Sunday noon first pitch, while WKU will be under the lights with the Hoosiers at the WKU Softball Complex.

Meeting six times in program history, the Hilltoppers and Redhawks are tied in the all-times series, with the last match up in 2017 going to Miami of Ohio in Bowling Green. With the Big Ten's Indiana Hoosiers, the two teams haven't met in over 15 years. The last meeting in 2006, resulted in a 4-3 win for the Red and White.

Last weekend on The Hill, WKU went 4-0 in front of their home crowd that included shutouts over Evansville and Akron. From offense, junior Jessica Bush knocked in her first career home run and the only one of the HilltopperSpring Fling. From the circle, freshman Maddy Wood picked up her first career win with a six inning shutout, only giving up two hits and posting a 2.87 ERA.

Due to limited broadcasting equipment with the Lady Toppers' semi-final tournament game in Frisco, there will be no stream available for Saturday's contests against the Redhawks. Sunday's match up will be on the secondary stream, Behind the Mic, on Hilltopper Sports Properties Facebook [page](#) with Voice of the Lady Toppers, Brad Klein, broadcasting. Monday's nightcap against Indiana will be streamed from the primary HSSN Facebook Live as Hilltopper letterwinner and HAF Executive Director Kat (Downing) Smith will be on the call.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance

via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

COMPLETE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday

WKU vs Miami (OH)

[Livestats](#)

Saturday, Mar. 11, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

WKU vs Miami (OH)

[Livestats](#)

Saturday, Mar. 11, 2023 | 3 p.m. CT

Sunday

WKU vs Miami (OH)

Watch: [BTM](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Mar. 12, 2023 | 12 p.m. CT

Monday

WKU vs Indiana

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Monday, Mar. 13, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball will see Miami of Ohio for the first time since 2017, which was a 3-1 Redhawks win. Indiana will be the fourth Power 5 opponent WKU will see this year, as WKU leads the series 3-1 all-time.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She owns 286 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- In Conference USA rankings, Katie Gardner is first in strikeouts (61), while catcher Randi Drinnon is third in the league in on-base percentage (.507). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in field percentage (.977), and holds steady at second in batting average (.307), and first in shutouts (6) this season.
- After hosting a four-game homestand last weekend, WKU was at home for three weekends in a row, starting with the Hilltopper Classic, Hilltopper Spring Fling, and three-game series hosting Miami (OH).
- On the stat sheet, Brylee Hage is leading the tops with a .394 batting average, while also collecting 26 hits on the season. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 18 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with three home runs. Freshman Maddy Wood boasts a 2.29 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 10 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .311 batting average, 162 hits off the bats with 96 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Mar. 11, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TOPS HIT FIVE HOME RUNS IN SATURDAY SPLIT WITH MIAMI (OH)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – In the Hilltoppers' final non-conference weekend of the season, WKU Softball split Saturday's doubleheader with Miami of Ohio, as the Tops took game one 15-7, and fell 8-5 in the nightcap. Collectively, all four on the Hilltoppers' pitching staff saw action today, as they posted a combined 10.38 ERA. Off the bats, WKU clocked 23 hits on the day, including five home runs.

Senior infielder Taylor Sanders hit an impeccable .857 on the day, she collected her second two-home run game in the second contest with Miami, after ETSU in the second weekend of the season, and six hits in seven at-bats. Fifth-year Faith Hegh also shot two home runs in the first match up with the Redhawks, as she was .714 in the batter's box.

GAME 1: WKU 15, MIAMI 7

The Hilltoppers got things going first as Randi Drinnon picked up an RBI with a single down the left field line, as Taylor Davis went for the plate.

The Redhawks got the upperhand in the second and third innings as a solo home run and RBI single up the middle got the visiting team with a 2-1 lead heading into the bottom frame.

Designated hitter Kelsey Schmidt earned her first home run as a Hilltopper in the bottom of three. The Ohio native, on an empty count, shot the ball behind the left-center wall, good for three runs and gave the Tops a 4-2 lead.

Faith Hegh later came to the plate in the bottom of the fourth inning and picked up her second home run this season with another three-run shot into right-center field on the first pitch across the plate.

The Miami of Ohio Redhawks came through to tie up the game: two RBI singles and a triple that waged five runs and a chance at a comeback in the next inning, not before Hegh came back to the plate in the bottom frame. The New Jersey native popped out another three-run home run – the third of the game – to bring back the game in the Red and White's favor.

The Hilltoppers kept it rolling in the bottom of the sixth inning to run-rule the Redhawks. Miami of Ohio gave up four bases-loaded walks in a row before first baseman Jessica Bush picked up a hit into left field, good for advancing Taylor Sanders across the plate and ending the first match up.

From the circle, Katie Gardner got the start and picked up five runs off of seven hits with five strikeouts in her four innings of work. Freshman Maddy Wood collected the third win of her career in two innings of action that featured only two runs, four hits, and no walks.

GAME 2: WKU 5, MIAMI 8

In redemption from the first game, the Redhawks got on the board first with an RBI triple in the top

frame to get an early 1-0 start.

Miami of Ohio later hit an RBI single and two-run home run in the second and third frames, margining the gap as freshman Luna Curran was later put in the circle.

A big fifth inning, the Redhawks capped off with a triple down the right field line and a two-run home run straight down the middle to pick up three more on the board and near run-rule the Hilltoppers.

Sanders kept WKU alive, earning her fourth home run of the season with a shot over the wall in left-center field, picking up two RBIs in the bottom of five.

The third baseman from Tennessee found the ball again on a 3-2 count in the sixth inning with another home run into center field, scoring three.

Kelsie Houchens, Luna Curran, and Maddy Wood all saw action in the circle in the second battle with the Redhawks. They worked together for only eight runs off of eight hits, four walks, and four strikeouts at the plate.

TOP STORYLINES

- Coming into the weekend with a tied all-time series, the split day keeps the margin the same with it 4-4, all.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville last weekend. She is now at 504 all-time, while 287 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers open Conference USA action next weekend on the road, with a trip to UTEP for the first time since 2017.
- On the stat sheet, Taylor Sanders is now leading the Tops with a .400 batting average off of 27 hits, 24 RBIs, and five home runs, Brylee Hage holds 27 hits, while Taylor Davis and TJ Webster are tied at nine stolen bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 185 hits, 108 RBIs, a .320 batting average with 10 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Miami OH at Western Kentucky (Game 1)
Mar 11, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Miami OH 7 (10-7)

Western Kentucky 15 (15-6)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Karli Spaid 3b	4	0	2	1	0	0	6	2	0
Allie Cummins 1b/dh	2	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	0
Shelby Kunkel rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0
Reagan Bartholomew 2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kate Kobayashi cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4
Maggie Murphy dh	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Holly Blaska pr/1b	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Adriana Barlow ss	3	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	3
Logan Mueller pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddi Banks lf	2	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Riley Coyne c	3	2	3	3	0	0	2	0	0
Chloe Parks 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jenna Golembiewski ph/rf	1	1	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Brianna Pratt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Turner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	7	11	7	6	6	16	5	8

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	2	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	3
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	4	3	1	2	0	1	1	0
Faith Hegh rf	4	3	3	6	1	0	1	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	1	2	2	0	6	1	0
Jessica Bush 1b	4	0	1	1	1	0	7	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt dh	3	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	1	1	0	2	0	2	3	3
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	27	15	13	14	14	1	18	6	11

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
Miami OH	0	1	1	0	5	0	7	11	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	3	3	3	5	15	13	0

Note: 1 out, 3 runners LOB when the game ended.

LOB - Miami 8; WKU 11. 2B - SPAID, Karli; F. Hegh. 3B - GOLEMBIEWSKI. HR - COYNE, Riley; F. Hegh 2; K. Schmidt. SH - K. Foote. SB - SPAID, Karli; BANKS, M.; T. Webster. CS - BLASKA, H..

Miami OH	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Brianna Pratt	3.1	11	7	7	5	0	20	25	84
Taylor Turner	2.0	2	8	8	9	1	7	17	75

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Katie Gardner	4.0	7	5	5	6	5	19	25	118
Maddy Wood	2.0	4	2	2	0	1	8	8	24

Win - M. Wood (3-0). Loss - TURNER, T. (2-3). Save - None.

PB - COYNE, Riley 2. Pitches/strikes: PRATT, B. 84/50; TURNER, T. 75/29; K. Gardner 118/70; M. Wood 24/16.

Umpires - HP: Jose Travis 1B: David Whitmon 3B: Tyler Jessie

Start: 1:00pm Time: 2:40 Attendance: 213

Weather: 48 degrees, overcast

K. Gardner faced 3 batters in the 5th.

2023 WKU Softball
Miami OH at Western Kentucky (Game 2)
Mar 11, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Miami OH 8 (11-7)

Western Kentucky 5 (15-8)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Karli Spaid 3b	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	3	1
Allie Cummins rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Noelle Reid ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelby Kunkel dh	3	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Kate Kobayashi cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Riley Coyne c	4	1	1	3	0	0	2	0	0
Holly Blaska 1b	3	1	2	1	0	1	12	0	1
Jenna Golembiewski cf/rf	2	2	1	2	1	0	1	0	0
Maddi Banks lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Adriana Barlow ss	3	0	2	1	0	0	1	5	0
Logan Mueller pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chloe Parks 2b	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
Maggie Murphy ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laurelai DePew p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brianna Pratt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	8	8	8	4	4	21	13	2

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Brylee Hage cf	5	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	5
Taylor Davis lf	4	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	4	2	3	5	0	1	1	3	0
Faith Hegh rf	3	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	4	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	3
Jessica Bush 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	2
Kelsey Schmidt dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kennedy Foote 2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Abby Newman ph/2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	3	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Luna Curran p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	5	10	5	6	2	21	9	11

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Miami OH	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	8	8	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	10	0

LOB - Miami 2; WKU 11. 2B - T. Sanders; F. Hegh. 3B - KUNKEL, S.; BLASKA, H.. HR - COYNE, Riley; GOLEMBIEWSKI; T. Sanders 2. SH - BANKS, M.. SB - SPAID, Karli. CS - GOLEMBIEWSKI.

Miami OH	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Laurelai DePew	6.0	9	5	5	5	2	27	32	107
Brianna Pratt	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	4	5	19

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Kelsie Houchens	2.0	3	4	4	3	2	8	12	50
Luna Curran	3.0	4	4	4	1	1	12	13	46
Maddy Wood	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	6	6	30

Win - DEPEW, L. (3-1). Loss - L. Curran (0-1). Save - None.

WP - DEPEW, L.. Pitches/strikes: DEPEW, L. 107/59; PRATT, B. 19/10; K. Houchens 50/25; L. Curran 46/30; M. Wood 30/21.

Umpires - HP: David Whitmon 1B: Tyler Jessie 3B: Jose Travis

Start: 4:15pm Time: 2:45 Attendance: 177

Weather: 52 degrees, overcast

K. Houchens faced 2 batters in the 3rd.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Mar. 12, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HILLTOPPERS DROP SERIES AGAINST MIAMI (OH)**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Wrapping up the third game of the two-day series with the MAC opponent, Miami of Ohio, WKU fell 8-4 in the noon Sunday contest at the WKU Softball Complex. In the late comeback for the Redhawks, senior right-hander Katie Gardner produced a solid six innings, only giving up two runs on seven hits with nine strikeouts from the circle.

After a big Saturday at the plate, Taylor Sanders produced more action from the batter's box, going two-for-four with an RBI and a run scored with a .406 average.

WKU 4, MIAMI 8

Getting an early lead, Taylor Sanders get a good shot up the middle that advances leadoff hitter Faith Hegh to home plate, good for an RBI single in the top of one. Later in the inning, Kelsey Schmidt in cleanup pops up to center field for the sacrifice-fly. First baseman Jessica Bush picks up her sixth RBI in six games with an RBI groundout down the right base line to give the Tops a 3-0 lead.

The Redhawks get a piece of a Katie Gardner fastball on a clean count in the top of the second for a two-run home run into right field waging the gap.

WKU calls back with a Taylor Davis RBI groundout to second base, scoring second baseman Abby Newman and giving the Red and White a steady 4-2 lead for the general remainder of the ballgame.

A tough spot in the top of seven, Gardner gets replaced by freshman Maddy Wood after a leadoff walk and single for two on the bases. The Redhawks later notch a grand slam and a two-run home run off Wood to go into a bottom frame. To no avail on the bats for WKU, Miami of Ohio takes the series with the Sunday win, 8-4.

From the circle, Gardner produced her fifth 7+ strikeout game of the season, while working with a 6.00 ERA in six. Wood, who was now stands at 3-1 in her career, collected two strikeouts and a walk in her inning of work.

TOP STORYLINES

- Coming into the weekend with a tied all-time series, Miami of Ohio now takes the series, 5-4.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville last weekend. She is now at 504 all-time, while 287 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers open Conference USA action next weekend on the road, with a trip to UTEP for the first time since 2017.
- On the stat sheet, Taylor Sanders is now leading the Tops with a .406 batting average off of 28 hits, 25 RBIs, and five home runs, Brylee Hage holds 27 hits, while Taylor Davis and TJ Webster are tied at nine stolen bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 182 hits, 112 RBIs, a .317 batting average with 10 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Miami OH (12-7) -vs- Western Kentucky (15-8)
3/12/2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Miami OH	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	8	10	1
Western Kentucky	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0

Miami OH 8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Karli Spaid 3b	5	1	1	2	0	4	2
Allie Cummins rf	2	1	2	0	2	0	0
Shelby Kunkel dh	4	1	1	0	0	2	1
Riley Coyne c	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Kate Kobayashi pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Holly Blaska 1b	3	1	2	4	1	1	1
Jenna Golembiewski cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	3
Chloe Parks 2b/pr	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Reagan Bartholomew ph/2b	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Adriana Barlow ss	3	1	1	2	0	1	0
Maddi Banks lf	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
Maggie Murphy ph/lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brianna Pratt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	8	10	8	6	11	8

2B: Allie Cummins (1); Holly Blaska (1)
HR: Karli Spaid (1); Holly Blaska (1); Adriana Barlow (1)
SH: Adriana Barlow (1)
SB: Jenna Golembiewski (1)
E: Brianna Pratt (1)

Western Kentucky 4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Faith Hegh rf	2	1	1	0	2	1	0
Taylor Davis lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	2
Taylor Sanders 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	2
Kelsey Schmidt dh	3	0	1	1	0	1	0
Jessica Bush 1b	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
Abby Newman 2b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	0	0	0	1	2
TJ Webster ss	2	0	1	0	1	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	4	7	4	3	4	7

2B: Faith Hegh (1)
SH: Randi Drinnon (1)
SF: Kelsey Schmidt (1)

Miami OH	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Brianna Pratt (W, 7-3)	7.0	7	4	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	27	32	9	8	107
Totals		7	4	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	27	32	9	8	107

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner	6.0	7	4	4	5	9	1	0	0	0	24	30	4	5	122
Maddy Wood (L, 3-1)	1.0	3	4	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	7	1	0	22
Totals		10	8	8	6	11	1	0	0	0	30	37	5	5	144

Win: Brianna Pratt (7-3)
Loss: Maddy Wood (3-1)
HBP: None
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Jose Travis First: David Whitmon Third Base: Ron White
Start: 12:00pm **Time:** 2:23 **Attendance:** 110 **Weather:** 44 degrees, light rain

Game notes:

- K. Gardner faced 2 batters in the 7th.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Mar. , 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

INDIANA GAME RESCHDULED FOR APRIL 4TH

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- Due to cold temperatures, the WKU-Indiana 6pm contest today has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 4 at 5 p.m. CT at the WKU Softball Complex.

The Hilltoppers are back this weekend to open Conference USA action, traveling to UTEP for the first time since 2017, March 17-19.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Mar. , 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
SOFTBALL OPENS CONFERENCE USA ACTION AT UTEP

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- After the final non-conference series on The Hill last weekend, the Hilltoppers are back to open C-USA action for the ninth time in program history, traveling to UTEP March 17-19. The Tops and Miners are slated to play a three-game series over the weekend, while WKU is making their first trip to El Paso since 2017.

Meeting nine times in program history, the Hilltoppers hold the upperhand in 7-2 all-time results. The last match ups were last season in Bowling Green for another three-game series, in which the Red and White swept their league opponent and run-ruled them in the Sunday finale.

Last weekend on The Hill, WKU went 1-2 in front of their home crowd against Miami (OH) that included the largest runs scored from the Hilltopper offense (15) this season. From the box, fifth-year Faith Hegg secured her first back-to-back home runs, along with junior Kelsey Schmidt notching her first homerun as a Hilltopper in the Tops' victory over the Redhawks. Senior Taylor Sanders also popped out her second game featuring two back-to-back homeruns in Saturday's nightcap. From the circle, the Hilltoppers' pitching staff combined for 21 strikeouts over the three games. Senior Katie Gardner worked for her fifth 7+ strikeout game this season.

The games will be available to stream on CUSAtv.

GAMES 24-26

Friday

WKU at UTEP (9-14)

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, Mar. 17, 2023 | 7 p.m. CT

Saturday

WKU at UTEP

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Mar. 18, 2023 | 4 p.m. CT

Sunday

WKU at UTEP

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Mar. 19, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball will see the Miners for the 10th, 11th, and 12th times in program history, which is a 7-2 WKU overall decision. UTEP and WKU last met in Bowling Green, which the Tops run-ruled the Miners 9-0 to close out the conference series.
- Head coach [Amy Tudor](#) earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She owns 286 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.

- In Conference USA rankings, [Katie Gardner](#) is first in strikeouts (75), while third baseman Taylor Sanders is third in the league in on-base percentage (.513). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in field percentage (.979), and holds steady at second in batting average (.314), and first in shutouts (6) this season.
- After hosting two tournaments and a non-conference series over the past three weeks, WKU is on the road this weekend to head back to Bowling Green to face the North Texas Mean Green on The Hill after the 2022 C-USA Tournament Championship.
- On the stat sheet, Taylor Sanders is leading the tops with a .406 batting average, while also collecting 28 hits, 25 RBIs, and five home runs on the season. Redshirt-sophomore Kelsie Houchens boasts 3.51 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 12 appearances, while senior Katie Gardner owns 75 strikeouts and five complete games.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .317 batting average, 192 hits off the bats with 120 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder [Taylor Davis](#) was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

HILLTOPPER

S O F T B A L L

2023 GAME NOTES

Est. 2000 | 4 Conference Championships
733 Victories | 3 NCAA Regional Berths

SCHEDULE (15-8, 0-0 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)
FEBRUARY			
10	vs. Minnesota	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-10 [5]
	vs. Butler	Leesburg, Florida	W, 10-0 [5]
11	vs. Michigan	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-5
	vs. Michigan	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-5 [9]
12	vs. Minnesota	Leesburg, Florida	L, 4-7
17	vs. Delaware	Columbia, S.C.	W, 6-2
	vs. East Tennessee	Columbia, S.C.	W, 6-1
18	vs. George Wash.	Columbia, S.C.	W, 8-0 [5]
19	vs. Campbell	Columbia, S.C.	W, 3-0
	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	L, 2-11 [5]
24	Central Michigan	WKU Softball Field	W, 2-1
	Illinois State	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-0
25	Central Michigan	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-4
	Jacksonville State	WKU Softball Field	L, 3-4
26	Illinois State	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-1
MARCH			
3	Evansville	WKU Softball Field	CANCELED
4	Akron	WKU Softball Field	W, 3-2
	Evansville	WKU Softball Field	W, 9-0
5	Akron	WKU Softball Field	W, 5-0
	Austin Peay	WKU Softball Field	W, 8-1
8	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	W, 3-2 [13]
11	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	W, 15-7
	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	L, 5-8
12	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	L, 4-8
17	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	7 p.m.
18	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	4 p.m.
19	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	1 p.m.
24	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
25	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
26	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
29	Belmont	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
31	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
APRIL			
1	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
2	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
4	Indiana	WKU Softball Field	5 p.m.
	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	6 p.m.
7	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	6 p.m.
8	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	1 p.m.
12	at Lipscomb	Nashville, Tenn.	6 p.m.
14	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6 p.m.
15	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	4 p.m.
16	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	12 p.m.
19	Louisville	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
21	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
22	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
23	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
24	Arkansas	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
28	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	4 p.m.
29	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	12 p.m.
30	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	11 a.m.
MAY			
5	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
5	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
7	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
8-13	C-USA Tournament	Ruston, La.	

Livestats links can be found at WKUSports.com on the team's schedule and will be posted to WKU Softball's team social media accounts.

UTEP // HELEN OF TROY SOFTBALL COMPLEX // EL PASO, TEXAS

MARCH 17-19

WKU at UTEP
Fri - 7 p.m. | Sat - 4 p.m. | Sun - 1 p.m. CT
Helen of Troy Complex
El Paso, Texas



2023 Record: 9-14

Batting Avg: .304
Hits: 193
Runs: 131
Home Runs: 30
ERA: 5.37
Strikeouts: 86

HOW TO FOLLOW



THE SERIES

WKU leads 7-2
Home: 7-8
Away: 7-4
Last 10: 5-5
Last meeting: W, 9-0 (3/20/22)
Run-Rules: WKU 2, UTEP 1
Extra Innings: WKU 1, UTEP 0

TOPPER NOTES

CONFERENCE USA

Since joining Conference USA for the 2014-15 season, the Hilltoppers are 65-50 all-time, with a 3-0 conference start in the canceled 2020 season, all under head coach Amy Tudor's reign. Holding at a .565 winning clip, the Hilltoppers surpass five other conference schools in league record since joining nine years ago.

500 CAREER WINS

With Saturday evening's 9-0 run-rule win over Evansville, head coach Amy Tudor collected her 500th career win as the Hilltoppers' skipper. Tudor, a 2002 WKU graduate, is now in her 19th season as a head coach and 10th on The Hill. Prior to her return to WKU, Tudor coached at IPFW (2010-13), Belmont (2007-09), and Ohio Wesleyan (2005-06). With the Hilltoppers' tournament win over Saint Louis in Oxford, Miss. in 2022, Tudor locked down her 250th win at WKU with 15 more W's to reach 300 at her alma mater. **MORE ABOUT COACH TUDOR ON P. 5.**

IN THE MIDWEEK

With six midweek games on the schedule, the WKU win over Eastern Kentucky was the first one midweek in the 2023 season. Three Power 5 squads (Indiana, Louisville, Arkansas) will represent three different leagues in the Hilltoppers' midweek home slate. Over the past five seasons, WKU is 22-16 in season midweek games, including a 3-2 record in 2022.

AGAINST POWER 5 SQUADS

Last season, WKU faced four Power 5 squads for five games. The Tops took on [RV] Texas A&M (in College Station), paid a visit down to Oxford to Play Ole Miss twice, hosted No. 10 Arkansas and added in a late midweek match against No. 5 Alabama. WKU went 1-4 against Power 5 teams on the 2022 campaign. WKU is set to see six Power 5 opponents in 2023.

TOPPER NUMBERS

.317

WKU Softball collective team batting average in 2023.

120

Runs scored by the Hilltoppers in 2023.

4.15

Combined ERA of the 2023 Hilltopper pitching staff.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Primary Contact Cassie Buchholz
Assistant Director of Media Relations
Alma Mater Iowa ('20)
Email Address cassie.buchholz@wku.edu
Cell Phone 224-277-1478

WHERE TO FIND IT

Match up/Records/Topper Numbers	1
Quick Facts and Notes	2
Roster & Pronunciation Guide	3
HC Amy Tudor & Superlatives	4
RPI & The Last Time	5
Record When & C-USA Standings	6
Pitching Breakdown	7
Home Runs/Streaks/Multi-Hit/RBI Games	8
Walk-offs/Come-from-behind/Bat. Analysis	9
Starters	10
Line Scores	11-12
Season Stats	13-15
Athlete Bios	16
Headshot Roster	23

QUICK FACTS

Location.....Bowling Green, Ky.
Nickname.....Hilltoppers
Colors.....Red and White
Founded.....1906
Enrollment.....19,461
NCAA Affiliation.....Division I
Conference Affiliation.....Conference USA
President.....Dr. Timothy C. Caboni
Director of Athletics.....Todd Stewart

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year.....2000
All-Time Record.....733-547-3 (.571)
Conference Championships.....2 (2013, 15, 22)
Tournament Championships.....2 (2015, 21)
NCAA Tournaments.....3 (2013, 15, 21)
NCAA Postseason Record.....5-6 (.455)
Best Record (2013).....43-18 (.705)
Best Win Percentage (2020).....20-5 (.800)
Best in NCAA's (2015).....2-2 (.500)
Drafted to NPF.....2 (last, Miranda Kramer)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Amy Tudor (Tenth season)
Career Record.....504-385-2 (19 seasons)
Record at WKU.....287-179-1 (10 seasons)
Assistant Coach.....Kayla Bixel (Seventh)
Assistant Coach.....Mario Hernandez (First)
Athletic Trainer.....Emily Reed
Strength and Conditioning.....John Stephanski

WKU SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Capacity.....500
Surface.....Natural Grass
Opened.....2000
WKU Record.....327-189-1 (.633)
Attendance Record.....1,512
Record Info.....vs. Alabama, 4/27/22
Record Result.....W, 3-1
Winning Seasons.....15

2022 RECAP

Overall Record.....38-13 (.745)
Conference USA Record.....17-7 (.708)
Conference USA Finish.....1st (East)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....11/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost.....2/1
Incoming Freshmen (Pitchers).....6 (2)
Incoming Transfers (Pitchers).....2 (0)

2023 C-USA PRESEASON COACHES POLL

TEAM	1ST VOTES	PRE. PICKS
1. North Texas	8	2
2. WKU	-	3
3. Charlotte	1	1
4. LA Tech	-	7
T5. Florida Atlantic	-	12
T5. UAB	-	4
7. UTSA	-	10
T8. FIU	-	8
T8. Middle Tennessee	-	6
10. UTEP	-	11

TOPPER NOTES

RANKED WINS AND RECORD CROWD

Across the 23-year history of WKU Softball, the program has picked up 25 wins over a ranked opponent with the two most recent victories coming over No. 7 Kentucky and No. 5 Alabama. Prior to the March 24, 2021 win in Bowling Green, WKU's previous win over a ranked squad was on March 26, 2019 against the No. 17 Wildcats in Lexington. The 2019 win at UK was the first time the Red and White took down a ranked Wildcat squad and the sixth time WKU claimed a win over a ranked team by at least three runs. Of the 25 wins over ranked opposition, 12 of those victories have come on the ranked team's home turf.

Western Kentucky's victory in Bowling Green over the No. 5 Alabama Crimson Tide was the highest ranked opponent win in program history, outranking the previous No. 7 spot by Kentucky. The 3-1 final was also capped by the largest home crowd at the WKU Softball Complex since its groundbreaking in 2000, with 1,512 fans packed into the 500-person capacity stadium and filling lines in the parking garage behind the outfield.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Into the 2023 season, WKU softball sees eight new faces on the turf. The tops signed six freshmen: Anniston Bray, Luna Curran, Addy Edgmon, Kaytlan Kemp, Payton O'Connor, and Maddy Wood. Of the class, Bray and Kemp are Kentucky natives, Edgmon from just south in Tennessee, O'Connor is from Georgia, Wood is an Iowa native, and Curran is from Florida.

WKU also sought two transfers over the summer, fifth-year senior Faith Hegg hails from UAB and is pursuing a master's degree at WKU, while junior Kelsey Schmidt appeared in 80 games at Auburn and joins the Hilltoppers at first base.

BEYOND THE HILL PODCAST

Last season, starting pitcher Katie Gardner recorded an episode in 2022 to discuss her jersey retirement at Warren East and journey to WKU. This week, catcher Randi Drinnon talks with Tyler Eaton, discussing her relationship catching for the four pitchers on the 2023 squad, journey to WKU, and her acclaimed volleyball career in high school. Check it out at [WKUSports.com/Podcasts](https://www.wkusports.com/podcasts) or search Beyond the Hill on Apple Music or Spotify.

CONFERENCE USA PRESEASON POLL

WKU Softball was predicted to finish second in Conference USA by league coaches. Individually, fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis has been named to the Preseason All-Conference Team.

NFCA AND ALL-CONFERENCE RETURNERS

Even with the key loss in starting pitcher Shelby Nunn, WKU still returns NFCA third team All-Region and second team All-Conference nominees Taylor Davis and Taylor Sanders, while retaining second team All-Conference and All-Freshman team member Randi Drinnon behind the plate.

BY THE NUMBERS

Three current WKU players are in the top-five in career statistics before the upcoming 2023 season. Senior outfielder Brylee Hage holds a career .348 batting average which ranks third all-time, while senior third baseman Taylor Sanders owns a .402 on base percentage (fifth all-time), and is the program leader with a .637 career slugging clip. Fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis holds the most of active players in career records. Davis holds career on-base percentage (.405, fourth all-time), outfield fielding percentage (.988, third all-time), stolen bases (55, third all-time), and career batting average (.367, second all-time).

TWO GAMES IN ONE

After a 1-1 tie in regulation seven innings in Richmond against ECU, the Hilltoppers and Colonels extended the game to a 13-inning thriller under the lights as the Tops took the Bluegrass rivalry, 3-2. The 13-inning match up took 3.5 hours and six full batting through the order spreads. The WKU-ECU match up is tied with two other games as the longest in NCAA Softball this season, as well as the longest in Conference USA so far in 2023.

The longest game in program history was 14 innings during the 2015 NCAA Regional against No. 16 Georgia. The Hilltoppers won the game, 2-1, as All-American Miranda Kramer pitched at 14 frames.

IN THE RANKINGS

Heading into week four of the season, pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (75), while third baseman Taylor Sanders is third in the league in on-base percentage (.512). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in fielding percentage (.979), and holds steady at second in batting average (.314), and shutouts this season (6).

2023 WKU SOFTBALL PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF

2023 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NUM.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	B/T	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
1	KAYTLAN KEMP	UTL	FR.	5-3	L/R	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
3	TJ WEBSTER	IF	SR.	5-4	L/R	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
4	KASIA PARKS	OF	SO.	5-4	S/R	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
5	KATIE GARDNER	P	SR.	5-10	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Warren East HS
6	TAYLOR DAVIS	OF	5TH	5-7	L/L	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
7	RANDI DRINNON	C/IF	SO.	5-5	R/R	White Pine, Tenn.	Morristown Hambleton HS East
9	FAITH HEGH	UTL	5TH	5-9	L/L	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	UAB
11	BRYLEE HAGE	OF	SR.	5-3	L/L	Nicholasville, Ky.	East Jessamine HS
12	ABBY NEWMAN	IF	SO.	5-3	L/R	Owensboro, Ky.	Daviess County HS
15	TAYLOR SANDERS	IF	SR.	5-6	R/R	Shelbyville, Tenn.	Shelbyville Central HS
19	KELSIE HOUCHEMS	P	RS-SO.	5-6	R/R	Louisville, Ky.	Male HS
20	ADDY EDMON	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Dunlap, Tenn.	Sequatchie County HS
21	KENNEDY FOOTE	IF	JR.	5-7	R/R	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
22	JESSICA BUSH	C/OF	JR.	5-4	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lipscomb University
23	ANNISTON BRAY	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Richmond, Ky.	Model HS
24	PAYTON O'CONNOR	UTL	FR.	5-6	L/R	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
25	MADDY WOOD	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Corydon, Iowa	Wayne HS
26	LUNA CURRAN	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Wellington, Florida	Oxbridge Academy
28	KELSEY SCHMIDT	UTL	JR.	5-6	R/R	Maineville, Ohio	Auburn University

2023 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NUM.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	B/T	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
23	ANNISTON BRAY	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Richmond, Ky.	Model HS
22	JESSICA BUSH	C/OF	JR.	5-4	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lipscomb University
26	LUNA CURRAN	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Wellington, Fla.	Oxbridge Academy
6	TAYLOR DAVIS	OF	5TH	5-7	L/L	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
7	RANDI DRINNON	C/IF	SO.	5-5	R/R	White Pine, Tenn.	Morristown Hambleton HS East
20	ADDY EDMON	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Dunlap, Tenn.	Sequatchie County HS
21	KENNEDY FOOTE	IF	JR.	5-7	R/R	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
5	KATIE GARDNER	P	SR.	5-10	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Warren East HS
11	BRYLEE HAGE	OF	SR.	5-3	L/L	Nicholasville, Ky.	East Jessamine HS
9	FAITH HEGH	UTL	5TH	5-9	L/L	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	UAB
19	KELSIE HOUCHEMS	P	RS-SO.	5-6	R/R	Louisville, Ky.	Male HS
1	KAYTLAN KEMP	UTL	FR.	5-3	L/R	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
12	ABBY NEWMAN	IF	SO.	5-3	L/R	Owensboro, Ky.	Daviess County HS
24	PAYTON O'CONNOR	UTL	FR.	5-6	L/R	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
4	KASIA PARKS	OF	SO.	5-4	S/R	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
15	TAYLOR SANDERS	IF	SR.	5-6	R/R	Shelbyville, Tenn.	Shelbyville Central HS
28	KELSEY SCHMIDT	UTL	JR.	5-6	R/R	Maineville, Ohio	Auburn University
3	TJ WEBSTER	IF	SR.	5-4	L/R	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
25	MADDY WOOD	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Corydon, Iowa	Wayne HS

2021 COACHING STAFF

NAME	POSITION	EXPERIENCE	ALMA MATER	HOMETOWN
AMY TUDOR	Head Coach	Eighth Season	WKU (2002)	Petersburg, Tenn.
KAYLA BIXEL	Assistant Coach	Fifth Season	IPFW (2010)	Bremen, Ind.
MARIO HERNANDEZ	Assistant Coach	First Season	Walden Univ. (2021)	Chicago Heights, Ill.
MADDIE BOWLDS	Graduate Assistant	First Season	WKU (2021)	Utica, Ky.
SHELBY NUNN	Graduate Assistant	First Season	WKU (2020)	Bowling Green, Ky.

ELIGIBILITY NOTE

Players are listed as though eligibility progressed normally in 2020-21. Extra seasons of eligibility granted due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be noted when that extra season is utilized following a player's regular senior season. More information about eligibility is available in each player's bio.

RECORDS BY CLASS

FR.....15-8	Home.....9-3	C-USA.....0-0	Postseason.....0-0
SO.....54-21	Home.....32-5	C-USA.....17-8	Postseason.....3-2
JR.....86-36	Home.....50-9	C-USA.....29-14	Postseason.....8-5
SR.....106-41	Home.....60-11	C-USA.....31-14	Postseason.....8-5
5th.....153-54	Home.....79-14	C-USA.....48-20	Postseason.....8-6

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Freshmen.....	5
Sophomores.....	3
RS-Sophomores.....	1
Juniors.....	3
Seniors.....	4
Fifth Years.....	2

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Alabama.....	3
Florida.....	1
Georgia.....	1
Iowa.....	1
Kentucky.....	8
New Jersey.....	1
Tennessee.....	3

BREAKDOWN BY HANDEDNESS

HITTERS	PITCHERS
Righty.....	9
Lefty.....	8
Switch.....	1
Righty.....	4
Lefty.....	0

PHONETIC GUIDE

Addy EDMON.....	edge-MUN
Kennedy FOOTE.....	FOOT
Brylee HAGE.....	Hay-jh
Faith HEGH.....	HEGG
Kelsie HOUCHEMS.....	HOW-CHINS
KASIA Parks.....	KAY-shuh
Maddie BOWLDS.....	BOLDS
Amy TUDOR.....	TOO-DUR

GAMES STARTED STREAK & CAREER TOTALS

PLAYER	CONS.	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	CAREER
Davis	55	23	50	44	23	20	160
Webster	146	23	51	47	25	---	146
Hage	106	23	51	45	11	---	130
Sanders	39	23	50	30	21	---	124
Drinnon	74	23	51	---	---	---	74
Foote	-	19	23	15	---	---	57
Newman	3	4	23	---	---	---	27
Hegh	23	23	---	---	---	---	23
Schmidt	3	20	---	---	---	---	20
Edgmon	0	13	---	---	---	---	13
Bush	6	7	1	---	---	---	8
Kemp	6	7	---	---	---	---	7
Parks	0	0	6	---	---	---	6



C-USA teams will wear a helmet decal honoring Joan Joyce for the 2023 season. Joyce was a legendary athlete before her three decades of service at Florida Atlantic. She was in her 28th season as head softball coach when she passed away in March 2022.

AT THE HELM

Head Coach Amy Tudor // Tenth Season // Overall Coaching Record: 504-385-2 // AT WKU: 287-179-1



Amy Tudor File

- Tenth Season
- WKU 2002
- Petersburg, Tenn.

Tudor Coaching Highlights

CAREER

- 34 Division I All-Conference Selections
- Nine NFCA All-Region Honorees
- One Conference Pitcher/Player of the Years
- Six CoSIDA Academic All-District Selections
- One Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- 500 Career Wins/450 Division I Wins

WKU

- 14 All-Conference Selections
- EvenW NFCA All-Region Selections
- 2014 NCAA Individual Stolen Base Leader
- 2015 NCAA Individual Strikeouts Leader
- One CoSIDA Academic All-District Honoree
- 2015 Conference USA Coach of the Year
- 2015 Regional Coaching Staff of the Year

Tudor Year-by-Year

Year	Overall	Conf.	School
2005	22-14	11-3 (NCAC)	Ohio Wesleyan
2006	23-19	8-6 (NCAC)	Ohio Wesleyan
2007	11-38	5-13 (ASUN)	Belmont
2008	14-36	3-19 (ASUN)	Belmont
2009	11-35	3-17 (ASUN)	Belmont
2010	29-19	17-6 (Summit)	IPFW
2011	28-15-1	16-8 (Summit)	IPFW
2012	45-14	17-6 (Summit)	IPFW
2013	34-16	12-4 (Summit)	IPFW
2014	33-24-1	11-10 (SBC)	WKU
2015	36-14	16-4 (C-USA)	WKU
2016	17-30	8-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2017	31-31	10-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2018	28-26	10-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2019	37-13	18-6 (C-USA)	WKU
2020	20-5	3-0 (C-USA)	WKU
2021	32-15	10-6 (C-USA)	WKU
2022	38-13	17-7 (C-USA)	WKU
2023	15-8	N/A	WKU
Total	504-385-2	195-155	19 Years
DI	456-393-2	176-146	17 Years
WKU	287-179-1	76-60	10 Years

WKU All-Time vs. 2023 Opponents

Opponent	Record
Minnesota	0-1 Miami (OH) 3-3
Butler	2-0 Indiana 3-1
Michigan	1-3 UTEP 7-2
Delaware	0-0 North Texas 28-20-1
East Tennessee	1-1 Belmont 31-1
George Washington	0-0 Charlotte 16-8
Campbell	3-0 UTSA 4-0
South Carolina	0-2 Lipscomb 17-16
Central Michigan	1-0 Middle Tennessee 46-32
Illinois State	6-6 Louisville 3-19
Jacksonville State	3-2 Florida Atlantic 24-27
Akron	3-2 Arkansas 1-2
Evansville	12-9-1 FIU 36-35
Austin Peay	23-6 LA Tech 5-6
Eastern Kentucky	13-12 Total 292-216-2

WKU SUPERLATIVE STATS

2023 WKU TEAM SUPERLATIVES			
STAT	AMOUNT	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	49	EKU	3/8/23
Runs Scored	15	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Hits	14	Butler	2/10/23
RBI	15	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Doubles	3	MR, Ill. State	2/24/23
Triples	1	MR, Akron	3/5/23
Home Runs	3	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Walks	14	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Stolen Bases	7	George Washington	2/18/23
Assists	16	Austin Peay	3/5/23
DP Turned	2	ETSU	2/17/23
Innings Pitched	13.0	EKU	3/8/23
Fewest Hits Allowed	2	MR, Campbell	2/19/23
Fewest Runs Allowed	0	MR, Akron	3/5/23
Most Strikeouts	13	EKU	3/8/23
Longest Game	13 Inn.	EKU	3/8/23
Shortest Game	5 Inn.	MR, Evansville	3/4/23

2023 WKU INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES				
STAT	AMOUNT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	7	Hage/Davis	EKU	3/8/23
Runs Scored	4	Taylor Sanders	Miami (OH) [2]	3/11/23
Hits	3	Numerous Players		
RBI	7	Faith Hegh	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Doubles	2	Foote/Sanders	Illinois State/EKU	
Triples	1	Hage/Kemp	Minnesota/Akron	
Home Runs	2	Sanders/Hegh	ETSU/Miami (OH) [1]	
Total Bases	10	Hegh/Sanders	Miami (OH) [1/2]	3/11/23
Walks	3	Numerous Players		
Stolen Bases	3	TJ Webster	George Wash.	2/18/23
Putouts	17	Jessica Bush	Austin Peay	3/5/23
Assists	6	Webster/Foote	Central Mich./Austin Peay	
Innings Pitched	9.0	Katie Gardner	Michigan [2]/EKU	
Fewest Hits Allowed	2	Houchens	Campbell	2/19/23
Fewest Runs Allowed	0	Katie Gardner	MR, Akron	3/5/23
Most Strikeouts	10	Katie Gardner	Delaware/EKU	

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

2023 RPI STANDINGS

C-USA RPI RANKS		
RANK	TEAM	RESULT
28	CHARLOTTE	-
44	NORTH TEXAS	-
52	LA TECH	-
57	WKU	-
88	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	-
101	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	-
117	UAB	DNP
158	FIU	-
214	UTEP	-
249	UTSA	-

WKU OPPONENT RPI RANKS		
RANK	TEAM	RESULT
10	ARKANSAS	-
20	MICHIGAN	L, 2-5/2-5
36	SOUTH CAROLINA	L, 2-11
41	MINNESOTA	L, 2-10/4-7
62	LOUISVILLE	-
65	INDIANA	-
67	MIAMI (OH)	W, 15-7/L, 8-5/L, 8-4
71	BELMONT	-
99	CAMPBELL	W, 3-0
113	AKRON	W, 3-2/5-0
120	AUSTIN PEAY	W, 8-1
126	JACKSONVILLE STATE	L, 3-4
131	LIPSCOMB	-
138	ILLINOIS STATE	W, 6-0/6-1
159	DELAWARE	W, 6-2
164	EVANSVILLE	W, 9-0
192	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W, 3-2
194	GEORGE WASHINGTON	W, 8-0
197	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, 2-1/6-4
215	BUTLER	W, 10-0
244	EAST TENNESSEE	W, 6-1

THE LAST TIME WKU...

Defeated a top 10 team	vs. No. 5 Alabama, 4/27/22
Defeated a top 11-25 team	at No. 24 Charlotte, 3/13/22
Had a pitcher strikeout 15+	Kennedy Sullivan, 3/2/19 (17)
Had a pitcher strikeout 10-14	Katie Gardner vs. EKU, 3/8/23 (10)
Threw a perfect game	Miranda Kramer vs. Charlotte, 5/7/15
Threw a no-hitter (run-rule)	Kennedy Sullivan at Samford, 3/1/19
Threw a no-hitter (regulation/extras)	Kelsey Aikey vs. Sacred Heart, 2/15/18
Opponent threw no-hitter	vs. No. 23 Marshall, 5/11/17
Won a run-rule game	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (6)
Lost a run-rule game	at South Carolina, 2/19/23 (5)
Played extra innings	at Eastern Kentucky, 3/8/23 (13)
Won in extra innings	at Eastern Kentucky, 3/8/23 (13)
Lost in extra innings	vs. Michigan 2/11/23 (9)
Scored 10-14 runs	vs. Butler, 2/10/23 (10)
Scored 15-18 runs	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (15)
Scored 19+ runs	at Tennessee-Martin, 4/2/00 (19)
Allowed 10-14 runs	at South Carolina, 2/19/23 (11)
Allowed 15+ runs	at No. 23 FAU, 4/30/16 (16)
Batted around the order (10+ batters)	vs. Austin Peay, 3/5/23 (10)
Batted through the order (9 batters)	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Had 10-14 hits	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (13)
Had 15+ hits	vs. Charlotte, 3/11/22 (16)
Team hit 3+ home runs	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (3)
Back-to-back home runs	vs. FIU, 4/1/22 (Bowlds/Drinnon, 6thinn.)
Back-to-back-to-back home runs	vs. FIU, 4/1/22 (Sanders/Ridge/Curry, 3rd inn.)
Player with back-to-back home runs	Taylor Sanders, 3/12/23, 2 consec.
Had a player hit two HRs	Taylor Sanders vs Miami (OH), 3/12/23
Had a player hit a grand slam	Taylor Sanders, FIU, 4/3/22
Team hit three doubles	vs. Illinois State, 2/24/23
Team hit four or more doubles	at UAB, 4/9/22 (4)
Team hit two triples	vs. Western Illinois, 2/16/19
Team hit three or more triples	vs. Dayton, 2/24/13 (5)
Team stole five or more bases	vs. Delaware, 2/17/23 (7)
Player with three RBI	Kelsey Schmidt vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Player with four RBI	Addy Edgmon vs. Butler, 2/10/23
Player with five RBI	Taylor Sanders, Miami (OH) [2], 3/11/23
Player with six or more RBI	Faith Hegh vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (7)
Player with three hits	Taylor Sanders vs. Miami (OH) [2], 3/11/23
Player with four hits	Taylor Sanders vs. Samford, 3/4/22
Player with five hits	Tommi Stowers vs. Evansville, 3/3/17
Player with two or more doubles	Kennedy Foote vs. Illinois State, 2/24/23 (2)
Player with two or more triples	Shawna Sadler vs. Dayton, 2/24/13 (2)
Player stole three or more bases	TJ Webster vs. George Washington, 2/17/23 (3)
Player scored three or more runs	Taylor Sanders vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Hit a walk-off home run (reg./extras)	Maddie Bowlds vs. Marshall, 4/23/22
Hit a walk-off home run (run-rule)	Taylor Sanders vs. FIU, 4/3/22
Walked off a game	Maddie Bowlds vs. Marshall, 4/23/22
Swept a conference home series	vs. Middle Tennessee, 5/4-6/22
Swept a conference road series	at MTSU, 4/22-23/19
Was swept in a conference home series	vs. FAU, 3/18-19/17
Was swept in a conference road series	vs. LA Tech, 4/27-28/18

RECORD WHEN...

TEAM RECORD BY...

LOCATION

Overall	15-8
Home	9-3
Away	1-1
Neutral	5-4
In Kentucky	10-3
In Tennessee	0-0
Other States	5-5

OPPONENT

Conference USA	0-0
Non-Conference	15-8
vs. Ranked Teams	0-0
vs. RV Teams	0-0

TIME

Day Games	11-8
Night Games (5 pm & later)	4-0

DAY

Midweek	1-0
Friday	5-1
Saturday	5-4
Sunday	4-3

MONTH

February	9-6
March	6-2
April	0-0
May	0-0

MISC.

1-Run Games	3-1
2-Run Games	1-0
Shortened Games	4-2
Extra Innings	1-1
Shutouts	6-0
Series Sweeps	0-1

STARTERS

WKU Throws RHP	15-8
WKU Throws LHP	N/A
Opp. Throws RHP	13-7
Opp. Throws LHP	2-1

RUNS

WKU Scores in 1st	7-4
Opp. Scores in 1st	4-3
WKU Scores 1st	12-4
Opp. Scores 1st	3-4

HITS

WKU Has More	14-2
Opp. Has More	1-6
Hits Are Even	0-0

ERRORS

WKU Commits 0	7-5
WKU Commits 1	7-1
WKU Commits 2+	1-2
Opp. Commits 0	6-6
Opp. Commits 1+	6-2
Opp. Commits 2+	3-0

HOMERUNS

WKU Hits 0	10-7
WKU Hits 1	3-0
WKU Hits 2+	2-1
Opp. Hits 0	13-3
Opp. Hits 1	2-1
Opp. Hits 2+	0-4

RECORD WHEN TEAM SCORES

RUNS	WKU	C-USA	OPPONENTS	C-USA
0	0-0		6-0	
1	0-0		4-0	
2	1-4		3-0	
3	3-1		0-0	
4	0-2		1-1	
5	1-1		0-2	
6	5-0		0-0	
7	0-0		1-1	
8	2-0		0-2	
9	1-0		0-0	
10+	2-0		0-2	

WKU RECORD AFTER INNINGS

INNINGS	LEADING	TRAILING	TIED
1	6-4	2-3	7-1
2	7-4	2-4	6-0
3	11-4	2-4	2-0
4	12-4	1-4	2-0
5	11-3	0-4	1-0
6	10-2	0-3	1-1

SCORE BY INNINGS

INNINGS	WKU	C-USA	OPPONENTS	C-USA
1	28		12	
2	6		18	
3	20		6	
4	20		7	
5	20		14	
6	20		7	
7	3		10	
8	1		1	
9	0		3	
EX	2		1	
Total	120		79	

2023 CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	CONF. HOME	CONF. AWAY	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	L10	STREAK
Florida Atlantic	2-1	.667	0-0	2-1	18-8	.692	14-4	2-3	2-1	9-1	L1
North Texas	2-1	.667	0-0	2-1	14-9	.609	2-2	4-4	8-3	5-5	W1
Charlotte	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	12-10	.545	8-4	2-1	2-5	4-6	L1
UTSA	2-1	.667	2-1	0-0	6-18	.250	5-4	0-3	1-11	3-6	L1
Louisiana Tech	1-2	.333	1-2	0-0	15-8	.652	9-4	0-2	6-2	6-4	L1
FIU	1-2	.333	0-0	1-2	14-13	.519	11-8	1-2	2-3	5-5	W1
UAB	1-2	.333	1-2	0-0	11-13	.458	9-9	0-2	2-2	3-7	W1
UTEP	1-2	.333	0-0	1-2	9-14	.391	4-5	3-6	2-3	2-8	W1
MTSU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	18-6	.750	4-1	5-1	9-4	7-3	W4
WKU	0-0	.000	0-0	0-0	15-8	.652	9-3	1-1	5-4	7-3	L2

PITCHING BREAKDOWN

TEAM RESULT				
PITCHER	GS	RECORD	SAVES	TEAM W/L
Curran	0	0-0	1	0-0
Gardner	14	6-5	0	6-5
Houchens	8	6-2	0	6-2
Wood	1	3-1	1	3-1

CAREER 7+ STRIKEOUTS					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Curran	-	-	-	-	-
Gardner	-	2	5	5	12
Houchens	-	0	1	-	1
Wood	-	-	-	-	-

CAREER 0-2 HIT GAMES (5+ IP)				
PLAYER	0	1	2	2023/TOTAL
Curran	-	-	-	-
Gardner	0	/1	/2	1/3
Houchens	0	0	/1	1/1
Wood	-	-	-	-

CAREER COMPLETE GAMES					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Curran	-	-	-	-	-
Gardner	2	2	5	5*	14
Houchens	-	0	0	1	1
Wood	-	-	-	-	-

*Extra innings

INHERITED RUNNERS/SCORED					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Curran	-	-	-	5/2	5/2
Gardner	0/0	10/3	7/3	1/0	18/6
Houchens	-	-	4/4	2/0	6/4
Wood	-	-	-	12/5	12/5

THREE-STRIKEOUT INNINGS				
DATE	OPP	TIMES	INNING(S)	PITCHER
3/8	EKU	1	5th	Gardner

PERFORMANCES

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	NP	SCORE	FINAL
Feb. 10	Minnesota	Gardner	1.2	3	4	4	4	3	--	10-2	L
Feb. 10	Butler	Gardner	3.0	3	0	0	0	2	--	10-0	W
Feb. 11	Michigan [1]	Houchens	1.2	4	4	3	0	0	--	5-2	L
Feb. 11	Michigan [2]	Gardner^	9.0	9	5	3	1	4	--	5-2	L
Feb. 12	Minnesota	Gardner	2.2	5	5	5	2	3	--	7-4	L
Feb. 17	Delaware	Gardner^	7.0	7	2	2	3	10	141	6-2	W
Feb. 17	East Tennessee	Houchens	3.0	4	0	0	1	0	--	6-1	W
Feb. 18	George Washington	Gardner^	5.0	2	0	0	3	6	75	8-0	W
Feb. 19	Campbell	Houchens^	7.0	2	0	0	2	7	94	3-0	W
Feb. 19	at South Carolina	Gardner	1.0	6	8	8	3	0	--	11-2	L
Feb. 24	Central Michigan	Houchens	6.1	1	1	1	3	1	--	2-1	W
Feb. 24	Illinois State	Gardner^	6.0	3	0	0	2	8	--	6-0	W
Feb. 25	Central Michigan	Houchens	3.0	2	1	1	0	3	--	6-4	W
Feb. 25	Jacksonville State	Gardner^	7.0	7	4	4	3	3	--	4-3	L
Feb. 26	Illinois State	Houchens	4.1	5	1	1	2	1	--	6-1	W
Mar. 4	Arkon	Houchens	6.0	3	1	1	3	4	--	3-2	W
Mar. 4	Evansville	Gardner	4.0	2	0	0	1	3	--	9-0	W
Mar. 5	Akron	Gardner	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	--	5-0	W
Mar. 5	Austin Peay	Wood	6.0	2	0	0	0	0	--	8-1	W
Mar. 8	at Eastern Kentucky	Wood	4.0	1	0	0	1	3	46	3-2	W
Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	Wood	2.0	4	2	2	0	1	24	15-7	W
Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [2]	Houchens	2.0	4	5	5	3	2	53	5-8	L
Mar. 12	Miami (OH)	Wood	1.0	3	4	4	1	2	22	4-8	L
Mar. 17	at UTEP*										
Mar. 18	at UTEP*										
Mar. 19	at UTEP*										
Mar. 24	North Texas*										
Mar. 25	North Texas*										
Mar. 26	North Texas*										
Mar. 29	Belmont										
Mar. 31	Charlotte*										
Apr. 1	Charlotte*										
Apr. 2	Charlotte*										
Apr. 4	Indiana										
Apr. 6	at UTSA*										
Apr. 7	at UTSA*										
Apr. 8	at UTSA*										
Apr. 12	at Lipscomb										
Apr. 14	at MTSU*										
Apr. 15	at MTSU*										
Apr. 16	at MTSU*										
Apr. 19	Louisville										
Apr. 21	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 22	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 23	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 24	Arkansas										
Apr. 28	at FIU*										
Apr. 29	at FIU*										
Apr. 30	at FIU*										
May 5	LA Tech*										
May 6	LA Tech*										
May 7	LA Tech*										

* C-USA game ^ Complete game

SCORELESS INNING STREAKS						
PLAYER	LONGEST	2020	2021	2022	2023	CURRENT
Curran	5.2	-	-	-	-	-
Gardner	12.1	2.1	12.1	9.1	11.0	-
Houchens	10.0	-	-	6.0	-	-
Wood	11.0	-	-	-	11.0	-

2023 STATISTICS

NUM.	NAME	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	AVG.	WP	HBP	BK	SF	SH
19	Houchens	3.51	6-2	12	8	1	1-1	0	41.0	32	17	16	20	23	12	4	1	.218	2	2	0	2	5
25	Wood	4.01	3-1	13	1	0	0-2	1	24.2	22	12	11	8	13	2	1	2	.239	0	0	0	0	1
5	Gardner	4.32	6-5	15	14	5	2-3	0	75.0	70	39	36	38	75	8	5	7	.244	4	2	0	2	3
26	Curran	5.28	0-0	7	0	0	0-0	1	15.1	17	11	9	10	8	2	1	3	.279	0	2	0	1	0

ANALYSIS STATS

SEASON/CAREER HITTING STAT TRACKER

CAREER MULTI-HIT GAMES 2023/CAREER

PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	CAREER
Davis	6/35	1/8	/4	0	49
Hage	7/25	1/7	/1	0	34
Sanders	4/19	4/9	/1	0	29
Webster	5/19	/4	/1	0	25
Drinnon	4/9	/1	0	0	10
Foote	2/6	0	0	0	6
Hegh	4/4	2/2	0	0	6
Newman	/2	/1	0	0	3
Edgmon	2/2	1/1	0	0	3
Schmidt	2/2	0	0	0	2
Kemp	1/1	0	0	0	1
Bush	1/1	0	0	0	1

CAREER MULTI-RBI GAMES 2023/CAREER

PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	CAREER
Sanders	5/13	1/5	/5	1/3	27
Hage	4/10	1/2	/1	0	15
Davis	/7	0	0	0	7
Foote	1/4	0	/1	0	5
Webster	1/4	0	0	0	4
Drinnon	3/3	/2	0	0	5
Hegh	2/2	0	0	1/1	3
Newman	/2	0	0	0	2
Edgmon	0	0	1/1	0	1
Schmidt	1/1	1/1	0	0	2
Bush	1/1	0	0	0	1

CAREER HOMERUNS/GRAND SLAMS

PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Sanders	3	8	11/1	5/0	27/1
Schmidt	-	2/0	2/0	1/0	5/0
Drinnon	-	-	3/0		3/0
Hegh	1/0	2/0	0	3/0	7/0
Foote	-	0	1/0		1/0
Hage	0	0	1/0		1/0
Bush	-	-	0	1/0	1/0

STREAK TRACKERS

CAREER HITTING STREAKS

PLAYER	LONGEST	2023	CURRENT
Sanders	13	4	4
Hage	12	9	-
Davis	9	8	4
Webster	9	9	1
Drinnon	6	4	-
Hegh	6	6	5
Bush	6	6	-
Foote	5	1	-
Schmidt	4	4	1
Newman	3	3	3
Edgmon	2	2	-
Parks	1		

REACHED BASE STREAK

PLAYER	LONGEST	2023	CURRENT
Hage	23	22	-
Sanders	20	8	4
Davis	17	11	5
Drinnon	10	9	-
Webster	13	13	13
Newman	7	3	3
Hegh	6	6	5
Bush	6	6	-
Foote	6	1	-
Schmidt	4	4	4
Kemp	3	3	-
Edgmon	2	2	-

PINCH HITTING PRODUCTION

PLAYER	GAME-DATE	OPPONENT	SCORING	INNING/OUTS	SCORE	FINAL
Kaytlan Kemp	14-Feb. 25	Jax State	1B LS	6/2	3-1	L, 4-3
Jessica Bush	15-Mar. 4	Akron	1B LL	5/0	1-0	W, 3-2
Addy Edgmon	19-Mar 5	Austin Peay	1B 1	4/0	2-1	W, 8-1

BIG INNINGS AT THE PLATE

DATE	OPPONENT	INNING	RUNS	BATTERS	FINAL SCORE
2/10	Butler	4	6	12	10-0 [5]
2/17	Delaware	1	5	9	6-2
2/26	Illinois State	1	5	9	6-1
3/5	Austin Peay	5	5	9	8-1
3/11	Miami (OH) [1]	6	5	9	15-7 [6]

HOME RUN TRACKER

NO.	PLAYER	GAME-DATE	OPPONENT	COUNT/OB	INNING/OUTS	SCORE	FINAL
1	Sanders	6-Feb 17	Delaware	3-2/2	1/0	3-0	W, 6-2
2	Sanders	7-Feb 17	ETSU	2-2/0*	5/0	5-0	W, 6-1
3	Sanders	7-Feb 17	ETSU	0-0/0*	7/0	6-1	W, 6-1
4	Hegh	13-Feb 25	Central Mich.	1-0/0*	4/1	1-3	W, 6-4
5	Bush	18-Mar 5	Akron	2-1/1	5/2	5-0	W, 5-0
6	Schmidt	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	0-0/2	3/2	4-2	W, 15-7
7	Hegh	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	0-0/2	4/1	7-2	W, 15-7
8	Hegh	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	2-1/2	5/1	10-7	W, 15-7
9	Sanders	22-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [2]	0-2/1	5/0	2-8	L, 5-8
10	Sanders	22-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [2]	3-2/2	6/2	5-8	L, 5-8

ANALYSIS STATS

WALK-OFF TRACKER

NO.	BATTER	GAME/DATE	OPPONENT	COUNT/OB	INNING/OUTS	RESULT	SCORE	FINAL
1	Bush	21-Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	1-2/3	6/1	1B RBI	14-7	15-7

COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN TRACKER

NO.	GAME/DATE	OPPONENT	DEFICIT	INNING	TYING HIT (score)	GO-AHEAD HIT (score)	FINAL
1	13-Feb. 25	Central Mich.	0-3/4-3	B5/B6	Hage PB (3-3)	Hage 2B RBI (5-4)	W, 6-4
2	21-Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	2-1/7-7	B3/B5	Schmidt HR LC (4-2)	Hegh HR LC (10-7)	W, 15-7

BATTING ANALYSIS

PLAYER	LEADOFF			BASES EMPTY			1-2 RUNNERS			BASES LOADED			RISP			2 OUTS			2-OUT RBI
	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	#
Bray																			
Bush	2	6	.333	2	11	.182	5	15	.333	1	1	1.000	4	9	.444	3	9	.333	2
Curran	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Davis	5	9	.556	13	32	.406	11	42	.262	0	5	.000	7	27	.259	4	25	.160	3
Drinnon	5	10	.500	7	24	.292	8	32	.250	0	2	.000	6	24	.250	5	21	.238	3
Edgmon	2	11	.182	4	19	.211	9	26	.346	2	4	.500	6	18	.333	2	10	.200	2
Foote	2	5	.400	3	17	.176	3	22	.136	1	4	.250	3	16	.188	2	21	.095	1
Gardner	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Hage	16	32	.500	15	41	.366	12	35	.343	1	3	.333	9	20	.310	7	20	.350	7
Hegh	5	11	.455	6	24	.250	19	43	.442	0	3	.000	12	31	.387	8	27	.296	5
Houchens	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Kemp	0	3	.000	1	5	.200	5	11	.455	0	1	.000	4	9	.444	4	7	.571	2
Newman	2	7	.286	2	7	.286	2	11	.182	1	1	1.000	1	5	.200	2	5	.400	0
O'Connor	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	2	.000	0	1	.000	0	2	.000	0	1	.000	0
Parks	0	1	---	0	1	.000	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Sanders	8	16	.500	11	26	.423	17	43	.395	3	3	1.000	12	31	.387	7	23	.304	7
Schmidt	7	18	.389	4	27	.148	10	30	.333	1	2	.500	9	22	.406	5	12	.417	6
Webster	10	19	.526	13	28	.464	10	32	.313	1	4	.250	5	23	.217	7	18	.389	0
Wood	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
TOTALS	64	148	.432	81	262	.309	111	344	.323	11	34	.324	78	246	.317	56	199	.281	38

2023 WKU INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE - Min. 8 AB

.406 Taylor Sanders

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE - Min. 8 AB

.656 Taylor Sanders

ON BASE PERCENTAGE - Min. 10 Plate Appearances

.512 Taylor Sanders

RUNS SCORED

21 Taylor Davis

HITS

28 Taylor Sanders

RUNS BATTED IN

25 Taylor Sanders

DOUBLES

8 Faith Hegh

TRIPLES

1 Hage/Kemp

HOME RUNS

5 Taylor Sanders

TOTAL BASES

48 Taylor Sanders

WALKS

22 Randi Drinnon

HIT BY PITCH

2 Hegh/Hage/Sanders

SACRIFICE HITS

7 Taylor Davis

SACRIFICE FLIES

3 Faith Hegh

STOLEN BASES

10 TJ Webster

2023 STARTERS SUMMARY

PLAYER	GS	POSITION										BATTING ORDER									
		P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	FLEX
3 TJ WEBSTER	23	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-
6 TAYLOR DAVIS	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
11 BRYLEE HAGE	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
15 TAYLOR SANDERS	23	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	1	3	-	-	-	-	-
7 RANDI DRINNON	23	-	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	7	8	-	1	-	-
9 FAITH HEGH	23	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	13	1	1	4	11	4	-	2	-	-
28 KELSEY SCHMIDT	20	-	-	14	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	4	7	4	5	-	-	-
21 KENNEDY FOOTE	18	-	-	3	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	11	-	-
5 KATIE GARDNER	14	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
20 ADDY EDGMON	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	1	5	6	1	-	-
19 KELSIE HOUCHEMS	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
22 JESSICA BUSH	7	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	5	1	-	-	-
1 KAYTLAN KEMP	7	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-
12 ABBY NEWMAN	4	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
25 MADDY WOOD	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Date	Team	P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP	Record
2/10	Minnesota	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Bush	0-1 (1)
2/10	Butler	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Kemp	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-1 (2)
2/11	Michigan [1]	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-2 (3)
2/11	Michigan [2]	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-3 (4)
2/12	Minnesota	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-4 (5)
2/17	Delaware	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	2-4 (6)
2/17	East Tennessee	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	3-4 (7)
2/18	George Washington	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	4-4 (8)
2/19	Campbell	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	5-4 (9)
2/19	at South Carolina	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	5-5 (10)
2/24	Central Michigan	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	6-5 (11)
2/24	Illinois State	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	7-5 (12)
2/25	Central Michigan	Wood	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	8-5 (13)
2/25	Jacksonville State	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	8-6 (14)
2/26	Illinois State	Houchens	Drinnon	Foote	Kemp	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	9-6 (15)
3/4	Akron	Houchens	Drinnon	Foote	Schmidt	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	10-6 (16)
3/4	Evansville	Gardner	Drinnon	Foote	Schmidt	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	11-6 (17)
3/5	Akron	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	12-6 (18)
3/5	Austin Peay	Houchens	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	13-6 (19)
3/8	at EKU	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	14-6 (20)
3/11	Miami (OH) [1]	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-6 (21)
3/11	Miami (OH) [2]	Houchens	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-7 (22)
3/12	Miami (OH)	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-8 (23)
3/17	at UTEP											
3/18	at UTEP											
3/19	at UTEP											
3/24	North Texas											
3/25	North Texas											
3/26	North Texas											
3/29	Belmont											
3/31	Charlotte											
4/1	Charlotte											
4/2	Charlotte											
3/13	Indiana											
4/6	at UTSA											
4/7	at UTSA											
4/8	at UTSA											
4/12	at Lipscomb											
4/14	at MTSU											
4/15	at MTSU											
4/16	at MTSU											
4/19	Louisville											
4/21	Florida Atlantic											
4/22	Florida Atlantic											
4/23	Florida Atlantic											
4/24	Arkansas											
4/28	at FIU											
4/29	at FIU											
4/30	at FIU											
5/5	LA Tech											
5/6	LA Tech											
5/7	LA Tech											

2023 WKU LINE SCORES

Feb 10, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E	
MINNESOTA	0	4	0	4	0	2	-	10	10	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	2	6	0

WP-Autumn Pease (1-0) LP-Katie Gardner (0-1) T-1:13 A-250

Feb 10, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	1	3	6	0	-	10	14	0
BUTLER	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0

WP-Katie Gardner (1-1) LP-DYER, Rylyn (0-1) T-3:00 A-200

Feb 11, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	2	5	2
MICHIGAN	2	2	0	0	0	1	X	-	5	7	0

WP-Derkowski, Lauren (1-1) LP-Kelsie Houchens (0-1) T-2:00 A-350

Feb 11, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	-	5	9	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	2	8	0

WP-Derkowski, Lauren (2-1) LP-Katie Gardner (1-2) T-3:05 A-300

Feb 12, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	4	7	1
MINNESOTA	0	0	2	1	4	0	X	-	7	9	0

WP-Jacie Hambrick (1-0) LP-Katie Gardner (1-3) T-2:30 A-250
HR MINN - Natalie DenHartog, Jess Oakland, Sydney Strelow

Feb 17, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	6	10	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	7	0

WP-Katie Gardner (2-3) LP-Graceyn Frost (0-1) T-2:25 A-56
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders (1)

Feb 17, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	-	6	9	0
East Tennessee Stat	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	8	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (1-1) LP-Sara Muir (0-2) T-2:14 A-107
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders 2 (3)

Feb 18, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
George Washington	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	4	1	-	8	8	0

WP-Katie Gardner (3-3) LP-CANO, Rose (3-1) T-1:47 A-75

Feb 19, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Campbell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	2	0	0	X	-	3	6	0

WP-Kelsie Houchens (2-1) LP-Kayla Howald (0-1) T-1:48 A-126

Feb 19, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	2	0	0	0	-	2	5	0
South Carolina	4	7	0	0	X	-	11	8	0

WP-Donnie Gobourne (2-0) LP-Katie Gardner (3-4) T-1:42 A-1769
HR SC - Marissa Gonzalez (1), Haley Simpson (1)

Feb 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Central Michigan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	1	0	X	-	2	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (3-1) Save-Maddy Wood(1) LP-Bean (0-2) T-1:45 A-345

Feb 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Illinois State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	2	0	0	4	X	-	6	11	1

WP-Katie Gardner (4-4) LP-Meshnick, Hannah (1-2) T-2:20 A-267

Feb 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Central Michigan	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	-	4	11	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	2	3	X	-	6	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (4-1) LP-Wallace (1-1) T-2:30 A-201
HR WKU - Faith Hegh

Feb 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Jacksonville State	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	-	4	7	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	3	9	2

WP-Jalayah Holmes (3-1) LP-Katie Gardner (4-5) T-2:30 A-234
HR JSU - Sidney Wagnon

Feb 26, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Illinois State	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	5	2
Western Kentucky	5	0	0	0	1	0	X	-	6	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (5-1) LP-Meeks, Hannah (1-2) T-2:07 A-226

Mar 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	2	4	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	2	0	X	-	3	6	2

WP-Kelsie Houchens (6-1) Save-Luna Curran(1) LP-CROYLE, Haley (3-1) T-1:50 A-123

Mar 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Evansville	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2
Western Kentucky	7	0	2	0	X	-	9	8	1

WP-Katie Gardner (5-5) LP-Kleffman, E. (4-1) T-1:30 A-353

Mar 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	1	4	X	-	5	6	0

WP-Katie Gardner (6-5) LP-DIFE0, Alexa (2-2) T-1:40 A-203
HR WKU - Jessica Bush

Mar 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Austin Peay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	4	1
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	2	5	0	X	-	8	13	1

WP-Maddy Wood (1-0) LP-BENEFIEL, Jordan (3-4) T-1:50 A-253

Mar 08, 2023 at Richmond, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	3	13	1
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	7	1

WP-Maddy Wood (2-0) LP-Lauren Narvaez (6-4) T-3:30 A-223
HR EKU - Jasmine Miller

2023 WKU LINE SCORES

Mar 11, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
------------------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Miami OH	0	1	1	0	5	0	7	11	0
----------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---

Western Kentucky	1	0	3	3	3	5	15	13	0
------------------	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	----	---

WP-Maddy Wood (3-0) LP-Taylor Turner (2-3) T-2:40 A-213

HR MIAMI - Riley Coyne

HR WKU - Faith Hegh 2, Kelsey Schmidt

Mar 11, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
------------------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Miami OH	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	8	8	0
----------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	10	0
------------------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---

WP-Laurelai DePew (3-1) Save-Brianna Pratt(1) LP-Kelsie Houchens (6-2) T-2:45 A-177

HR MIAMI - Riley Coyne, Jenna Golembiewski

HR WKU - Taylor Sanders 2

Mar 12, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
------------------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

Miami OH	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	8	10	1
----------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	----	---

Western Kentucky	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0
------------------	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

WP-Brianna Pratt (7-3) LP-Maddy Wood (3-1) T-2:23 A-110

HR MIAMI - Karli Spaid, Holly Blaska, Adriana Barlow

2023 WKU SEASON STATS

Record: 15-8 Home: 9-3 Away: 1-1 Neutral: 5-4 C-USA: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
15 Taylor Sanders	.406	23-23	69	19	28	5	0	5	25	48	.696	14	2	8	0	.512	1	0	1-1	19	40	1	.983
3 TJ Webster	.383	23-23	60	14	23	3	0	0	2	26	.433	10	0	4	0	.471	0	0	10-12	32	64	2	.980
1 Kaytlan Kemp	.375	11-7	16	4	6	0	1	0	3	8	.500	2	0	4	1	.444	0	1	3-4	0	1	1	.500
9 Faith Hegh	.373	23-23	67	14	25	8	0	3	19	42	.627	12	2	8	1	.464	3	0	4-4	10	0	0	1.000
11 Brylee Hage	.355	23-23	76	19	27	4	1	0	13	33	.434	12	2	10	0	.456	0	0	5-6	27	1	0	1.000
6 Taylor Davis	.324	23-23	74	21	24	0	0	0	7	24	.324	5	1	7	0	.375	0	7	9-9	22	2	0	1.000
20 Addy Edgmon	.289	17-13	45	4	13	2	0	0	8	15	.333	0	1	1	0	.298	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000
22 Jessica Bush	.269	11-7	26	1	7	0	0	1	6	10	.385	3	0	4	0	.333	1	2	0-0	63	1	0	1.000
7 Randi Drinnon	.268	23-23	56	4	15	3	0	0	11	18	.321	22	1	9	0	.475	1	3	1-1	121	10	1	.992
28 Kelsey Schmidt	.246	22-20	57	10	14	2	0	1	10	19	.333	8	0	9	0	.328	2	2	3-4	88	7	5	.950
12 Abby Newman	.222	11-4	18	1	4	0	0	0	2	4	.222	4	0	5	0	.364	0	0	0-0	13	10	0	1.000
21 Kennedy Foote	.154	19-18	39	6	6	3	0	0	6	9	.231	3	0	11	0	.205	2	3	0-0	56	28	4	.955
24 Payton O'Connor	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
4 Kasia Parks	.000	9-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	1-2	0	0	0	.000
23 Anniston Bray	.000	2-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.317	23	606	120	192	30	2	10	112	256	.422	95	9	82	2	.411	11	18	38-44	468	199	14	.979
Opponents	.240	23	587	79	141	24	11	13	76	226	.385	76	6	119	5	.331	5	9	27-31	443	169	14	.978

LOB - Team (174), Opp (138). DPs turned - Team (7), Opp (3). Picked off - B. Hage 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
19 Kelsie Houchens	3.51	6-2	12	8	1	1/1	0	41.0	32	17	16	20	23	12	4	1	.218	2	2	0	2	5
25 Maddy Wood	4.01	3-1	13	1	0	0/2	1	24.2	22	12	11	8	13	2	1	2	.239	0	0	0	0	1
5 Katie Gardner	4.32	6-5	15	14	5	2/3	0	75.0	70	39	36	38	75	8	5	7	.244	4	2	0	2	3
26 Luna Curran	5.28	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	1	15.1	17	11	9	10	8	2	1	3	.279	0	2	0	1	0
Totals	4.15	15-8	23	23	6	6/3	2	156.0	141	79	72	76	119	24	11	13	.240	6	6	0	5	9
Opponents	6.22	8-15	23	23	6	0/0	1	149.0	192	120	103	95	82	30	2	10	.317	8	9	0	11	18

PB - Team (3), R. Drinnon 3, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (1), R. Drinnon 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - R. Drinnon (27-31), K. Gardner (13-15), M. Wood (5-6), L. Curran (5-6), K. Houchens (4-4).

2023 WKU C-USA ONLY STATS

2023 WKU TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

BATTING

Date	Opponent	ab	r	h	rbi	2b	3b	hr	tb	bb	ibb	sb	cs	hbp	sac	sf	gdp	k	po	a	e	lob	avg
Feb 10	vs MINNESOTA	23	2	6	2	3	0	0	9	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	7	18	3	0	6	.261
Feb 10	vs BUTLER	28	10	14	10	2	0	0	16	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	15	2	0	7	.392
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	25	2	5	2	1	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	18	8	2	6	.329
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	32	2	8	2	2	0	0	10	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	6	27	10	0	11	.306
Feb 12	vs MINNESOTA	26	4	7	4	1	1	0	10	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	18	5	1	9	.299
Feb 17	vs Delaware	30	6	10	6	2	0	1	15	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	21	9	0	6	.305
Feb 17	vs East Tennessee State	28	6	9	5	2	0	2	17	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	21	11	0	8	.307
Feb 18	vs George Washington	19	8	8	8	1	0	0	9	7	0	7	0	0	1	1	0	1	15	6	0	6	.318
Feb 19	vs Campbell	23	3	6	3	1	0	0	7	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	21	9	0	5	.312
Feb 19	at South Carolina	19	2	5	2	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	12	8	0	4	.308
Feb 24	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	21	2	6	2	0	0	0	6	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	5	21	15	1	6	.307
Feb 24	ILLINOIS STATE	26	6	11	5	3	0	0	14	6	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	21	6	1	10	.317
Feb 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	23	6	6	5	1	0	1	10	6	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	21	10	1	8	.313
Feb 25	JACKSONVILLE STATE	29	3	9	3	2	0	0	11	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	21	12	2	9	.312
Feb 26	ILLINOIS STATE	23	6	6	2	0	0	0	6	3	0	5	1	2	1	0	0	2	21	7	1	5	.309
Mar 04	AKRON	23	3	6	3	1	0	0	7	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	21	9	2	4	.307
Mar 04	EVANSVILLE	22	9	8	8	0	0	0	8	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	10	1	7	.310
Mar 05	AKRON	22	5	6	5	0	1	1	11	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	4	21	8	0	2	.308
Mar 05	AUSTIN PEAY	30	8	13	8	1	0	0	14	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	5	21	16	1	8	.316
Mar 08	at Eastern Kentucky	49	3	13	3	2	0	0	15	9	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	6	39	15	1	18	.311
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	27	15	13	15	1	0	3	23	14	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	18	6	0	11	.319
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	31	5	10	5	2	0	2	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	9	0	11	.320
Mar 12	MIAMI OH	27	4	7	4	1	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	21	5	0	7	.317
Totals		606	120	192	112	30	2	10	256	95	0	38	6	9	18	11	2	82	468	199	14	174	.317

2023 WKU TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

PITCHING

Date	Opponent	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	hbp	dp	ibb	score	w-l	sv	era
Feb 10	vs MINNESOTA	6.0	10	10	10	7	7	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2-10	0-1	0	15.00
Feb 10	vs BUTLER	5.0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-0	1-1	0	8.18
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	6.0	7	5	3	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2-5	1-2	0	6.88
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	9.0	9	5	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-5	1-3	0	5.54
Feb 12	vs MINNESOTA	6.0	9	7	6	5	3	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4-7	1-4	0	6.19
Feb 17	vs Delaware	7.0	7	2	2	3	10	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6-2	2-4	0	5.54
Feb 17	vs East Tennessee State	7.0	8	1	1	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6-1	3-4	0	4.89
Feb 18	vs George Washington	5.0	2	0	0	3	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	8-0	4-4	0	4.41
Feb 19	vs Campbell	7.0	2	0	0	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-0	5-4	0	3.88
Feb 19	at South Carolina	4.0	8	11	11	6	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2-11	5-5	0	5.23
Feb 24	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7.0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2-1	6-5	1	4.83
Feb 24	ILLINOIS STATE	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6-0	7-5	1	4.38
Feb 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7.0	11	4	3	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6-4	8-5	1	4.34
Feb 25	JACKSONVILLE STATE	7.0	7	4	4	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3-4	8-6	1	4.40
Feb 26	ILLINOIS STATE	7.0	5	1	1	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6-1	9-6	1	4.18
Mar 04	AKRON	7.0	4	2	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-2	10-6	2	4.07
Mar 04	EVANSVILLE	5.0	2	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-0	11-6	2	3.88
Mar 05	AKRON	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-0	12-6	2	3.65
Mar 05	AUSTIN PEAY	7.0	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8-1	13-6	2	3.51
Mar 08	at Eastern Kentucky	13.0	7	2	1	3	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3-2	14-6	2	3.24
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	6.0	11	7	7	6	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	15-7	15-6	2	3.55
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	7.0	8	8	8	4	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5-8	15-7	2	3.87
Mar 12	MIAMI OH	7.0	10	8	8	6	11	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4-8	15-8	2	4.15
Totals		156.0	141	79	72	76	119	24	11	13	6	0	6	7	0	120-79	15-8	2	4.15

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

1



KAYTLAN KEMP

- FRESHMAN
- UTILITY
- HENDERSONON, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
3	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	3	
1	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	RUNS	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	1	
1	VS ILL. ST. (2-26-23)	HITS	VS. ILL. ST. (2-26-23)	1	
		DOUBLES			
		TRIPLES			
		HOME RUNS			
1	VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	RBI	VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	1	
		WALKS/HBP			
1	VS ILL. ST. (2-26-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS ILL. ST. (2-26-23)	1	

KEMP'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.375	11-7	16	4	6	0	1	0	3	8	.500	2	0	4	1	.444	0	1	3-4	0	1	1	.500
CAREER	.375	11-7	16	4	6	0	1	0	3	8	.500	2	0	4	1	.444	0	1	3-4	0	1	1	.500

3



TJ WEBSTER

- SENIOR
- INFIELD
- HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
5	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	5	
3	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	RUNS	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	3	
2	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	HITS	AT UTC (2-14-20)	4	
1	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	1	
		TRIPLES	VS TENN TECH (4-28-21)	1	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
2	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	RBI	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	3	
3	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	3	

WEBSTER'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.317	25-25	60	15	19	1	0	0	4	20	.333	6	0	11	0	.379	0	4	9-10	28	45	6	.924
2021	.318	47-47	129	22	41	2	1	0	9	44	.349	9	2	12	0	.317	0	9	20-23	76	94	13	.929
2022	.276	51-51	156	29	43	2	0	0	9	45	.288	5	0	22	0	.298	0	6	20-21	74	119	9	.955
2023	.383	23-23	60	14	23	3	0	0	2	26	.433	10	0	4	0	.471	0	0	10-12	32	64	2	.980
CAREER	.311	146-146	405	80	126	8	1	0	24	136	.336	30	2	49	0	.362	0	19	59-66	210	322	30	.947

4



KASIA PARKS

- SOPHOMORE
- OUTFIELD
- LEXINGTON, KY.
- BATS S / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
1	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	AT BATS	VS UTA (2-11-22)	3	
1	VS CENTRAL MICH. (2-24-23)	RUNS	MR, VS CENTRAL MICH. (2-24-23)	1	
		HITS	VS UTA (2-11-22)	1	
		DOUBLES	-	-	
		TRIPLES	-	-	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
		RBI	-	-	
		WALKS/HBP	-	-	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	1	

PARKS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.059	33-6	17	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	.059	0	0	6	0	.059	0	0	5-5	6	0	3	.667
2023	.000	9-0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
CAREER	.056	42-6	18	12	1	0	0	0	0	1	.056	0	0	7	0	.056	0	0	6-7	6	0	3	.667

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

5



KATIE GARDNER

- SENIOR
- PITCHER
- BOWLING GREEN, KY.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
9	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	IP	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	9	
3	VS. ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	FEWEST HITS (CG)	VS ALCORN ST (3-5-21)	1	
0	VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	FEWEST ER	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	0	
10	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	STRIKEOUTS	AT FAU (3-26-22)	11	

GARDNER'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2020	23.14	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	3	6	6	6	3	0	1	0	18	.273	1	1	0	0	0
2021	2.67	6-1	19	7	3	2/1	0	64.0	47	23	19	29	64	8	0	5	275	.198	8	5	0	1	3
2022	2.71	11-5	31	16	6	1/4	2	116.1	94	49	48	50	117	19	2	15	497	.221	8	10	0	3	9
2023	4.32	6-5	15	14	5	2/3	0	75.0	70	39	36	38	75	8	5	7	332	.244	4	2	0	2	3
CAREER	3.81	23-11	68	37	14	5/8	2	257.2	214	117	109	123	259	35	8	27	1122	.223	21	18	0	6	15

6



TAYLOR DAVIS

- FIFTH-YEAR
- OUTFIELD
- HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	7	
2	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	RUNS	MR, VS UTEP (3-20-22)	3	
3	VS JAX STATE (2-26-23)	HITS	MR, APSU (2-28-20)	4	
		DOUBLES	MR, AT USM (4-29-22)	1	
		TRIPLES	MR, AT CLT (3-12-22)	1	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
1	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	RBI	MR, VS FAU (5-12-22)	2	
1	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	BALL ST (3-6-21)	2	
1	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS COFC (2-7-20)	3	

DAVIS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2019	.263	32-20	57	12	15	0	0	0	4	15	.263	4	0	1	0	.311	0	3	8-9	21	0	0	1.000
2020	.437	25-23	71	20	31	1	0	0	8	32	.451	4	0	7	0	.467	0	4	15-17	23	0	3	.885
2021	.336	46-44	125	20	42	0	1	0	6	49	.352	5	0	8	0	.359	1	7	12-13	54	2	0	1.000
2022	.397	51-50	156	42	62	4	1	0	19	67	.436	12	2	6	0	.447	0	11	20-25	62	1	1	.984
2023	.324	23-23	74	21	24	0	0	0	7	24	.324	5	1	7	0	.375	0	7	9-9	22	2	0	1.000
CAREER	.360	177-160	483	115	174	5	2	0	44	183	.379	30	3	29	0	.400	1	32	64-73	182	5	4	.979

7



RANDI DRINNON

- SOPHOMORE
- CATCHER/INFIELD
- WHITE PINE, TENN.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	4	
2	MR, VS AUSTIN PEAY (3-5-23)	RUNS	MR, VS AUSTIN PEAY (3-5-23)	2	
2	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	HITS	AT CLT (3-13-22)	3	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	1	
		TRIPLES	AT UAB (4-9-22)	1	
		HOME RUNS	MR, VS FIU (4-1-22)	1	
2	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RBI	AT UAB (4-9-22)	3	
3	VS ETSU (2-17-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS ETSU (2-17-23)	3	
1	VS MICH. [2] (2-11-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS MICH. [2] (2-11-23)	1	

DRINNON' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.264	51-51	129	20	34	7	1	3	14	45	.403	21	0	18	0	.367	0	4	5-5	254	26	7	.976
2023	.268	23-23	56	4	15	3	0	0	11	18	.321	22	1	9	0	.475	1	3	1-1	121	10	1	.991
CAREER	.265	74-74	185	24	49	10	1	3	25	70	.378	43	1	27	0	.404	1	7	6-6	375	36	8	.981

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

9



FAITH HEGG

- FIFTH-YEAR
- UTILITY
- EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ. | UAB
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
6	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	6	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HITS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
1	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	1	
		TRIPLES			
2	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HOME RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	2	
7	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RBI	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	7	
2	VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	2	
1	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	1	

HEGG'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2019*	.351	47-47	151	21	53	15	0	0	21	68	.450	14	2	7	0	.411	1	1	1-1	43	1	4	.917
2020*	.242	25-19	66	11	16	3	1	1	5	21	.364	7	0	4	0	.311	1	0	1-3	24	3	0	1.000
2021*	.319	49-46	138	30	44	12	1	2	20	61	.464	8	5	9	1	.373	2	0	6-7	69	2	2	.973
2022*	.318	48-48	151	26	48	11	3	0	18	62	.430	5	4	9	0	.356	0	0	3-5	62	1	2	.969
2023	.373	23-23	67	14	25	8	0	3	19	42	.627	12	2	8	1	.464	3	0	4-4	10	0	0	1.000
CAREER	.320	186-177	573	102	186	49	5	6	83	254	.467	46	13	37	2	.383	7	1	15-20	208	7	8	.971

*2019-22 seasons played at UAB

11



BRYLEE HAGE

- SENIOR
- OUTFIELD
- NICHOLASVILLE, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	7	
2	VS MICHIGAN [2] (2-11-23)	RUNS	VS UTEP (3-18-22)	3	
3	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	HITS	AT TENN. TECH (4-28-21)	4	
1	MR, VS CENTRAL MICH. (2-25-23)	DOUBLES	VS ALCORN ST. (3-5-21)	2	
1	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	TRIPLES	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	1	
		HOME RUNS	AT CLT (3-13-22)	1	
3	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	RBI	AT TENN. TECH (4-28-21)	4	
2	MR, VS CMU (2-25-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, VS CMU (2-25-23)	2	
1	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS MARSHALL (5-13-22)	4	

HAGE'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.419	21-11	31	8	13	1	2	0	7	20	.581	4	1	4	0	.500	0	0	4-4	9	0	0	1.000
2021	.321	46-45	131	17	42	11	1	0	19	54	.420	7	0	13	1	.350	2	5	7-8	44	1	2	.957
2022	.365	51-51	160	37	57	12	4	1	19	74	.500	18	1	19	0	.420	2	0	17-18	49	2	2	.962
2023	.355	23-23	76	19	27	4	1	0	13	33	.434	12	2	10	0	.456	0	0	5-6	27	1	0	1.000
CAREER	.349	141-130	398	81	139	28	8	1	58	186	.467	41	4	46	1	.412	4	5	33-36	129	4	4	.971

12



ABBY NEWMAN

- SOPHOMORE
- INFIELD
- OWENSBORO, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
3	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	AT BATS	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	3	
		RUNS	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	2	
1	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	HITS	AT CLT (3-11-22)	3	
		DOUBLES	VS MTSU (5-8-22)	1	
		TRIPLES	-	-	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
1	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	RBI	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	2	
2	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	2	
		STOLEN BASES	MR, VS STL (3-6-22)	1	

NEWMAN'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.246	32-23	61	10	15	1	0	0	9	16	.262	13	1	17	0	.387	0	0	2-2	19	4	2	.920
2023	.222	11-4	118	1	4	0	0	0	2	4	.222	4	0	5	0	.364	0	0	0-0	13	10	0	1.000
CAREER	.241	43-27	79	11	18	1	0	0	11	20	.253	17	1	22	0	.381	0	0	2-2	32	14	2	.958

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

15



TAYLOR SANDERS

- SENIOR
- INFIELD
- SHELBYVILLE, TENN.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
5	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	5	
4	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	4	
3	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	HITS	VS SAMFORD (3-4-22)	4	
1	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	DOUBLES	VS UAB (3-20-21)	3	
		TRIPLES	BELMONT (3-4-20)	1	
2	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	HOME RUNS	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	2	
5	VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	RBI	AT MARSHALL (4-24-22)	6	
3	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-22)	3	
1	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	1	

SANDERS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.267	23-21	45	12	12	2	1	3	9	25	.556	8	2	10	0	.400	0	1	3-3	9	32	3	.932
2021	.293	31-30	92	20	27	8	0	8	26	48	.641	7	4	13	0	.362	2	2	3-4	27	54	7	.920
2022	.347	50-50	144	35	50	12	0	11	54	73	.660	19	4	28	0	.427	4	2	5-6	38	105	6	.960
2023	.406	23-23	69	19	28	5	0	5	25	48	.696	14	2	8	0	.512	1	0	1-1	19	40	1	.983
CAREER	.334	127-124	350	86	117	27	1	27	114	227	.649	48	12	59	0	.424	7	5	12-14	93	231	17	.950

19



KELSIE HOUCHENS

- REDSHIRT-SOPHOMORE
- PITCHER
- LOUISVILLE, KY.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7.0	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	IP	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	7.0	
2	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	FEWEST HITS (CG)	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	2	
0	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	FEWEST ER	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	0	
7	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	STRIKEOUTS	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	7	

HOUCHENS' CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2021	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	4.50	2-0	11	1	0	0/0	0	20.0	20	12	10	7	9	6	0	2	87	.260	1	2	0	1	0
2023	3.51	6-2	12	8	1	1/1	0	41.0	32	17	16	20	23	12	4	1	176	.218	2	2	0	2	5
CAREER	3.84	8-2	23	9	1	1/1	0	61.0	52	28	26	27	32	18	4	3	263	.232	3	4	0	3	5

20



ADDY EDGMON

- FRESHMAN
- OUTFIELD
- DUNLAP, TENN.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	4	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	RUNS	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	1	
3	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	HITS	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	3	
1	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	DOUBLES	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	1	
		TRIPLES			
		HOME RUNS			
4	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	RBI	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	4	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	1	
1	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	1	

EDGMON'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.289	17-13	45	4	13	2	0	0	8	15	.333	0	1	1	0	.298	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000
CAREER	.289	17-13	45	4	13	2	0	0	8	15	.333	0	1	1	0	.298	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

21



KENNEDY FOOTE

- JUNIOR
- INFIELD
- ALABASTER, ALA.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
4	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	4
1	VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	RUNS	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2
2	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	HITS	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2
2	VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	2
		TRIPLES	-	-
		HOME RUNS	VS LA TECH (5-13-22)	1
1	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	RBI	AT UAB (4-10-22)	4
1	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, VS CLT (4-25-21)	2
		STOLEN BASES	-	-

FOOTE'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021	.171	24-15	41	4	7	2	0	0	4	9	.220	9	0	11	0	.320	0	2	0-0	12	16	3	.903
2022	.200	36-23	70	12	14	5	0	1	8	20	.314	5	1	14	0	.260	1	1	0-0	21	2	1	.958
2023	.154	19-18	39	6	6	3	0	0	6	9	.231	3	0	11	0	.205	2	3	0-0	56	28	4	.955
CAREER	.180	79-56	150	22	27	10	0	1	18	40	.267	17	1	36	0	.263	3	6	0-0	89	46	8	.944

22



JESSICA BUSH

- JUNIOR
- CATCHER/OUTFIELD
- BOWLING GREEN, KY. | LIPSCOMB
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
4	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	4
1	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	RUNS	MR, VS AKRON (3-5-23)	1
2	AT EKU (3-8-23)	HITS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	2
		DOUBLES	-	-
		TRIPLES	-	-
1	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	HOME RUNS	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	1
2	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	RBI	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	2
1	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	1
		STOLEN BASES	-	-

BUSH'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021*	.000	5-3	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.111	0	0	0-0	14	1	1	.938
2022	.188	16-1	16	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	.188	2	0	5	0	.278	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
2023	.269	11-7	26	1	7	0	0	1	6	10	.385	3	0	4	0	.333	1	2	0-0	63	1	0	1.000
TOTALS	.152	32-11	50	3	10	0	0	1	6	13	.185	6	0	14	0	.240	1	2	0-0	79	2	1	.979

*2021 season played at Lipscomb

23



ANNISTON BRAY

- FRESHMAN
- OUTFIELD
- RICHMOND, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
		AT BATS		
1	VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	RUNS	VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	1
		HITS		
		DOUBLES		
		TRIPLES		
		HOME RUNS		
		RBI		
		WALKS/HBP		
		STOLEN BASES		

BRAY'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.000	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.000	1-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

24



PAYTON O'CONNOR

- FRESHMAN
- UTILITY
- ACWORTH, GA.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
1	MR, VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	AT BATS			
		RUNS			
		HITS			
		DOUBLES			
		TRIPLES			
		HOME RUNS			
		RBI			
		WALKS/HBP			
		STOLEN BASES			

O'CONNOR'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

25



MADDY WOOD

- FRESHMAN
- PITCHER
- CORYDON, IOWA
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
6.0	VS AUSTIN PEAY (3-8-23)	IP	VS AUSTIN PEAY (3-8-23)	6.0	
		FEWEST HITS (CG)			
0	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	FEWEST ER	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	0	
3	AT EKU (3-8-23)	STRIKEOUTS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	3	

WOOD'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2023	4.01	3-1	13	1	0	0/2	1	24.2	22	12	11	8	13	2	1	2	101	.239	0	0	0	0	1
CAREER	4.01	3-1	13	1	0	0/2	1	24.2	22	12	11	3	13	2	1	2	101	.239	0	0	0	0	1

26



LUNA CURRAN

- FRESHMAN
- PITCHER
- WELLINGTON, FLA.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4.1	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	IP	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	4.1	
		FEWEST HITS (CG)			
0	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	FEWEST ER	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	0	
3	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	STRIKEOUTS	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	3	

CURRAN'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2023	5.28	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	1	15.1	17	11	9	10	8	2	1	3	74	.279	0	2	0	1	0
CAREER	5.28	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	1	15.1	17	11	9	10	8	2	1	3	74	.279	0	2	0	1	0

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

31



KELSEY SCHMIDT

- JUNIOR
- UTILITY
- MAINESVILLE, OHIO | AUBURN
- BATS R /THROWS R

SEASON HIGH		CAREER HIGHS (WKU)		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
4	MR, VS DELAWARE (2-17-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS DELAWARE (2-17-23)	4
3	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	RUNS	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	3
2	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HITS	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	2
1	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	1
TRIPLES				
1	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HOME RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	1
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RBI	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3
2	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS. BUTLER (2-10-23)	2
2	VS ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	2

SCHMIDT'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021*	.234	39-28	77	11	18	2	0	2	5	22	.338	4	0	12	0	.268	1	0	4-4	18	2	3	.870
2022*	.375	41-7	40	12	15	5	1	2	9	23	.700	5	0	5	0	.444	0	0	2-2	14	0	0	1.000
2023	.246	22-20	57	10	19	2	0	1	19	13	.333	8	0	9	0	.328	2	2	3-4	88	7	5	.950
CAREER	.285	101-55	174	33	52	9	1	5	33	58	.457	17	0	26	0	.346	3	2	9-10	120	9	8	.940

*2021-22 seasons played at Auburn

TV/RADIO ROSTER



1 Kaytlan Kemp
Freshman | UTL | L/R
Lebabon, Ky.



3 TJ Webster
Senior | IF | L/R
Huntsville, Ala.



4 Kasia Parks
Sophomore | OF | S/R
Lexington, Ky.



5 Katie Gardner
Senior | P | R/R
Bowling Green, Ky.



6 Taylor Davis
Fifth-Year | OF | L/L
Huntsville, Ala.



7 Randi Drinnon
Sophomore | C/IF | R/R
White Pine, Tenn.



9 Faith Hegh
Fifth-Year | UTL | L/L
Egg Harbor Township, N.J. | UAB



11 Brylee Hage
Senior | OF | L/L
Nicholasville, Ky.



12 Abby Newman
Sophomore | IF | L/R
Owensboro, Ky.



15 Taylor Sanders
Senior | IF | R/R
Shelbyville, Tenn.



19 Kelsie Houchens
R-Sophomore | P | R/R
Louisville, Ky.



20 Addy Edgmon
Freshman | OF | L/L
Dunlap, Tenn.



21 Kennedy Foote
Junior | IF | R/R
Alabaster, Ala.



22 Jessica Bush
Junior | C/OF | R/R
Bowling Green, Ky. | Lipscomb



23 Anniston Bray
Freshman | OF | L/L
Richmond, Ky.



24 Payton O'Connor
Freshman | UTL | L/R
Acworth, Ga.



25 Maddy Wood
Freshman | P | R/R
Corydon, Iowa



26 Luna Curran
Freshman | P | R/R
Wellington, Fla.



28 Kelsey Schmidt
Junior | UTL | R/R
Maineville, Ohio | Auburn

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Mar. 17, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

UTEP TAKES HILLTOPPERS IN C-USA OPENER

EL PASO, Texas – In the series and league opener for WKU Softball, the Hilltoppers dropped 3-6 in a heartbreaking, walkoff fashion to the UTEP Miners at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex in El Paso. In the eight inning match up, senior Taylor Sanders picked up her 28th career home run while, right-handers Katie Gardner and Kelsie Houchens combined for six strikeouts.

Fifth-year senior Faith Hegh went two-for-four on the evening, while five other Hilltoppers picked up a hit for the three runs on the board.

WKU 3, UTEP 6

After two scoreless and hitless innings, the Hilltoppers got things moving in the top of the third with a two-run shot off the bat of Taylor Sanders on a 2-2 count for her sixth home run in 2023. The Miners took one back after an RBI double into the gap in the bottom half of the frame for a 2-1 ballgame after three.

WKU came back in with an insurance run with a stand-up RBI double from Faith Hegh – the Hilltopper's doubles leader this season – scoring designated hitter Kaytlan Kemp and giving a 3-1 lead in the fifth inning.

A two-run home run into left field from the Miners in the bottom frame tied the game at three apiece before redshirt-sophomore Kelsie Houchens came in for relief.

With no action in the seventh inning, the Tops and Miners played extras, but the Hilltoppers were marginalized after a home run into left field scored three and walked off UTEP for the final.

Due to the impending weather in El Paso, game two of the series tomorrow has been moved up to 3 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers still hold the upper hand in the all-time conference series, 7-3.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 504 all-time, while 287 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers have won every conference opening series since joining C-USA in 2015, including four sweeps.
- On the stat sheet, Taylor Sanders is now leading the Tops with a .403 batting average off of 29 hits, 27 RBIs, and six home runs, Brylee Hage and Faith Hegh hold 27 hits, while Taylor Davis has stolen 11 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 199 hits, 115 RBIs, a .314 batting average with 11 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Western Kentucky (15-9) -vs- UTEP (10-14)
3/17/2023 at El Paso, Texas (HELEN of TROY SBC)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	1
UTEP	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	6	6	0

Western Kentucky 3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Faith Hegh rf	4	0	2	1	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	1	1	2	1	0	1
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Addy Edgmon ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Jessica Bush ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	0
TJ Webster ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	7	3	3	7	3

2B: Faith Hegh (1)
HR: Taylor Sanders (1)
SB: Taylor Davis (2)
CS: Taylor Sanders (1); TJ Webster (1)
E: Kelsey Schmidt (1)

UTEP 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
MORALES, Lexi lf	3	2	1	2	1	1	0
FAVRE, Savannah rf	3	1	1	0	1	1	0
ANGULO, Peyton 1b	4	1	1	3	0	0	2
RICHARD, Ajia ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
BROCKWAY, Caitlyn c	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
SAMPLE, Anna dh	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MENDEZ, Idalis ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
DOONER, Rylan 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
ALLEN, Ashlynn cf	3	2	2	0	0	1	0
CATHEY, Pate 3b	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
LEE, Amaya ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
ALARCON, Aalijah p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	6	6	6	2	6	3

2B: ALLEN, Ashlynn (1); CATHEY, Pate (1)
HR: MORALES, Lexi (1); ANGULO, Peyton (1)
HBP: BROCKWAY, Caitlyn (1)

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner	4.1	4	3	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	18	19	6	3	75
Kelsie Houchens (L, 6-3)	2.2	2	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	9	11	0	5	37
Totals		6	6	6	2	6	0	0	1	0	27	30	6	8	112

UTEP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
ALARCON, Aalijah (W, 5-5)	8.0	7	3	3	3	7	0	0	0	0	28	31	6	8	156
Totals		7	3	3	3	7	0	0	0	0	28	31	6	8	156

Win: ALARCON, Aalijah (5-5)
Loss: Kelsie Houchens (6-3)
HBP: Kelsie Houchens
PB: None

Start: 6PM MT **Time:** 2:33 **Attendance:** 200 **Weather:** 56 DEGREES, MOSTLY CLOUDY

Game notes:

- K. Houchens faced 3 batters in the 8th.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Mar. 18, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS SCORE 14; BREAK THREE GAME LOSING STREAK

EL PASO, Texas – The series between the Miners and Hilltoppers are tied as WKU came up victorious in a 14-7 win over UTEP Saturday afternoon. Sophomore catcher Randi Drinnon found the wall for her fourth career home run, while also going two-for-five on the afternoon with three RBIs. Kaytlan Kemp also plated three when hitting her second triple of the season, while Brylee Hage collected three RBIs with a two-for-three day at the plate.

The Tops drew 16 walks during the seven innings, now marking the new single game record for the program.

WKU 14, UTEP 7

The Miners plated two in the top of their first frame with a sacrifice-fly and RBI single to gain an early lead.

WKU came back the following inning and took advantage of catcher Randi Drinnon's RBI double into left field for the first hit on the board. UTEP would later give up a bases-loaded walk, while third baseman Taylor Sanders would hit a fielder's choice to the shortstop, scoring TJ Webster for the 3-2 lead.

An explosive eight-run third inning, Drinnon later picked up a fastball down the middle on a 1-2 count for her first home run of the season over the left field wall, scoring two. The Miners would eventually walk three consecutive with bases-loaded, giving a 8-2 advantage to the Tops.

Now leading the Hilltoppers in triples this season, freshman second baseman Kaytlan Kemp sent one down the left field line and put the wheels on running to the third bag. She cleared the bases, picking up three RBIs to end the third inning with 11 Hilltopper runs on the board.

In the bottom half of the frame, UTEP took advantage of a fielder's choice and an RBI double into left field to wager the score, 11-5.

The Miners ended their runs in the bottom of the fourth inning with a two-run double down the left field line, solidifying their seven runs for the final.

Picking up her second hit in five games, center fielder Brylee Hage found the gap into left-center field for a stand-up double and picking up two RBIs to finalize the 14-7 win.

All three pitchers saw action in the matinee match up. Kelsie Houchens got the start, while Maddy Wood earned the win and saw time in the middle, while senior Katie Gardner closed out the final three innings. They combined for six strikeouts, six walks, and giving up seven hits.

The Hilltoppers and Miners will settle the series tomorrow afternoon. First pitch is scheduled for 12 p.m. CT and streaming is available on CUSAtv.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers hold the upper hand in the all-time conference series, 8-3.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 505 all-time, while 288 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers have won every conference opening series since joining C-USA in 2015, including four sweeps.
- On the stat sheet, TJ Webster is now leading the Tops with a .391 batting average, while Taylor Sanders has 29 hits, 29 RBIs, and six home runs. Brylee Hage hold 28 hits, while Taylor Davis has stolen 11 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 209 hits, 129 RBIs, a .316 batting average with 12 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Western Kentucky at UTEP
Mar 18, 2023 at El Paso, Texas (HELEN OF TROY SBC)

Western Kentucky 14 (16-9,1-1 C-USA)

UTEP 7 (10-15,2-3 C-USA)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Faith Hegh rf	2	1	1	1	4	0	1	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	4	1	0	2	2	0	1	3	3
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	2	0	1	2	1	8	1	2
Brylee Hage cf	3	2	2	3	1	0	1	0	2
Kaytlan Kemp 2b	2	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	5	2	2	3	0	0	8	0	3
Anniston Bray dh	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Jessica Bush ph	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	2	1	1	1	0	2	3	3
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	14	10	14	16	2	21	8	13

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
MORALES, Lexi lf	3	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
FAVRE, Savannah rf	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
ANGULO, Peyton 1b	2	1	1	0	2	0	5	0	0
RICHARD, Ajia ss	3	1	2	3	0	0	2	2	0
BROCKWAY, Caitlyn c	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0
LOPEZ, Jordyn pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CROUWEL, Marijn c	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2
DOONER, Rylan 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	1
SAMPLE, Anna dh	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
ALLEN, Ashlynn cf	3	0	1	2	1	2	3	1	0
CATHEY, Pate 3b	3	0	0	0	1	2	5	3	2
COLLINS, Mackenzie p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
HEWITT, Kaylee p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ANGULO, Kendall p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
FORD, Breanna p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GONZALEZ, Toni p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
SCOTT, Autumn p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	7	8	7	6	6	21	10	8

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	3	8	0	0	2	1	14	10	3
UTEP	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	7	8	2

E - K. Kemp 2(3); T. Webster; RICHARD, A; CATHEY, P(7). DP - WKU 1. LOB - WKU 13; UTEP 8. 2B - F. Hegh(10); B. Hage(5); R. Drinnon(4); J. Bush; MORALES, L(9); RICHARD, A(5); ALLEN, A(9). 3B - K. Kemp(2). HR - R. Drinnon(1). HBP - T. Webster. SH - B. Hage(1). SF - T. Webster(1); RICHARD, A(1). SB - K. Kemp(4); K. Foote(1); FAVRE, S 2(8).

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Kelsie Houchens	1.0	2	2	2	1	0	5	7	35
Maddy Wood	3.0	5	5	4	3	1	14	17	61
Katie Gardner	3.0	1	0	0	2	5	10	12	46

UTEP	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
COLLINS, Mackenzie	1.0	1	3	3	5	1	4	9	43
HEWITT, Kaylee	1.1	3	4	4	2	0	7	9	29
ANGULO, Kendall	0.1	1	3	3	2	0	2	4	16
FORD, Breanna	1.1	1	1	1	2	1	5	8	37
GONZALEZ, Toni	2.0	2	2	1	4	0	8	13	63
SCOTT, Autumn	1.0	2	1	0	1	0	3	5	15

Win - M. Wood (4-1). Loss - HEWITT, K (1-3). Save - None.

HBP - by FORD, B (T. Webster). PB - R. Drinnon(4). Pitches/strikes: K. Houchens 35/20; M. Wood 61/29; K. Gardner 46/35; COLLINS, M 43/18; HEWITT, K 29/15; ANGULO, K 16/6; FORD, B 37/16; GONZALEZ, T 63/33; SCOTT, A 15/7.

Umpires -

Start: 2PM MT Time: 3:13 Attendance: 160

Weather: 47 DEGREES, WIND 15E

COLLINS, M faced 4 batters in the 2nd.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Mar. 19, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS WIN NINTH CONSECUTIVE C-USA OPENING SERIES

EL PASO, Texas – The Miners and Hilltoppers took to the field Sunday morning at the Helen of Troy Softball Complex, where WKU defeated UTEP, 6-1, to take the series and win their ninth conference opening series since joining Conference USA in 2015. Katie Gardner pitched a complete seven innings, while Taylor Sanders picked up her seventh home run of the season, leading the Hilltoppers.

Taylor Davis was a perfect four-for-four at the plate with two RBIs, while Faith Hegh collected two hits on the morning. Webster, Hage, and Sanders all found action off the bat as WKU tied for the season-high seven bases stolen.

WKU 6, UTEP 1

Moving onto the board fast, leadoff hitter Faith Hegh found a spot above right field for a stand up double, before Taylor Davis came to the plate to take a shot opposite-field and send Hegh home for an early 1-0 lead in the opening frame.

A quiet middle, Katie Gardner threw a no-hitter into the fourth inning until the Miners managed to sneak one in down the right field line. The Tops got things going in the fifth, with back-to-back singles and stolen bases from shortstop TJ Webster and Hegh, Davis put on the wheels with a bunt to send Webster across home and safe at first base, for a 2-0 ballgame.

Later in the frame, Brylee Hage picks up a full-count single with bases loaded for her 17th RBI on the year. Already posting three runs on the board, the Tops wrapped up the inning after catcher Randi Drinnon drew a bases-loaded walk for a 4-0 lead.

In a tough infield pop-up in the bottom of five, the Miners worked their way with a run before Gardner worked her way through a bases-loaded jam scoreless to end the inning.

Picking up insurance runs, third baseman Taylor Sanders notched home run number seven on the season with a two-run shot over the left-center wall on a full count in the top of the sixth frame.

In the circle, Katie Gardner got the go as she worked through her sixth complete game this season as she struck out eight, walked five, and only gave up one run on four hits to the Miners' offense.

The Hilltoppers are back next weekend on The Hill for their Conference USA home opening series against reigning C-USA Champions, North Texas. First pitch for game one is scheduled for March 24 at 6 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers hold the upper hand in the all-time conference series, 9-3.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 506 all-time, while 289 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers have won every conference opening series since joining C-USA in 2015, including four sweeps.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is now leading the Tops with a .390 batting average, while also owning 30 hits along with Taylor Sanders and Brylee Hage. Sanders leads with 31 RBIs and seven home runs and while Taylor Davis has stolen 13 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 218 hits, 135 RBIs, a .315 batting average with 13 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Western Kentucky (17-9, 2-1 C-USA) -vs- UTEP (10-16, 2-4 C-USA)
3/19/2023 at EL PASO, TEXAS (HELEN OF TROY SBC)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	6	9	0
UTEP	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1

Western Kentucky 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Faith Hegh rf	4	2	2	0	0	1	0
Taylor Davis lf	4	2	4	2	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	4	1	1	2	0	1	1
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0	1	2	0
Jessica Bush 1b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	1	1	1	0	1
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Kasia Parks ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	0	1	2	2	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Abby Newman 2b	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
TJ Webster ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	2
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	9	6	4	9	9

2B: Faith Hegh (1); Taylor Davis (1)
HR: Taylor Sanders (1)
SB: Faith Hegh (1); Taylor Davis (2); Brylee Hage (1); Kasia Parks (1); Kennedy Foote (1); TJ Webster (1)
HBP: Brylee Hage (1)

UTEP 1

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
MORALES, Lexi lf	3	1	0	0	1	0	0
FAVRE, Savannah rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
ANGULO, Peyton 1b	3	0	1	1	1	0	0
LOPEZ, Jordyn pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RICHARD, Ajia ss	3	0	1	0	1	1	2
BROCKWAY, Caitlyn c	2	0	0	0	0	1	3
DOONER, Rylan 2b	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
SCOTT, Autumn ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALLEN, Ashlynn cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	2
SAMPLE, Anna dh	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
MENDEZ, Idalis ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
CATHEY, Pate 3b	2	0	0	0	1	2	1
CALDERON, Zaylie p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALARCON, Aalijah p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	1	4	1	5	8	9

2B: FAVRE, Savannah (1)
SB: MORALES, Lexi (1); FAVRE, Savannah (1); ANGULO, Peyton (1)
HBP: BROCKWAY, Caitlyn (1)
E: RICHARD, Ajia (1)

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner (W, 7-5)	7.0	4	1	1	5	8	1	0	1	0	25	31	6	7	127
Totals		4	1	1	5	8	1	0	1	0	25	31	6	7	127

UTEP	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
CALDERON, Zaylie (L, 4-4)	4.1	7	4	4	1	7	1	0	1	0	21	23	5	1	108
ALARCON, Aalijah	2.2	2	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	10	13	2	4	52
Totals		9	6	6	4	9	1	0	1	0	31	36	7	5	160

Win: Katie Gardner (7-5)
Loss: CALDERON, Zaylie (4-4)
HBP: Katie Gardner, CALDERON, Zaylie
PB: None

Start: 11 AM MT **Time:** 2:20 **Attendance:** 123 **Weather:** 44 DEGREES, MOSTLY CLOUDY

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, Mar. 23, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HILLTOPPERS OPEN CONFERENCE HOMESTAND HOSTING NORTH TEXAS

Hilltopper Spring Fling // March 24-26 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 27: North Texas Friday, Mar. 24 | 6 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 28: North Texas Saturday, Mar. 25 | 1 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 29: North Texas Sunday, Mar. 26 | 1 p.m. CT | [BTM \(Facebook Live\)](#) | [Livestats](#)

Master of the Spirit Weekend, HAF Weekend (HAF members receive free admission and an extra ticket)

[Promotions](#)

Payton O'Connor (Friday), Maddy Wood (Saturday), Abby Newman Trading Cards (Sunday)
Autograph Saturdays

Game Notes

WKU | North Texas

[Series History](#)

WKU Leads, 28-20; [Full History](#)

Social Media

[@WKUSoftball](#)  | [@WKU Softball](#)  | [Facebook](#)  | [YouTube](#)  | [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Hilltoppers are back on The Hill for a seven-game homestand at the WKU Softball Complex, opening with a three-game series against North Texas this Friday-Sunday. The Conference USA home-opening series for WKU comes after the Red and White went 2-1 at UTEP last weekend, winning their C-USA opening series every season since joining the Conference in 2015.

The last meeting between the Tops and Mean Green was back in Denton in the Conference USA Tournament Championship, which North Texas run-ruled WKU for the bid to the NCAA Tournament. After not playing in a series in 2022, the Hilltoppers last played North Texas in a series back in 2019 at the WKU Softball Complex, as WKU pulled out the last two games of three to take the Mean Green in the series.

Last weekend on the road, The Red and White took care of the Miners in the final two contests after being walked-off Friday evening. In Saturday and Sunday's match ups, senior right-hander Katie Gardner recorded a 1.29 ERA with 10 innings of work and her sixth complete game of the season in Sunday's finale. The Sunday matinee also featured fifth-year senior Taylor Davis' perfect four-for-four afternoon at the plate -- tied for her single-game highest hits and the most of any Topper this season.

Streaming will be available on the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network via [Facebook Live](#) for Friday and Saturday's contests. Hilltopper letterwinner and HAF Executive Director Kat (Downing) Smith will be broadcasting Friday's nightcap, while Voice of the Lady Toppers, Brad Klein, in on the headset Saturday. Sunday's match up will be on the secondary stream, Behind the Mic, on Hilltopper Sports Properties Facebook [page](#) with Smith on the call.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open,

but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

COMPLETE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WKU vs North Texas

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, Mar. 24, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

Saturday

WKU vs North Texas

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Mar. 25, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

Sunday

WKU vs North Texas

Watch: [BTM](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Mar. 26, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball will see North Texas in three-game series fashion for the first time since 2019, which was a 2-1 Hilltopper take. WKU leads the all-time conference series 28-20, as the Mean Green are leaving the conference next season.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She is 506 all-time and owns 289 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- In Conference USA rankings, Katie Gardner is first in strikeouts (61), while catcher Randi Drinnon is third in the league in on-base percentage (.507). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in field percentage (.977), and holds steady at second in batting average (.307), and first in shutouts (6) this season.
- After hosting a four-game homestand last weekend, WKU was at home for three weekends in a row, starting with the Hilltopper Classic, Hilltopper Spring Fling, and three-game series hosting Miami (OH).
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is leading the tops with a .390 batting average, while Taylor Davis is collecting 31 hits on the season and 13 stolen bases. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 31 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with seven home runs. Senior Katie Gardner boasts a 4.03 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 18 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .315 batting average, 218 hits off the bats with 143 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Mar. 24, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

**FRIDAY GAME CANCELED; SERIES WITH NORTH TEXAS PUSHED TO DOUBLEHEADER
SATURDAY**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- Due to the inclement weather and field conditions in Bowling Green, tonight's opening series game against North Texas had been pushed to tomorrow at the WKU Softball Complex. The Hilltoppers and Mean Green will play a doubleheader tomorrow, starting at 1 p.m. CT.

The first game of the doubleheader will feature the Payton O'Connor trading card giveaway, while game two will display Maddy Wood's trading card for fans.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Mar. 25, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS CLINCH SERIES AGAINST PRESEASON FAVORITE NORTH TEXAS IN SATURDAY SWEEP

PDF box scores are attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The WKU Hilltopper Softball program took both doubleheader games against the C-USA preseason favorite, North Texas, Saturday afternoon at the WKU Softball Complex. The first 7-1 win and second 6-3 victory over the Mean Green is the second series win for WKU this season, moving their conference record to 4-1. Katie Gardner pitched a complete seven innings giving up one run in game one, while first baseman Jessica Bush notched four RBIs in the second match up for the Hilltopper W.

On the day, Bush was a stellar .571 batting at the plate, going four-for-seven in the box with a .714 slugging. Outfielder Taylor Davis was three-for-six at the plate, while three Hilltoppers earned themselves doubles on the afternoon, picking up RBIs or getting in scoring position. On defense, the Hilltopper secondary turned three double plays to hold off the Mean Green bats.

From the circle, WKU pitchers picked up 11 strikeouts at the Complex, Kelsie Houchens got the start in game two, collecting three of her own, while freshman Maddy Wood came in for relief and with three strikeouts and a 0.00 ERA.

GAME 1: WKU 7, NORTH TEXAS 1

The competition started off with a quiet three innings from both teams as right-hander Katie Gardner threw four strikeouts. The bats got going in the bottom of the fourth: Kennedy Foote hit a fielder's choice to second base as the error throw to first was poor and led third baseman Taylor Sanders to round and head home for a light, 1-0, Tops lead.

A huge sixth inning for the Tops as they batted through the order for more insurance runs, shortstop TJ Webster got the offense going with an RBI single up the middle. Later in the frame, Hegh came to the plate big with a clear count double into left field, scoring Webster and designated hitter Kaytlan Kemp. Outfielder Brylee Hage then saw the first pitch to her, which was good for a single into left, scoring Hegh.

Jessica Bush found left field with an RBI single before Randi Drinnon ending the Hilltoppers' scoring run as a North Texas fielding error led Drinnon to first base and Hage to home plate, unearned.

While holding off from a shutout, the Mean Green took back a run in the top of seven with a double, then single up the middle for the final 7-1 score.

In the circle, Katie Gardner got the go as she worked through her seventh complete game this season as she struck out five, walked eight, and only gave up one run on five hits to the Mean Green offense.

GAME 2: WKU 6, NORTH TEXAS 3

The Mean Green came back for redemption, hitting a solo home run into left field

off Kelsie Houchens in the second frame. North Texas later found the wall with back-to-back home runs in the third before Maddy Wood came in for relief with a 3-0, North Texas game.

Junior transfer Jessica Bush answered the call as she got the Hilltoppers going with a two-run double into right field on a 1-2 pitch in the bottom of the fourth.

In the bottom of the sixth, cleanup hitter Taylor Sanders earned the tying and go-ahead runs with a double into right field before Bush secured two more from the North Texas bullpen with a 2-2 single into right-center, scoring two and finalizing the 6-3 win for the Tops.

Freshman Maddy Wood worked a 0.00 ERA through five innings, only giving up four hits, one walk, and throwing three strikeouts.

WKU is back on the field tomorrow for the series finale with North Texas at the WKU Softball Complex. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers hold the upper hand in the all-time conference series, 30-20.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 508 all-time, while 291 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers took two of three games back in 2019 against the Mean Green in Bowling Green – the last series match up between the two opponents.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .393 batting average, while also owning 33 hits along with Brylee Hage. Taylor Sanders leads with 34 hits, 33 RBIs and seven home runs and while Taylor Davis has stolen 13 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 238 hits, 147 RBIs, a .317 batting average with 13 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
 North Texas at Western Kentucky (Game 1)
 Mar 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

North Texas 1 (19-11,5-2)

Western Kentucky 7 (18-9,3-1)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Lexi Cobb cf	3	0	2	1	1	0	2	0	1
Molly Rainey dh	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Rylee Nicholson lf	3	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
Kailey Gamble 1b	2	0	0	0	2	1	8	0	0
Katy Truitt pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalei Christensen c	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Saleen Donohoe 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5
Emma Grahmann pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jodie Epperson rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mikayla Smith 2b	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0
Tatum Sparks ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cierra Simon ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	0
McKenzie Wagoner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Skylar Savage p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	5	1	8	5	18	6	10

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Faith Hegh rf	4	1	1	2	0	0	4	0	3
Taylor Davis lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	4	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	1	0
Jessica Bush 1b	4	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	2
Randi Drinnon c	4	0	2	1	0	0	5	2	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	1	2	1	0	0	4	0	1
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	7	12	6	3	2	21	4	9

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
North Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	3
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	0	6	X	7	12	0

E - Smith, M.; Simon, C. 2. DP - North Texas 1. LOB - North Texas 10; WKU 9. 2B - Simon, C.; F. Hegh. SB - Cobb, L. 3; Rainey, M.; Nicholson, R; Simon, C.; B. Hage. CS - Cobb, L.; Grahmann, E..

North Texas	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
McKenzie Wagoner	4.0	5	1	0	2	1	17	19	67
Skylar Savage	2.0	7	6	4	1	1	14	15	45

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Katie Gardner	7.0	5	1	1	8	5	24	32	151

Win - K. Gardner (8-5). Loss - Wagoner, M. (7-2). Save - None.

WP - Wagoner, M. 2; Savage, S.. Pitches/strikes: Wagoner, M. 67/46; Savage, S. 45/30; K. Gardner 151/82.

Umpires - HP: John West 1B: Joesph Salazar 3B: Roland Hammer

Start: 1:00pm Time: 2:14 Attendance: 174

Weather: 63 degrees, sunny, 19 mph E

2023 WKU Softball
 North Texas at Western Kentucky
 Mar 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

North Texas 3 (19-12)

Western Kentucky 6 (19-9)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Lexi Cobb cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Molly Rainey rf	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
Rylee Nicholson lf	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0
Kailey Gamble 1b	3	1	2	1	0	0	6	0	1
Emma Grahmann pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kalei Christensen c	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0
Saleen Donohoe dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Jodie Epperson ph/dh	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Tatum Sparks 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mikayla Smith 2b	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1
Cierra Simon ss	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0
Ashley Peters p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
McKenzie Wagoner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	3	7	3	1	6	18	5	4

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Faith Hegh rf	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	3	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	4	0
Jessica Bush 1b	3	0	2	4	0	1	9	0	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	1	1
Kennedy Foote 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Kelsey Schmidt ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	6	8	6	0	8	21	11	2

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
North Texas	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	7	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	2	0	4	X	6	8	1

E - K. Foote. DP - WKU 3. LOB - North Texas 4; WKU 2. 2B - T. Sanders(6); J. Bush(2). HR - Gamble, K.(12); Smith, M.(5); Simon, C.(4).

North Texas	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Ashley Peters	5.0	8	6	6	0	8	23	23	85
McKenzie Wagoner	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	9

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Kelsie Houchens	2.0	3	3	3	0	3	9	9	41
Maddy Wood	5.0	4	0	0	1	3	18	19	66

Win - M. Wood (5-1). Loss - Peters, A. (6-5). Save - None.

WP - K. Houchens(3). Pitches/strikes: Peters, A. 85/57; Wagoner, M. 9/7; K. Houchens 41/28; M. Wood 66/46.

Umpires - HP: Joseph Salazar 1B: Roland Hammer 3B: John West

Start: 4:00pm Time: 1:50 Attendance: 264

Weather: 63 degrees, clear, 14 mph E

K. Houchens faced 2 batters in the 3rd.

Peters, A. faced 5 batters in the 6th.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Mar. 26, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
TOPS DOWN MEAN GREEN, 9-2, FOR SERIES SWEEP**

PDF box score attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Hilltoppers swept the North Texas Mean Green in the series at the WKU Softball Complex as the Tops downed the Mean Green, 9-2, Sunday afternoon. Senior Katie Gardner earned another complete game, as Taylor Sanders hit back-to-back home runs at the plate for her third multi-home run game of the season.

Eight Hilltoppers collected a hit in the finale, including two-for-four at the plate from Faith Hegg, Taylor Davis, and Sanders. Davis also stole two bases, bringing her season total to 15 and the dugout leader. From the bullpen, Gardner picked up eight K's as she never drew a walk in seven innings of work – most of any pitcher this season.

WKU 9, NORTH TEXAS 2

WKU got ahead early with a 4-0 lead from the first inning. Taylor Sanders hit an 1-0 pitch into the second level of the parking garage in left field to get WKU up by three, sending Faith Hegg and Taylor Davis across the plate. Second baseman Kennedy Foote later came to the plate with a double into left-center field, good for an RBI as Jessica Bush headed home.

In the bottom of the third, the Hilltoppers gained one more as catcher Randi Drinnon advanced home on a North Texas error throwing down to second base as Kaytlan Kemp stole the bag.

The Mean Green fought back in the fourth. An RBI single and sacrifice-fly into deep right field plated two for North Texas as the Tops were working for the shutout.

WKU gained more in the fourth as Brylee Hage singled on the 1-2 pitch into left-center, sending Faith Hegg across the bag. Later in the frame, Sander shot home run No. 2 opposite-field for three RBIs and a 9-2 ballgame for the Hilltoppers.

In the circle, Katie Gardner got the go as she worked through her eighth complete game this season (second this series) as she struck out eight, gave no walks, and only gave up two runs on four hits to the Mean Green offense.

WKU host their first midweek of the season at the WKU Softball Complex against Belmont. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers hold the upper hand in the all-time conference series, 31-20.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 509 all-time, while 292 as WKU's head coach.
- The Hilltoppers took two of three games back in 2019 against the Mean Green in Bowling Green – the last series match up between the two opponents.

- On the stat sheet, Faith Hagh is leading the Tops with a .398 batting average, while also owning 35 hits along with Brylee Hage. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 36 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 250 hits, 155 RBIs, a .321 batting average with 15 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Mar. , 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

SANDERS TABBED C-USA PLAYER OF THE WEEK FOR SECOND TIME THIS SEASON

DALLAS, Texas -- In a sweep over the preseason favorites, North Texas, this weekend on The Hill, Conference USA announced Monday that WKU's Taylor Sanders was named Player of the Week, picking up her fourth career weekly nod and second this season.

Hitting over .350 and collecting 10 RBIs over all three games over the weekend, the WKU third baseman hit the tying and go-ahead double for the Hilltoppers to take the lead against UNT for the 6-3 victory in game two on Saturday.

Sanders got ahead early in Sunday's finale as she shot a 1-0 ball over the left field fence to pick up a three-run home run in the first inning. In her second at-bat, the Tennessee-native went opposite field for another three-run bomb in her third multi-home run game on the season.

The Hilltoppers are back at the WKU Softball Complex for a midweek match up against Belmont, Wednesday March 29. The Tops #VsCancer game has first pitch scheduled for 6 p.m. CT.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, Mar. 28, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS SET FOR WEDNESDAY MIDWEEK AGAINST BELMONT

Belmont // March 29 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 30: Belmont Wednesday, Mar. 29 | 6 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Faith and Family Night/Softball and Small Groups / Decades Night

[Promotions](#)

Kasia Parks Trading Card Giveaway

#VsCancer Game - [DONATE](#)

Game Notes

WKU | Belmont

[Series History](#)

WKU Leads, 31-1; [Full History](#)

Social Media

[@WKUSoftball](#)  | [@WKU Softball](#)  | [Facebook](#)  | [YouTube](#)  | [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Hilltoppers are back to host their first midweek of the season on The Hill, playing host to the Belmont Bruins Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. CT. The midweek contest comes as the Tops swept the preseason favorite, North Texas, in a three-game series at the WKU Softball complex last weekend.

The last meeting between the Tops and Bruins was a 7-2 victory for WKU at the WKU Softball Complex. With a close regional distance between the two foes, the Tops hold a large upper hand in the all-time series, 31-1.

Opening Conference USA action in front of the home crowd, the Tops swept North Texas in all three games this past weekend. In the first and third games of the series, right-hander Katie Gardner worked with a 1.29 ERA to hold the Mean Green to only three runs, with a stellar eight strikeout and zero walk production from the circle on Sunday. The 22-run production over the weekend from the Hilltopper offense included a two-home run ballgame for Taylor Sanders at the plate. She collected six RBIs in game three for her third multi-home run game of the season.

Streaming will be available on the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network via [Facebook Live](#) for the Wednesday contests. Hilltopper letterwinner and HAF Executive Director Kat (Downing) Smith will be on the call.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday

WKU vs. Belmont

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Wednesday, Mar. 29, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- A regional rival located in Nashville, Western Kentucky leads the all-time series, 31-1 with the sole Hilltopper loss coming in 2017. The last match up between the Tops and Bruins was 2021 featuring a 7-2 WKU victory.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She is 509 all-time and owns 292 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- Now holding first place in the C-USA standings, pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (105), while Faith Hegh is second in the league in batting average (.398) and Taylor Sanders is second with home runs (9) and first in RBIs per game (1.34). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in fielding percentage (.978) and batting average (.318).
- After hosting and sweeping preseason favorite, North Texas to open Conference USA action on The Hill, the Hilltoppers are slated to host Charlotte over the weekend, followed by a Tuesday midweek against Indiana that was rescheduled last month.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the tops with a .398 batting average, while Taylor Davis is collecting 36 hits on the season and 15 stolen bases. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 39 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with nine home runs. Senior Katie Gardner boasts a 3.66 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 20 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .318 batting average, 250 hits off the bats with 165 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, Mar. 29, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

WKU FALLS TO BELMONT

PDF box score is attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Hilltoppers fell, 2-0, to the Belmont Bruins Wednesday night in the Tops first midweek of the season at the WKU Softball Complex. Katie Gardner threw a six-strikeout, three walk deal in six innings, while Maddy Wood came in for an inning relief with a strikeout under her belt.

A slow night in the batter's box, Taylor Davis and Faith Hegh were the lone Hilltoppers with hits on the evening.

WKU 0, BELMONT 2

Making their way onto the board, the Bruins hit a single up the middle, good for an RBI and unearned run for an early 1-0 lead in the second inning.

Taylor Davis inched her way on the bag with a hard hit back to the pitcher's circle, putting on the wheels, to make it safe to first base for the first Hilltopper hit of the night in the bottom of the third.

The Bruins found the right field line in an unlucky bounce off the bag that was good for an RBI double and the final score, 2-0 in the sixth.

Faith Hegh picked up her 12th consecutive hit – the longest active hitting streak for the Tops – in the bottom of six: a single popped into shallow left-center field.

A solid evening in the circle, Katie Gardner got the go as she worked to strike out six, walk three, and gave up two runs on seven hits to the Bruins. Maddy Wood saw action in the seventh frame. She saw back-to-back fielder's choices before giving up a hit down the right field line, before striking out the last Bruin batter of the evening.

WKU is back for another three-game series against C-USA opponent, the Charlotte 49ers, starting Friday, March 31st. First pitch for Friday is scheduled for 6 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers hold the upper hand in the all-time conference series, 31-2.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 509 all-time, while 292 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .396 batting average, while also owning 36 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 37 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 252 hits, 155 RBIs, a .314 batting average with 15 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
 Belmont at Western Kentucky
 Mar 29, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Belmont 2 (17-12)

Western Kentucky 0 (20-10)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Hughes, Nicole ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Cockrill, Emily 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Green, Kristen cf/rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
Turner, Ally pr	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blume, Brenna c	3	0	1	0	1	2	9	1	3
Ledbetter, Abi 1b	2	1	0	0	1	0	7	0	2
Halterman, Savannah pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ensio, Baie lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Brown, Kailey rf/dh	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Spurlin, MyKayla pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flowers, Kathryn dh	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cockrill, Indy pr/cf	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
Varner, Kaley 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
Summers, Emma p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Johnson, Maya p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Giles, Ellie p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	2	7	2	3	7	21	8	8

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob
Faith Hegh rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kasia Parks pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1
Taylor Sanders 3b	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	2
Jessica Bush 1b	2	0	0	0	0	2	9	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	0
Addy Edgmon ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Abby Newman ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	0	2	0	2	9	21	11	4

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Belmont	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

E - K. Foote(7). LOB - Belmont 8; WKU 4. 2B - Brown(5). SH - T. Davis(8). SB - Halterman(3); B. Hage(8).

Belmont	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Summers, Emma	3.0	1	0	0	2	4	10	12	48
Johnson, Maya	3.0	1	0	0	0	5	9	10	42
Giles, Ellie	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	11

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np
Katie Gardner	6.0	6	2	1	3	6	24	27	107
Maddy Wood	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	12

Win - Summers (4-7). Loss - K. Gardner (9-6). Save - Giles (1).

Pitches/strikes: Summers 48/30; Johnson 42/30; Giles 11/6; K. Gardner 107/68; M. Wood 12/9.

Umpires - HP: Michelle Sandahl 1B: Jay Davis 3B: James Cooper

Start: 6:00pm Time: 2:20 Attendance: 149

Weather: 60 degrees, clear

K. Gardner faced 1 batter in the 7th.

Charlotte Series // March 31-April 2 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 31: Charlotte Friday, Mar. 31 | 6 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 32: Charlotte Saturday, Apr. 1 | 1 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 33: Charlotte Sunday, Apr. 2 | 12 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Randi Drinnon (Friday), Kelsie Houchens (Saturday), Kennedy Foote (Sunday)

Trading Cards

Bark in the Park - Saturday

Autograph Saturdays

[Promotions](#)

Game Notes

WKU | Charlotte

[Series History](#)

WKU Leads, 16-9; [Full History](#)

Social Media

[@WKUSoftball](#)  | [@WKU Softball](#)  | [Facebook](#)  | [YouTube](#)  | [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Hilltoppers are back on The Hill for their final three-game Conference USA series versus Charlotte, before a two-week roadtrip for C-USA series action. Last weekend, the Tops swept league preseason favorite, North Texas, in front of a home crowd to move into first place in the conference. WKU had dropped their midweek match against Belmont on Wednesday night, 0-2.

The last meeting between the Tops and the 49ers was back in Denton for the C-USA Softball Tournament as the Hilltoppers dropped a 5-6 ballgame in double-elimination. WKU played visitor to Charlotte for a three-game series in the regular season in 2022, taking two-of-three games from the 49ers in the series, including a 4-2 victory in the first match up in extra innings.

Last weekend at home, the Tops swept North Texas in all three games. In the first and third games of the series, right-hander Katie Gardner worked with a 1.29 ERA to hold the Mean Green to only three runs, with a stellar eight strikeout and zero walk production from the circle on Sunday. The 22-run production over the weekend from the Hilltopper offense included a two-home run ballgame for Taylor Sanders at the plate. She collected six RBIs in game three for her third multi-home run game of the season.

On Wednesday, WKU played host to Belmont for the Tops' first midweek on The Hill this season. The Hilltoppers fell 0-2 to the Bruins, as Faith Hegh and Taylor Davis collected a pair of hits from the offense as Katie Gardner threw for six strikeouts and three walks in her six innings of work from the circle.

Streaming will be available on the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network via [Facebook Live](#) for the Friday, Saturday, Sunday contests. Voice of the Lady Toppers, Brad Klein, on the headset with the call all weekend.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the

sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

COMPLETE WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday

WKU vs Charlotte

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, Mar. 31, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

Saturday

WKU vs Charlotte

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Apr. 1, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

Sunday

WKU vs North Texas

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Apr. 2, 2023 | 12 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball will see Charlotte in three-game series fashion on The Hill after being in Charlotte in 2022, which was a 2-1 Hilltopper take. WKU leads the all-time conference series 16-9, as the 49ers are leaving the conference next season.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She is 509 all-time and owns 292 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- In Conference USA rankings, Katie Gardner is first in strikeouts (111), while Faith Hegh is second in the league in batting average (.396) and Taylor Sanders is second with home runs (9) and first in RBIs per game (1.34). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in field percentage (.978), and batting average (.314).
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the tops with a .396 batting average, while Taylor Davis is collecting 37 hits on the season and 15 stolen bases. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 39 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with nine home runs. Senior Katie Gardner boasts a 3.54 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 20 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .314 batting average, 252 hits off the bats with 165 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Mar. , 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

FRIDAY GAME CANCELED; SERIES WITH CHARLOTTE PUSHED TO DOUBLEHEADER SATURDAY

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- Due to the inclement weather and field conditions in Bowling Green, tonight's opening series game against Charlotte had been pushed to tomorrow at the WKU Softball Complex. The Hilltoppers and 49ers will play a doubleheader tomorrow, starting at 1 p.m. CT.

The first game of the doubleheader will feature the Randi Drinnon trading card giveaway, while game two will display Kelsie Houchens's trading card for fans. Bark in the Park will still take place, now good for both games on Saturday.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Apr. 1, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS SPLIT DOUBLEHEADER WITH CHARLOTTE

PDF box scores are attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – In a battle for first place in C-USA, the Hilltoppers and 49ers split action in a Saturday doubleheader at the WKU Softball Complex. The Tops took game one 3-0, while Charlotte bested WKU with an 11-0 shutout to tie up the series.

Katie Gardner completed game number nine with a 10-strikeout, three-walk job in the circle, as seven different Hilltoppers collected hits on the night.

Game 1: WKU 3, CHARLOTTE 0

Picking up the only runs in the third, outfielder Brylee Hage knocked in a sacrifice-fly into center field to score home designated hitter Kaytlan Kemp to get the Hilltoppers on the board.

Later in the inning, Kelsey Schmidt reached the bag off of a 49er throwing error, that later led TJ Webster and Taylor Davis across the plate safe for the final 3-0 score.

Webster went two-for-three in the box as the only Topper to have a multi-hit game of the day, while Faith Hegh, Davis, Hage, and Kelsey Schmidt all notched a hit from the batter's box.

In the pitcher's circle, right-hander Katie Gardner worked through a complete game and pitched a no-hitter through the fifth inning. The Bowling Green native completed her shutout with only one hit, walking three, and matching her season-high 10 strikeouts to the Charlotte batters.

Game 2: WKU 0, CHARLOTTE 11

As freshman Maddy Wood gained the second career start of her career in the circle, the 49ers got things moving quickly in the top frame. After a fielder's choice turned into a Hilltopper error, the 49ers picked up two on the board. They later came by with an RBI triple and RBI single to finished the opening inning with a 5-0 lead.

In the second frame, an RBI double down the right field line left 6-0 on the board as redshirt-sophomore Kelsie Houchens in for relief.

Charlotte got the best of WKU, after two two-run home runs in the fifth inning, Wood reentered the ballgame before an RBI triple off a 49er bat solidified the 11-0 run-rule game.

Off the Hilltopper bats, Hage, Randi Drinnon, and Abby Newman all pulled out singles in the contest to break up a Charlotte no-hitter.

Split work between Wood and Houchens in the dirt, the two pulled together for only two walks and two strikeouts.

The series dealbreaker is set for tomorrow, April 2 at the WKU Softball Complex. First pitch for

Sunday is scheduled for 12 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers hold the upper hand in the all-time conference series, 17-10.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 510 all-time, while 293 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .381 batting average, while also owning 37 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 38 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 261 hits, 156 RBIs, a .309 batting average with 15 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
MEDIA ADVISORY / SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz

SATURDAY GAME PUSHED TO 4 P.M. CT START TIME

Due to strong winds in the Bowling Green area, the first doubleheader game against Charlotte today has been pushed back to a 4 p.m. CT first pitch.

2023 WKU Softball
Charlotte at Western Kentucky (Game 1)
Apr 01, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Charlotte 0 (19-14)

Western Kentucky 3 (21-10)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Washington, Ashleigh dh	2	0	0	0
Krupit, Cassidy 1b	2	0	0	0
Vannoy, Bailey rf	3	0	0	0
Chancey, Ella 3b	3	0	0	0
Garrett, Kiyah lf	2	0	0	0
Nguyen, Savanna ss	2	0	0	0
Wright, Madelyn ph	1	0	0	0
Hoffler, Cori 2b	2	0	0	0
Wagner, Lexi cf	1	0	0	0
Winters, Lexi c	2	0	1	0
Tisdale, Emma pr	0	0	0	0
Gress, Sam p	0	0	0	0
Elkins, Lena p	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	0	1	0

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	4	0	1	0
Taylor Davis lf	2	1	1	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	1	1
Taylor Sanders 3b	2	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	1	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	3	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	1	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	1	2	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	3	6	1

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Charlotte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	0	0	0	X	3	6	0

E - K. Krupit(3); C. Hoffler(3). DP - WKU 1. LOB - Charlotte 4; WKU 7. HBP - K. Krupit. SH - L. Wagner(2). SF - B. Hage(1).
Strikeouts - Washington; K. Krupit; E. Chancey 2; K. Garrett; S. Nguyen 2; C. Hoffler 2; L. Wagner; T. Sanders. Walks - Washington; K. Garrett; C. Hoffler; T. Davis; T. Sanders.

Charlotte	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Gress, Sam L,12-6	5.0	6	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	22	25	6	8	79
Elkins, Lena	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	2	8
Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner W,10-6	7.0	1	0	0	3	10	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	20	25	3	7	105

WP - S. Gress(5). HBP - by K. Gardner (K. Krupit). Pitches/strikes: S. Gress 79/53; L. Elkins 8/6; K. Gardner 105/66.

Umpires - HP: Jeffery Blanken 1B: Matt Leisure 3B: Mike McCorkle

Start: 4:00pm Time: 1:50 Attendance: 208

Weather: 60 degrees, clear

2023 WKU Softball
Charlotte vs Western Kentucky (Game 2)
Apr 01, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Charlotte 11 (20-14)

Western Kentucky 0 (21-11)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Washington, Ashleigh dh	2	1	1	0
Krupit, Cassidy 1b	4	2	3	0
Tisdale, Emma pr	0	0	0	0
Devereaux, Anna lf	4	1	2	0
Winters, Lexi c	4	1	2	1
Vannoy, Bailey rf	4	1	1	1
Chancey, Ella 3b	3	2	1	2
Nguyen, Savanna ss	2	0	0	0
Rodi, Arianna ph	1	1	1	2
Wagner, Lexi cf	3	1	3	1
Hoffler, Cori 2b	3	1	1	2
Barefoot, Georgeanna p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	11	15	9

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	2	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	2	0	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	1	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	2	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	1	0
Kennedy Foote 2b	1	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	1	0	1	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	2	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Totals	18	0	3	0

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Charlotte	5	1	0	0	5	11	15	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2

E - K. Foote(8); T. Webster. DP - WKU 2. LOB - Charlotte 6; WKU 4. 2B - B. Vannoy(8); L. Wagner(1). 3B - L. Winters(1); E. Chancey(2). HR - A. Rodi(5); C. Hoffler(6).
Strikeouts - L. Winters; S. Nguyen; R. Drinnon. Walks - Washington 2; F. Hegh.

Charlotte	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Barefoot, Georgeanna W,	5.0	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	19	6	8	55
Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Maddy Wood L,5-2	2.2	9	7	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	19	2	4	65
Kelsie Houchens	2.1	6	4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	5	0	52

Pitches/strikes: G. Barefoot 55/38; M. Wood 65/42; K. Houchens 52/36.

Umpires -

Start: 6:15pm Time: 2:15 Attendance: 220

Weather: 51 degrees, clear

K. Houchens faced 4 batters in the 5th.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Apr. 2, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

WKU DROPS SERIES WITH CHARLOTTE**PDF box score is attached**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The WKU Hilltoppers dropped game three against the Charlotte 49ers Sunday afternoon at the WKU Softball Complex, 3-6, which dropped the three-game series in C-USA action. Katie Gardner took the circle with a six-strikeout, no walk performance in six innings of work.

Picking up the only runs of the afternoon, TJ Webster notched her first career home run, an inside the park home run, good for three on the board for the Hilltoppers.

WKU 3, CHARLOTTE 0

The 49ers got going in the first frame with a solo shot over the left field wall from their leadoff. Charlotte later came back in the second inning for two back-to-back home runs to take an early 3-0 lead.

As the Hilltoppers were up to bat in the fourth, shortstop TJ Webster found the right field line corner as the 49er outfield shifted left. Webster picked up her first career [inside the park] home run on a 1-1 count at the plate, as Abby Newman and Kaytlan Kemp crossed the plate before Webster sprinted down the line and beat out the throw at home.

In the fifth inning, the 49ers knocked in an RBI double before a two-run home run in left field solidified the 6-3 score in the sixth frame. Battling back, the Hilltoppers loaded up the bases in the bottom of the seventh as Jessica Bush took over a battling 15-pitch at-bat, but came up empty handed.

In the pitcher's circle, right-hander Katie Gardner worked through six innings drawing no walks in the process. With six strikeouts, she gave up nine hits on four earned runs. Maddy Wood later came in for relief in the top of seven, only giving up two hits.

The Hilltoppers are back at the WKU Softball Complex Tuesday evening, for their rescheduled match up with Indiana. First pitch is scheduled for 5 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers still hold the upper hand in the all-time conference series, 17-11.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 510 all-time, while 293 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .396 batting average, while also owning 40 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 38 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 267 hits, 156 RBIs, a .306 batting average with 15 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Charlotte at Western Kentucky
Apr 02, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Charlotte 6 (21-14)

Western Kentucky 3 (21-12)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Washington, Ashleigh dh	3	2	1	1
Tisdale, Emma pr	0	0	0	0
Krupit, Cassidy 1b	4	1	1	2
Devereaux, Anna lf	2	0	0	0
Garrett, Kiyah ph	1	0	0	0
Rodi, Arianna ph	1	0	0	0
Mitchell, MaKalah lf	0	0	0	0
Winters, Lexi c	3	0	1	0
Johnson, Grace pr	0	0	0	0
Vannoy, Bailey rf	3	2	3	1
Chancey, Ella 3b	4	1	2	2
Nguyen, Savanna ss	3	0	1	0
Wright, Madelyn ph	1	0	0	0
Wagner, Lexi cf	3	0	0	0
Hoffler, Cori 2b	3	0	2	0
Gress, Sam p	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	6	11	6

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	4	0	2	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	0	0
Taylor Sanders 3b	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote pr/3b	2	0	1	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 1b	2	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt ph/1b	2	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	3	1	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	1	1	0
TJ Webster ss	3	1	1	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	3	5	0

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Charlotte	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	6	11	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	5	2

E - S. Nguyen(11); K. Foote(9); R. Drinnon(2). DP - WKU 2. LOB - Charlotte 7; WKU 8. 2B - E. Chancey(3); S. Nguyen(3); C. Hoffler(3); F. Hegh(14). HR - Washington(7); K. Krupit(6); B. Vannoy(10); E. Chancey(5); T. Webster(1). HBP - Washington; L. Winters; B. Vannoy; T. Sanders. SB - E. Tisdale(2); C. Hoffler(2).
Strikeouts - A. Devereaux; K. Garrett; A. Rodi; E. Chancey; S. Nguyen; C. Hoffler; F. Hegh; B. Hage 2; J. Bush 2; K. Schmidt; R. Drinnon; A. Newman 2; K. Kemp. Walks - T. Davis; T. Sanders; B. Hage 2.

Charlotte	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Gress, Sam W,13-6	7.0	5	3	0	4	10	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	27	32	5	6	141

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner L,10-7	6.0	9	6	4	0	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	27	30	8	3	124
Maddy Wood	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	2	13

HBP - by K. Gardner (L. Winters); by K. Gardner (B. Vannoy); by S. Gress (T. Sanders); by K. Gardner (Washington). Pitches/strikes: S. Gress 141/99; K. Gardner 124/82; M. Wood 13/10.
Umpires - HP: Mike McCorkle 1B: Jeffery Blanken 3B: Matt Leisure
Start: 12:00pm Time: 2:40 Attendance: 239
Weather: 51 degrees, sunny

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Monday, Apr. 3, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS SET TO HOST NO. 19 INDIANA IN MIDWEEK

No. 19 Indiana // April 4 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 34:
Indiana Tuesday, Apr. 4 | 5 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Promotions WKU Foam Fingers to the first 100 fans
Anniston Bray Trading Card Giveaway

Game Notes WKU | Indiana

Series History WKU Leads, 3-1; Full History

Social Media

[@WKUSoftball](#) 

| [@WKU Softball](#)

| [Facebook](#) 

| [YouTube](#) 

| [Tik Tok](#)



BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Softball is back at the Complex as they host No. 19 Indiana (D1 Softball Poll), Tuesday evening at 5 p.m. CT for their second midweek of the season on The Hill.

The last meeting between the Tops and Hoosiers was a 4-3 victory for WKU in Bloomington, Ind. in 2006. The Hilltoppers and the Big Ten opponent have met four times in a 3-1 all-time series going to the Red and White.

In four games last week on The Hill, the Tops went 1-3, dropping their midweek to Belmont, and losing the series to Charlotte over the weekend. In the first match up of two on Saturday, Katie Gardner worked through and shut out the C-USA 49ers on her home dirt with a 10-strikeout, three-walk performance. In Sunday's series finale with Charlotte, TJ Webster found the right field corner to strike up an inside-the-park home run as the Charlotte defense shifted left. The first of her career, it tied up the ballgame, but ultimately WKU sufficed, 3-6.

Streaming will be available on the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network via [Facebook Live](#) for the Tuesday contest. Hilltopper letterwinner and HAF Executive Director Kat (Downing) Smith will be on the call, along with head volleyball coach Travis Hudson along as an analyst.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Tuesday

WKU vs. No. 19 Indiana

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Tuesday, Apr. 4, 2023 | 5 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- Out of the Big Ten Conference, Western Kentucky leads the all-time series, 3-1 with the sole Hilltopper loss coming in 2006 in the first of two back-to-back match ups in Bloomington. The last match up between the Tops and Bruins was on March 25, 2006 featuring a 4-3 WKU victory.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She is 510 all-time and owns 293 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- Now holding first place in the C-USA standings, pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (127), while Faith Hegh is second in the league in batting average (.396) and Taylor Sanders is third with home runs (9) and first in RBIs (39) and RBI's per game (1.18). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in fielding percentage (.975) and second in batting average (.306).
- After a seven-game homestand with the North Texas and Charlotte C-USA series and midweek with Belmont, the Hilltoppers are on the road this weekend to see the UTSA Roadrunners in San Antonio, Thursday-Saturday.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the tops with a .396 batting average with 40 hits, while Taylor Davis has collected 38 hits on the season and 15 stolen bases. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 39 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with nine home runs. Senior Katie Gardner boasts a 3.46 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 23 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .306 batting average, 267 hits off the bats with 171 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, Apr. 4, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HOOSIERS BLANK HILLTOPPERS ON TUESDAY
PDF box score is attached**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – As the Hilltopper defense held the No. 19 Indiana Hoosiers to their lowest runs in nine games, WKU fell 0-3 to Indiana in front of a good midweek crowd at the WKU Softball Complex. Katie Gardner completed her tenth full seven-inning game which featured only two walks and a strikeout against the Big Ten’s best offense.

Four different Hilltoppers picked up hits on the evening, including fifth-year senior Faith Hegh, who leads the Tops’ offense with 41 hits on the year.

WKU 0, INDIANA 3

The Hoosiers moved fast; an RBI single got Indiana on the board early in the first inning before a second inning two-run home run over the left field wall finalized the box at 3-0.

Catcher Randi Drinnon collected the first hit of the evening for the Tops: a 0-1 blooper up the middle to reach first base. Faith Hegh came in in the bottom of the fourth inning for another single on a 1-1 count.

A night for the defense, WKU drew up two 1-2-3 innings, while forcing a double play and two hard shots down the right field line that first baseman, Jessica Bush, took unassisted. Stepping into a new role at third base, junior Kennedy Foote also made a well-earned defensive play: diving in to catch a pop-up bunt for the second out of the top of the fourth.

A big fifth inning to get runners into scoring position, Bush picked up a single on the left field wall with a full count before designated hitter Kaytlan Kemp shot a single up the middle for the Hilltoppers’ final two hits of the evening.

In the pitcher’s circle, right-hander Katie Gardner worked through seven innings drawing only two walks in the process. With a strikeout, she gave up six hits on three earned runs early in the ballgame.

WKU is headed on a seven-game road trip starting with a trip down to San Antonio, Texas to face the UTSA Roadrunners on their home turf for the first time in program history. First game of the three-game series is Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers still hold the upper hand in the all-time series, 3-2.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 510 all-time, while 293 as WKU’s head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .394 batting average, while also owning 41 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 38 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 271 hits, 156 RBIs, a .303 batting average with 15 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Indiana at Western Kentucky
Apr 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Indiana 3 (29-9)

Western Kentucky 0 (21-13)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Bassett, Cora 3b/rf	1	2	0	0
Hayes, Tatum rf	0	0	0	0
Kern, Taryn 2b	3	1	1	2
Minnick, Taylor lf/dh	4	0	2	1
Kettleman, Cassidy pr/lf	0	0	0	0
Stone, Sarah 1b	3	0	0	0
Copeland, Brianna p/3b	3	0	0	0
Parker, Avery rf/c	2	0	1	0
Meeks, Abby dh	2	0	0	0
Andrews, Aaliyah lf	1	0	0	0
Mitchell, Kinsey cf	3	0	0	0
Benson, Brooke ss	3	0	2	0
Warick, Lindsey c	0	0	0	0
Johnson, Heather p	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	3	6	3

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	0	0
Faith Hegh rf	3	0	1	0
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	1	0
Jessica Bush 1b	3	0	1	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	2	0	1	0
Kennedy Foote 3b	2	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	1	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt ph	1	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	0	4	0

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Indiana	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0

DP - Indiana 1; WKU 1. LOB - Indiana 6; WKU 3. 2B - Benson(5). HR - Kern(16). HBP - Bassett 2; Kern. SB - Bassett 2(15); Benson(9). CS - T. Webster(4).
Strikeouts - Stone; F. Hegh; R. Drinnon; K. Foote; K. Schmidt. Walks - Bassett; Parker; T. Webster.

Indiana	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Copeland, Brianna W,13-	5.0	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	9	1	66
Johnson, Heather S,3	2.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	6	4	1	20
Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner L,10-8	7.0	6	3	3	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	25	30	9	9	101

HBP - by K. Gardner (Bassett); by K. Gardner (Kern); by K. Gardner (Bassett). Pitches/strikes:
Copeland 66/46; Johnson 20/11; K. Gardner 101/64.
Umpires - HP: James Nabors 1B: John West 3B: Tyler Jessie
Start: 5:00pm Time: 1:50 Attendance: 353
Weather: 82 degrees, light clouds

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, Apr. 5, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HILLTOPPERS OPEN SEVEN-GAME ROADTRIP AT UTSA**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- From wrapping up two conference series and two midweeks, the WKU Hilltoppers open a seven-game roadtrip starting with a three-game series against the UTSA Roadrunners on their home field, the first visit to San Antonio in the program's history. The Thursday-Saturday games will kick off Thursday, April 6 at 6 p.m. CT.

Only meeting the conference foe four times in history, the Hilltoppers hold the upper hand in all four contests. WKU last saw UTSA in the first game of the 2021 Conference USA Softball Tournament, hosted by WKU. They also met the Roadrunners back in 2019 for a three-game series in Bowling Green.

Last weekend on The Hill, WKU went 1-2 in front of their home crowd against Charlotte that included a 10-strikeout, three walk and one hit outing for right-hander Katie Gardner, and an inside-the-park home run for shortstop TJ Webster -- the first of her career. In the midweek, WKU fell to No. 19 Indiana, but the stellar Tops defense held them to their lowest trio of runs in nine games..

The games will be available to stream on CUSAtv.

GAMES 35-37

Thursday

WKU at UTSA (6-28)

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Thursday, Apr. 6, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

Friday

WKU at UTSA

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, Apr. 7, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

Saturday

WKU at UTSA

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Mar. 19, 2023 | 12 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU Softball will see the Roadrunners for the fifth, sixth, and seventh times in program history, while playing in San Antonio for the first time for the Hilltoppers. The Roadrunners and Tops last met in 2021 during the first game of the C-USA Softball Tournament, hosted in Bowling Green, which led to a 4-3 WKU victory.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 510 all-time, while 293 as WKU's head coach.

- The three-game series with UTSA is the first three of seven games WKU will play on the road later in the month. The Hilltoppers will travel down to Lipscomb for a midweek match up Wednesday, followed by a series road test at Middle Tennessee next weekend.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is leading the Tops with a .394 batting average, while also owning 41 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 38 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 271 hits, 156 RBIs, a .303 batting average with 15 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, Apr. 6, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

THURSDAY GAME AGAINST UTSA CANCELED; WEEKEND SCHEDULE ADJUSTED

SAN ANTONIO, Texas -- Due to inclement weather at UTSA, this evening's series opener between the Hilltoppers and Roadrunners has been canceled. With thunderstorms in the forecast tomorrow, the 6 p.m. CT first pitch has been tentatively pushed up to 11 a.m.

Check WKU Softball on social media for the latest updates for this weekend's series schedule.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Apr. 7, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

FRIDAY GAME HALTED; SERIES TO PICK UP SATURDAY AGAINST UTSA

SAN ANTONIO, Texas -- After a canceled opening series game on Thursday and delayed first pitch at Roadrunner Field Friday morning, the Hilltoppers and Roadrunners of UTSA got a ballgame in under light rain and windy conditions. Due to safety concerns and heavier rain, the game was halted in the middle of the third inning and will pick back up tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. CT.

The 5-2 UTSA game was stopped in the third inning after the Hilltoppers got across home plate early with TJ Webster being sent home after an RBI groundout to second base from senior Brylee Hage for an early 1-0 lead in the first frame. The Roadrunners battled back in the next two frames: a solo home run into left field from their three-spot hitter, while a big bottom half of the second inning plated four for the home team and a 5-1 wage on the scoreboard.

The final scoring play of the near hour of play was a sacrifice-fly into center field off the bat of Taylor Davis, margining the 5-2 game.

The final 3.5 innings will resume at 10 a.m. CT tomorrow morning with a second game to follow at Roadrunner field on the campus of UTSA. Check WKU Softball on social media for the latest updates for this weekend's series.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Apr. 8, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS SPLIT SATURDAY WITH UTSA

PDF box scores are attached

SAN ANTONIO, Texas – With weather changes shifting the originally scheduled three-game series between WKU and UTSA, the Hilltoppers and Roadrunners ended up playing two on Saturday. The two teams wrapped up game one from the third inning on Friday, with a 7-2 UTSA final, as they came back for a doubleheader and the Hilltoppers came up victorious in a 9-2 win.

Between both games, Katie Gardner pitched 12 innings, coming into her own with a three-walk, six-strikeout game in the afternoon. Brylee Hage racked up four RBIs between both games, while TJ Webster owned three hits, followed by Faith Hegh, Hage, and in her first career start Payton O'Connor in as designated hitter for game two.

An afternoon of heaving hitting, WKU pulled out three home runs in game two, including Hage's first of the season.

Game 1: WKU 2, UTSA 7

Into the top of the first, TJ Webster got sent home after an RBI groundout to second base from senior Brylee Hage for an early 1-0 lead.

The Roadrunners battled back in the next two frames: a solo home run into left field from their three-spot hitter, while a big bottom half of the second inning plated four for the home team and a 5-1 wage on the scoreboard.

The Hilltoppers carried on with a sacrifice-fly into left from Taylor Davis to collect the final run on the board for WKU.

With Maddy Wood now in relief for Gardner, UTSA finalized the board with a two-run shot over the right field wall to wrap up the first game.

Right-hander Katie Gardner got the start and pitched through five innings, drawing four walks, two strikeouts, and five runs off of three hits. Wood gained two strikeouts and two runs in her inning in the circle.

Game 2: WKU 9, UTSA 2

Kicking off the top of the second, senior outfielder Brylee Hage drives in her second career home run into right field on a 2-1 pitch, collecting two RBIs and a 2-0 lead in the process.

Building insurance runs, Hage picked up two more RBIs in a two-run double into right-center field sending Davis and Webster across the plate in the second.

An RBI single into left field in the fourth inning off the bat of Davis sent Webster across as she's also collected two hits on the afternoon to get into scoring position.

The Roadrunners struck down the shutout for Gardner, as a solo home run deep into center field gained one on the board in the sixth.

In the bottom half, a leadoff double into left-center from Faith Hegg got bats moving as an RBI groundout to the right side from Taylor Davis completed the final insurance run for WKU.

With the Roadrunners at the plate in the bottom of the sixth inning, UTSA's six-spot hitter notched an RBI groundout down the first base line to send their runner on third base home .

To cap off the final box score, catcher Randi Drinnon struck her second solo home run of the season this year, just before Faith Hegg found an 0-1 fastball and took it deep into right field for the final box score of 9-2 in San Antonio.

While wrapping up two innings in making up last evening's series opener, Gardner also got the go throwing for the Red and White in game two, pitching the complete seven innings. She racked up only two runs on three hits, while walking three and striking out six.

WKU continues their road streak with a midweek trip down to Nashville to face Lipscomb at 6 p.m. CT on Wednesday, April 12.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers still hold the upper hand in the all-time series, 5-1, as the Roadrunners are leaving C-USA next season.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 511 all-time, while 294 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is leading the Tops with a .391 batting average, while also owning 43 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 39 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 283 hits, 167 RBIs, a .299 batting average with 18 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, Apr. 11, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TOPS CONTINUE ROADTRIP WITH MIDWEEK AT LIPSCOMB

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- The WKU Hilltopper Softball program will head to Nashville for their final road midweek trip of the season as they take on the Lipscomb Bison tomorrow. The first pitch at Draper Diamond is set for 5 p.m. CT.

Staying close to home, the Bison and Hilltoppers have met 33 times in both programs' history, staying even in the all-time series before WKU came out 17-16, with a 5-0 shutout in Bowling Green last season.

Last weekend on The Hill, WKU held Power 5 opponent No. 19 Indiana to their lowest trio of runs in nine game with a 0-3 loss on Tuesday. Looking to bounce back, the Tops headed to San Antonio to face UTSA on the road for the first time in program history. After weather disrupted the originally scheduled three-game series, the Roadrunners and Hilltoppers split the two games, as UTSA took game one 7-2, and WKU took the second contest 9-2 that included three home runs off the Red and White bats.

The match up will be available to stream on ESPN+.

GAME 37

WKU at Lipscomb (16-20)

[ESPN+](#) | [Livestats](#)

Draper Diamond

Wednesday, Apr. 12, 2023 | 5 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- Being a local rival, WKU and Lipscomb will meet for the 34th time in program history, as the Hilltoppers hold the slight edge in the all-time series, 17-16.
- Head coach [Amy Tudor](#) earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 511 all-time, while 294 as WKU's head coach.
- After the two-game series with UTSA, Lipscomb will be the third of six games WKU will play on the road later in the month. The Hilltoppers will travel down to Middle Tennessee for a final road test in conference for a three-game stretch next weekend.
- On the stat sheet, [Faith Hegh](#) is leading the Tops with a .391 batting average, while also owning 41 hits. [Taylor Sanders](#) leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while [Taylor Davis](#) has 38 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 283 hits, 167 RBIs, a .299 batting average with 18 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder [Taylor Davis](#) was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

HILLTOPPER

S O F T B A L L

2023 GAME NOTES

Est. 2000 | 4 Conference Championships
739 Victories | 3 NCAA Regional Berths

SCHEDULE (22-14, 7-4 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)
FEBRUARY			
10	vs. Minnesota	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-10 [5]
	vs. Butler	Leesburg, Florida	W, 10-0 [5]
11	vs. Michigan	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-5
	vs. Michigan	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-5 [9]
12	vs. Minnesota	Leesburg, Florida	L, 4-7
17	vs. Delaware	Columbia, S.C.	W, 6-2
	vs. East Tennessee	Columbia, S.C.	W, 6-1
18	vs. George Wash.	Columbia, S.C.	W, 8-0 [5]
19	vs. Campbell	Columbia, S.C.	W, 3-0
	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	L, 2-11 [5]
24	Central Michigan	WKU Softball Field	W, 2-1
	Illinois State	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-0
25	Central Michigan	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-4
	Jacksonville State	WKU Softball Field	L, 3-4
26	Illinois State	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-1
MARCH			
3	Evansville	WKU Softball Field	CANCELED
4	Akron	WKU Softball Field	W, 3-2
	Evansville	WKU Softball Field	W, 9-0
5	Akron	WKU Softball Field	W, 5-0
	Austin Peay	WKU Softball Field	W, 8-1
8	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	W, 3-2 [13]
11	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	W, 15-7
	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	L, 5-8
12	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	L, 4-8
17	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	L, 3-6 [8]
18	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	W, 14-7
19	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	W, 6-1
25	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	W, 7-1
	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-3
26	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	W, 9-2
29	Belmont	WKU Softball Field	L, 0-2
APRIL			
1	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	W, 3-0
	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	L, 0-11
2	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	L, 3-6
4	Indiana	WKU Softball Field	L, 0-3
	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	CANCELED
7	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	L, 2-7
8	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	W, 9-2
12	at Lipscomb	Nashville, Tenn.	5 p.m.
14	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6 p.m.
15	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	4 p.m.
16	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	12 p.m.
19	Louisville	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
21	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
22	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
23	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
24	Arkansas	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
28	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	4 p.m.
29	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	12 p.m.
30	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	11 a.m.
MAY			
5	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
5	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
7	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
8-13	C-USA Tournament	Ruston, La.	

Livestats links can be found at WKUSports.com on the team's schedule and will be posted to WKU Softball's team social media accounts.

LIPSCOMB // DRAPER DIAMOND // NASHVILLE, TENN.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

WKU at Lipscomb
5 p.m. CT
Draper Diamond
Nashville, Tennessee



2023 Record: 16-20
Batting Avg: .222
Hits: 192
Runs: 109

5-7 ASUN
Home Runs: 10
ERA: 2.64
Strikeouts: 150

HOW TO FOLLOW



THE SERIES

WKU leads 18-16
Home: 7-9
Away: 8-8
Last 10: 3-7
Last meeting: W, 5-0 (4/19/22)
Run-Rules: WKU 0, LIP 0
Extra Innings: WKU 0, LIP 1

TOPPER NOTES

LAST WEEK AT THE PLATE

The Tops hosted their first Power 5 opponent on The Hill when No. 19 Indiana came into town, defeating the Tops 3-0, while WKU still held them to their lowest trio of runs in nine games. With trouble with weather down in San Antonio, the Hilltoppers and Roadrunners only managed to play a two-game series at Roadrunner Field. UTSA came in with a big second inning to boast WKU 7-2, before the Tops came back in redemption with a 9-2 final in game two to split the series.

IN THE MIDWEEK

With six midweek games on the schedule, the WKU win over Eastern Kentucky was the first one midweek in the 2023 season. Three Power 5 squads (Indiana, Louisville, Arkansas) will represent three different leagues in the Hilltoppers' midweek home slate. Over the past five seasons, WKU is 23-17 in season midweek games, including a 3-2 record in 2022.

IN THE RANKINGS

Heading into week seven of the season, pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (136), while Faith Hegh is third in the league in batting average (.391) and Taylor Sanders is third with home runs (9) and first in RBIs per game (1.34). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in fielding percentage (.975) and second in batting average (.299).

On a national scale, the Hilltoppers are 11th in double plays a game (.50) and eighth in the country in walks drawn with 148 total this season, while sophomore catcher Randi Drinnon is 23rd in the NCAA, averaging .78 walks drawn per game. Fifth-year utility player Faith Hegh is third in the country with 15 doubles this season.

RANKED WINS AND RECORD CROWD

Across the 23-year history of WKU Softball, the program has picked up 25 wins over a ranked opponent with the two most re-

TOPPER NUMBERS

.299

WKU Softball collective team batting average in 2023.

182

Runs scored by the Hilltoppers in 2023.

4.20

Combined ERA of the 2023 Hilltopper pitching staff.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Primary Contact Cassie Buchholz
Assistant Director of Media Relations
Alma Mater Iowa ('20)
Email Address cassie.buchholz@wku.edu
Cell Phone 224-277-1478

WHERE TO FIND IT

Match up/Records/Topper Numbers	1
Quick Facts and Notes	2
Roster & Pronunciation Guide	3
HC Amy Tudor & Superlatives	4
RPI & The Last Time	5
Record When & C-USA Standings	6
Pitching Breakdown	7
Home Runs/Streaks/Multi-Hit/RBI Games	8
Walk-offs/Come-from-behind/Bat. Analysis	9
Starters	10
Line Scores	11-12
Season Stats	13-15
Athlete Bios	16
Headshot Roster	23

QUICK FACTS

Location.....Bowling Green, Ky.
 Nickname..... Hilltoppers
 Colors..... Red and White
 Founded..... 1906
 Enrollment..... 19,461
 NCAA Affiliation..... Division I
 Conference Affiliation..... Conference USA
 President..... Dr. Timothy C. Caboni
 Director of Athletics..... Todd Stewart

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year..... 2000
 All-Time Record..... 739-554-3 (.573)
 Conference Championships..... 2 (2013, 15, 22)
 Tournament Championships..... 2 (2015, 21)
 NCAA Tournaments..... 3 (2013, 15, 21)
 NCAA Postseason Record..... 5-6 (.455)
 Best Record (2013)..... 43-18 (.705)
 Best Win Percentage (2020)..... 20-5 (.800)
 Best in NCAA's (2015)..... 2-2 (.500)
 Drafted to NPF..... 2 (last, Miranda Kramer)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach..... Amy Tudor (Tenth season)
 Career Record..... 511-391-2 (19 seasons)
 Record at WKU..... 294-185-1 (10 seasons)
 Assistant Coach..... Kayla Bixel (Seventh)
 Assistant Coach..... Mario Hernandez (First)
 Athletic Trainer..... Emily Reed
 Strength and Conditioning..... John Stephanski

WKU SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Capacity..... 500
 Surface..... Natural Grass
 Opened..... 2000
 WKU Record..... 334-191-1 (.637)
 Attendance Record..... 1,512
 Record Info..... vs. Alabama, 4/27/22
 Record Result..... W, 3-1
 Winning Seasons..... 15

2022 RECAP

Overall Record..... 38-13 (.745)
 Conference USA Record..... 17-7 (.708)
 Conference USA Finish..... 1st (East)
 Letterwinners Returning/Lost..... 11/4
 Pitchers Returning/Lost..... 2/1
 Incoming Freshmen (Pitchers)..... 5 (1)
 Incoming Transfers (Pitchers)..... 2 (0)

2023 C-USA PRESEASON COACHES POLL

TEAM	1ST VOTES	PRE. PICKS
1. North Texas	8	2
2. WKU	-	3
3. Charlotte	1	1
4. LA Tech	-	7
T5. Florida Atlantic	-	12
T5. UAB	-	4
7. UTSA	-	10
T8. FIU	-	8
T8. Middle Tennessee	-	6
10. UTEP	-	11

TOPPER NOTES

cent victories coming over No. 7 Kentucky and No. 5 Alabama. Prior to the March 24, 2021 win in Bowling Green, WKU's previous win over a ranked squad was on March 26, 2019 against the No. 17 Wildcats in Lexington. The 2019 win at UK was the first time the Red and White took down a ranked Wildcat squad and the sixth time WKU claimed a win over a ranked team by at least three runs. Of the 25 wins over ranked opposition, 12 of those victories have come on the ranked team's home turf.

Western Kentucky's victory in Bowling Green over the No. 5 Alabama Crimson Tide was the highest ranked opponent win in program history, outranking the previous No. 7 spot by Kentucky. The 3-1 final was also capped by the largest home crowd at the WKU Softball Complex since its groundbreaking in 2000, with 1,512 fans packed into the 500-person capacity stadium and filling lines in the parking garage behind the outfield.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Into the 2023 season, WKU softball sees eight new faces on the turf. The tops signed six freshmen: Anniston Bray, Luna Curran, Addy Edgmon, Kaytlan Kemp, Payton O'Connor, and Maddy Wood. Of the class, Bray and Kemp are Kentucky natives, Edgmon from just south in Tennessee, O'Connor is from Georgia, Wood is an Iowa native, and Curran is from Florida.

WKU also sought two transfers over the summer, fifth-year senior Faith Hegh hails from UAB and is pursuing a master's degree at WKU, while junior Kelsey Schmidt appeared in 80 games at Auburn and joins the Hilltoppers at first base.

BEYOND THE HILL PODCAST

Last season, starting pitcher Katie Gardner recorded an episode in 2022 to discuss her jersey retirement at Warren East and journey to WKU. Earlier in the season, catcher Randi Drinnon discussed her relationship catching for the four pitchers on the 2023 squad, journey to WKU, and her acclaimed volleyball career in high school. This week, Taylor Davis is back on with Tyler Eaton, talking about her relationship with shortstop TJ Webster, a preview of this year's TOPSYS, and reflecting back on five years playing for the Red and White. Check it out at WKUSports.com/Podcasts or search Beyond the Hill on Apple Music or Spotify.

CONFERENCE USA PRESEASON POLL

WKU Softball was predicted to finish second in Conference USA by league coaches. Individually, fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis has been named to the Preseason All-Conference Team.

NFCA AND ALL-CONFERENCE RETURNERS

Even with the key loss in starting pitcher Shelby Nunn, WKU still returns NFCA third team All-Region and second team All-Conference nominees Taylor Davis and Taylor Sanders, while retaining second team All-Conference and All-Freshman team member Randi Drinnon behind the plate.

500 CAREER WINS

With Saturday evening's 9-0 run-rule win over Evansville, head coach Amy Tudor collected her 500th career win as the Hilltoppers' skipper. Tudor, a 2002 WKU graduate, is now in her 19th season as a head coach and 10th on The Hill. Prior to her return to WKU, Tudor coached at IPFW (2010-13), Belmont (2007-09), and Ohio Wesleyan (2005-06). With the Hilltoppers' tournament win over Saint Louis in Oxford, Miss. in 2022, Tudor locked down her 250th win at WKU with 15 more W's to reach 300 at her alma mater. **MORE ABOUT COACH TUDOR ON P. 5.**

BY THE NUMBERS

Three current WKU players are in the top-five in career statistics before the upcoming 2023 season. Senior outfielder Brylee Hage holds a career .348 batting average which ranks third all-time, while senior third baseman Taylor Sanders owns a .402 on base percentage (fifth all-time), and is the program leader with a .637 career slugging clip. Fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis holds the most of active players in career records. Davis holds career on-base percentage (.405, fourth all-time), outfield fielding percentage (.988, third all-time), stolen bases (55, third all-time), and career batting average (.367, second all-time).

TWO GAMES IN ONE

After a 1-1 tie in regulation seven innings in Richmond against ECU on March 8, the Hilltoppers and Colonels extended the game to a 13-inning thriller under the lights as the Tops took the Bluegrass rivalry, 3-2. The 13-inning match up took 3.5 hours and six full batting through the order spreads. The WKU-ECU match up is tied with three other games as the longest in NCAA Softball this season, as well as the longest in Conference USA so far in 2023.

The longest game in program history was 14 innings during the 2015 NCAA Regional against No. 16 Georgia. The Hilltoppers won the game, 2-1, as All-American Miranda Kramer pitched at 14 frames.

2023 WKU SOFTBALL PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF

2023 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NUM.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	B/T	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
1	KAYTLAN KEMP	UTL	FR.	5-3	L/R	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
3	TJ WEBSTER	IF	SR.	5-4	L/R	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
4	KASIA PARKS	OF	SO.	5-4	S/R	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
5	KATIE GARDNER	P	SR.	5-10	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Warren East HS
6	TAYLOR DAVIS	OF	5TH	5-7	L/L	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
7	RANDI DRINNON	C/IF	SO.	5-5	R/R	White Pine, Tenn.	Morristown Hambleton HS East
9	FAITH HEGH	UTL	5TH	5-9	L/L	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	UAB
11	BRYLEE HAGE	OF	SR.	5-3	L/L	Nicholasville, Ky.	East Jessamine HS
12	ABBY NEWMAN	IF	SO.	5-3	L/R	Owensboro, Ky.	Daviess County HS
15	TAYLOR SANDERS	IF	SR.	5-6	R/R	Shelbyville, Tenn.	Shelbyville Central HS
19	KELSIE HOUCHEMS	P	RS-SO.	5-6	R/R	Louisville, Ky.	Male HS
20	ADDY EDMON	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Dunlap, Tenn.	Sequatchie County HS
21	KENNEDY FOOTE	IF	JR.	5-7	R/R	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
22	JESSICA BUSH	C/OF	JR.	5-4	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lipscomb University
23	ANNISTON BRAY	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Richmond, Ky.	Model HS
24	PAYTON O'CONNOR	UTL	FR.	5-6	L/R	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
25	MADDY WOOD	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Corydon, Iowa	Wayne HS
28	KELSEY SCHMIDT	UTL	JR.	5-6	R/R	Maineville, Ohio	Auburn University

2023 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NUM.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	B/T	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
23	ANNISTON BRAY	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Richmond, Ky.	Model HS
22	JESSICA BUSH	C/OF	JR.	5-4	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lipscomb University
6	TAYLOR DAVIS	OF	5TH	5-7	L/L	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
7	RANDI DRINNON	C/IF	SO.	5-5	R/R	White Pine, Tenn.	Morristown Hambleton HS East
20	ADDY EDMON	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Dunlap, Tenn.	Sequatchie County HS
21	KENNEDY FOOTE	IF	JR.	5-7	R/R	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
5	KATIE GARDNER	P	SR.	5-10	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Warren East HS
11	BRYLEE HAGE	OF	SR.	5-3	L/L	Nicholasville, Ky.	East Jessamine HS
9	FAITH HEGH	UTL	5TH	5-9	L/L	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	UAB
19	KELSIE HOUCHEMS	P	RS-SO.	5-6	R/R	Louisville, Ky.	Male HS
1	KAYTLAN KEMP	UTL	FR.	5-3	L/R	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
12	ABBY NEWMAN	IF	SO.	5-3	L/R	Owensboro, Ky.	Daviess County HS
24	PAYTON O'CONNOR	UTL	FR.	5-6	L/R	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
4	KASIA PARKS	OF	SO.	5-4	S/R	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
15	TAYLOR SANDERS	IF	SR.	5-6	R/R	Shelbyville, Tenn.	Shelbyville Central HS
28	KELSEY SCHMIDT	UTL	JR.	5-6	R/R	Maineville, Ohio	Auburn University
3	TJ WEBSTER	IF	SR.	5-4	L/R	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
25	MADDY WOOD	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Corydon, Iowa	Wayne HS

2021 COACHING STAFF

NAME	POSITION	EXPERIENCE	ALMA MATER	HOMETOWN
AMY TUDOR	Head Coach	Eighth Season	WKU (2002)	Petersburg, Tenn.
KAYLA BIXEL	Assistant Coach	Fifth Season	IPFW (2010)	Bremen, Ind.
MARIO HERNANDEZ	Assistant Coach	First Season	Walden Univ. (2021)	Chicago Heights, Ill.
MADDIE BOWLDS	Graduate Assistant	First Season	WKU (2021)	Utica, Ky.
SHELBY NUNN	Graduate Assistant	First Season	WKU (2020)	Bowling Green, Ky.

ELIGIBILITY NOTE

Players are listed as though eligibility progressed normally in 2020-21. Extra seasons of eligibility granted due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be noted when that extra season is utilized following a player's regular senior season. More information about eligibility is available in each player's bio.

RECORDS BY CLASS

FR.....22-14	Home.....13-7	C-USA.....7-4	Postseason.....0-0
SO.....61-27	Home.....36-9	C-USA.....24-12	Postseason.....3-2
JR.....93-42	Home.....54-13	C-USA.....35-18	Postseason.....8-5
SR.....113-47	Home.....64-15	C-USA.....38-18	Postseason.....8-5
5th.....160-60	Home.....83-18	C-USA.....55-24	Postseason.....8-6

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Freshmen.....	5
Sophomores.....	3
RS-Sophomores.....	1
Juniors.....	3
Seniors.....	4
Fifth Years.....	2

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Alabama.....	3
Georgia.....	1
Iowa.....	1
Kentucky.....	8
New Jersey.....	1
Tennessee.....	3

BREAKDOWN BY HANDEDNESS

HITTERS	PITCHERS
Righty.....	9
Lefty.....	8
Switch.....	1
Righty.....	3
Lefty.....	0

PHONETIC GUIDE

Addy EDMON.....	edge-MUN
Kennedy FOOTE.....	FOOT
Brylee HAGE.....	Hay-jh
Faith HEGH.....	HEGG
Kelsie HOUCHEMS.....	HOW-CHINS
KASIA Parks.....	KAY-shuh
Maddie BOWLDS.....	BOLDS
Amy TUDOR.....	TOO-DUR

GAMES STARTED STREAK & CAREER TOTALS

PLAYER	CONS.	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	CAREER
Davis	68	36	50	44	23	20	173
Webster	159	36	51	47	25	---	159
Hage	119	36	51	45	11	---	143
Drinnon	87	36	51	---	---	---	87
Foote	10	29	23	15	---	---	67
Hegh	36	36	---	---	---	---	36
Newman	2	7	23	---	---	---	30
Schmidt	-	25	---	---	---	---	25
Kemp	18	19	---	---	---	---	19
Bush	-	14	1	---	---	---	15
Edgmon	0	13	---	---	---	---	13
Parks	1	1	6	---	---	---	7
Bray	-	1	1	---	---	---	1
Sanders	-	33	50	30	21	---	134
O'Connor	1	1	---	---	---	---	1



C-USA teams will wear a helmet decal honoring Joan Joyce for the 2023 season. Joyce was a legendary athlete before her three decades of service at Florida Atlantic. She was in her 28th season as head softball coach when she passed away in March 2022.

AT THE HELM

Head Coach Amy Tudor // Tenth Season // Overall Coaching Record: 511-391-2 // AT WKU: 294-185-1



Amy Tudor File

- Tenth Season
- WKU 2002
- Petersburg, Tenn.

Tudor Coaching Highlights

CAREER

- 34 Division I All-Conference Selections
- Nine NFCA All-Region Honorees
- One Conference Pitcher/Player of the Years
- Six CoSIDA Academic All-District Selections
- One Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- 500 Career Wins/450 Division I Wins

WKU

- 14 All-Conference Selections
- EvenW NFCA All-Region Selections
- 2014 NCAA Individual Stolen Base Leader
- 2015 NCAA Individual Strikeouts Leader
- One CoSIDA Academic All-District Honoree
- 2015 Conference USA Coach of the Year
- 2015 Regional Coaching Staff of the Year

Tudor Year-by-Year

Year	Overall	Conf.	School
2005	22-14	11-3 (NCAC)	Ohio Wesleyan
2006	23-19	8-6 (NCAC)	Ohio Wesleyan
2007	11-38	5-13 (ASUN)	Belmont
2008	14-36	3-19 (ASUN)	Belmont
2009	11-35	3-17 (ASUN)	Belmont
2010	29-19	17-6 (Summit)	IPFW
2011	28-15-1	16-8 (Summit)	IPFW
2012	45-14	17-6 (Summit)	IPFW
2013	34-16	12-4 (Summit)	IPFW
2014	33-24-1	11-10 (SBC)	WKU
2015	36-14	16-4 (C-USA)	WKU
2016	17-30	8-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2017	31-31	10-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2018	28-26	10-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2019	37-13	18-6 (C-USA)	WKU
2020	20-5	3-0 (C-USA)	WKU
2021	32-15	10-6 (C-USA)	WKU
2022	38-13	17-7 (C-USA)	WKU
2023	22-14	7-4	WKU
Total	511-391-2	202-159	19 Years
DI	462-399-2	182-150	17 Years
WKU	294-185-1	83-64	10 Years

WKU All-Time vs. 2023 Opponents

Opponent	Record
Minnesota	0-1 Miami (OH) 3-3
Butler	2-0 Indiana 3-1
Michigan	1-3 UTEP 7-2
Delaware	0-0 North Texas 28-20-1
East Tennessee	1-1 Belmont 31-1
George Washington	0-0 Charlotte 16-8
Campbell	3-0 UTSA 4-0
South Carolina	0-2 Lipscomb 17-16
Central Michigan	1-0 Middle Tennessee 46-32
Illinois State	6-6 Louisville 3-19
Jacksonville State	3-2 Florida Atlantic 24-27
Akron	3-2 Arkansas 1-2
Evansville	12-9-1 FIU 36-35
Austin Peay	23-6 LA Tech 5-6
Eastern Kentucky	13-12 Total 292-216-2

WKU SUPERLATIVE STATS

2023 WKU TEAM SUPERLATIVES			
STAT	AMOUNT	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	49	EKU	3/8/23
Runs Scored	15	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Hits	14	Butler	2/10/23
RBI	15	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Doubles	4	MR, North Texas	3/26/23
Triples	1	MR, UTEP	3/18/23
Home Runs	3	Miami (OH) [1]/UTSA	
Walks	16	UTEP	3/18/23
Stolen Bases	7	MR, UTEP	3/19/23
Assists	16	Austin Peay	3/5/23
DP Turned	3	North Texas [2]	3/25/23
Innings Pitched	13.0	EKU	3/8/23
Fewest Hits Allowed	2	MR, Campbell	2/19/23
Fewest Runs Allowed	0	MR, Akron	3/5/23
Most Strikeouts	13	EKU	3/8/23
Longest Game	13 Inn.	EKU	3/8/23
Shortest Game	5 Inn.	MR, Evansville	3/4/23

2023 WKU INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES				
STAT	AMOUNT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	7	Hage/Davis	EKU	3/8/23
Runs Scored	4	Taylor Sanders	Miami (OH) [2]	3/11/23
Hits	4	Taylor Davis	UTEP	3/19/23
RBI	7	Faith Hegh	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Doubles	2	Foote/Sanders	Illinois State/EKU	
Triples	1	Hage/Kemp	Minnesota/Akron	
Home Runs	2	Numerous Players		
Total Bases	10	Hegh/Sanders	Miami (OH) [1/2]	3/11/23
Walks	4	Faith Hegh	UTEP	3/18/23
Stolen Bases	3	TJ Webster	George Wash.	2/18/23
Putouts	17	Jessica Bush	Austin Peay	3/5/23
Assists	6	Numerous Players		
Innings Pitched	9.0	Katie Gardner	Michigan [2]/EKU	
Fewest Hits Allowed	2	Houchens	Campbell	2/19/23
Fewest Runs Allowed	0	Katie Gardner	MR, Akron	3/5/23
Most Strikeouts	10	Katie Gardner	Delaware/EKU/Charlotte	

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

2023 RPI STANDINGS

C-USA RPI RANKS		
RANK	TEAM	RESULT
27	CHARLOTTE	W, L, L
74	WKU	-
76	LA TECH	-
77	UAB	DNP
83	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	-
87	NORTH TEXAS	W, W, W
88	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	-
184	FIU	-
233	UTEP	L, W, W
257	UTSA	L, W
WKU OPPONENT RPI RANKS		
RANK	TEAM	RESULT
16	ARKANSAS	-
26	MICHIGAN	L, L
28	MINNESOTA	L, L
30	INDIANA	L
32	SOUTH CAROLINA	L
51	LOUISVILLE	-
55	CAMPBELL	W
75	BELMONT	L
86	JACKSONVILLE STATE	L
90	MIAMI (OH)	W, L, L
117	AUSTIN PEAY	W
140	AKRON	W, W
143	ILLINOIS STATE	W, W
146	DELAWARE	W
164	LIPSCOMB	-
168	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, W
169	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W
178	EVANSVILLE	W
183	BUTLER	W
224	EAST TENNESSEE	W
232	GEORGE WASHINGTON	W

THE LAST TIME WKU...

Defeated a top 10 team	vs. No. 5 Alabama, 4/27/22
Defeated a top 11-25 team	at No. 24 Charlotte, 3/13/22
Had a pitcher strikeout 15+	Kennedy Sullivan, 3/2/19 (17)
Had a pitcher strikeout 10-14	Katie Gardner vs. EKU, 3/8/23 (10)
Threw a perfect game	Miranda Kramer vs. Charlotte, 5/7/15
Threw a no-hitter (run-rule)	Kennedy Sullivan at Samford, 3/1/19
Threw a no-hitter (regulation/extras)	Kelsey Aikey vs. Sacred Heart, 2/15/18
Opponent threw no-hitter	vs. No. 23 Marshall, 5/11/17
Won a run-rule game	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (6)
Lost a run-rule game	at South Carolina, 2/19/23 (5)
Played extra innings	at Eastern Kentucky, 3/8/23 (13)
Won in extra innings	at Eastern Kentucky, 3/8/23 (13)
Lost in extra innings	vs. Michigan 2/11/23 (9)
Scored 10-14 runs	vs. Butler, 2/10/23 (10)
Scored 15-18 runs	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (15)
Scored 19+ runs	at Tennessee-Martin, 4/2/00 (19)
Allowed 10-14 runs	at South Carolina, 2/19/23 (11)
Allowed 15+ runs	at No. 23 FAU, 4/30/16 (16)
Batted around the order (10+ batters)	at UTSA, 4/8/23 (10)
Batted through the order (9 batters)	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Had 10-14 hits	at UTSA, 4/8/23 (11)
Had 15+ hits	vs. Charlotte, 3/11/22 (16)
Team hit 3+ home runs	at UTSA, 4/8/23 (3)
Back-to-back home runs	vs. FIU, 4/1/22 (Bowlds/Drinnon, 6thinn.)
Back-to-back-to-back home runs	vs. FIU, 4/1/22 (Sanders/Ridge/Curry, 3rd inn.)
Player with back-to-back home runs	Taylor Sanders, 3/26/23, 2 consec.
Had a player hit two HRs	Taylor Sanders vs North Texas, 3/26/23
Had a player hit a grand slam	Taylor Sanders, FIU, 4/3/22
Team hit three doubles	vs. Illinois State, 2/24/23
Team hit four or more doubles	vs North Texas, 3/26/23 (4)
Team hit two triples	vs. Western Illinois, 2/16/19
Team hit three or more triples	vs. Dayton, 2/24/13 (5)
Team stole five or more bases	vs. Delaware, 2/17/23 (7)
Player with three RBI	Hegh/Hage at UTSA, 4/8/23
Player with four RBI	Jessica Bush vs. North Texas [2], 3/25/23
Player with five RBI	Taylor Sanders, Miami (OH) [2], 3/11/23
Player with six or more RBI	Taylor Sanders vs. North Texas, 3/26/23 (6)
Player with three hits	Taylor Sanders vs. Miami (OH) [2], 3/11/23
Player with four hits	Taylor Sanders vs. Samford, 3/4/22
Player with five hits	Tommi Stowers vs. Evansville, 3/3/17
Player with two or more doubles	Kennedy Foote vs. Illinois State, 2/24/23 (2)
Player with two or more triples	Shawna Sadler vs. Dayton, 2/24/13 (2)
Player stole three or more bases	TJ Webster vs. George Washington, 2/17/23 (3)
Player scored three or more runs	Taylor Sanders vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Hit a walk-off home run (reg./extras)	Maddie Bowlds vs. Marshall, 4/23/22
Hit a walk-off home run (run-rule)	Taylor Sanders vs. FIU, 4/3/22
Walked off a game	Jessica Bush vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Swept a conference home series	vs. North Texas, 3/25-26/23
Swept a conference road series	at MTSU, 4/22-23/19
Was swept in a conference home series	vs. FAU, 3/18-19/17
Was swept in a conference road series	vs. LA Tech, 4/27-28/18

RECORD WHEN...

TEAM RECORD BY...

LOCATION

Overall	22-14
Home	13-7
Away	4-3
Neutral	5-4
In Kentucky	14-7
In Tennessee	0-0
Other States	8-7

OPPONENT

Conference USA	7-4
Non-Conference	15-8
vs. Ranked Teams	0-1
vs. RV Teams	0-0

TIME

Day Games	18-11
Night Games (5 pm & later)	4-3

DAY

Midweek	1-2
Friday	5-3
Saturday	10-5
Sunday	6-4

MONTH

February	9-6
March	11-4
April	2-4
May	0-0

MISC.

1-Run Games	3-1
2-Run Games	1-1
5+Run Games	14-4
Shortened Games	4-3
Extra Innings	1-2
Shutouts	7-3
Series Sweeps	1-0

STARTERS

WKU Throws RHP	22-14
WKU Throws LHP	N/A
Opp. Throws RHP	19-12
Opp. Throws LHP	3-2

RUNS

WKU Scores in 1st	9-5
Opp. Scores in 1st	5-7
WKU Scores 1st	17-6
Opp. Scores 1st	5-8

HITS

WKU Has More	21-3
Opp. Has More	1-11
Hits Are Even	0-0

ERRORS

WKU Commits 0	10-6
WKU Commits 1	10-4
WKU Commits 2+	2-4
Opp. Commits 0	7-11
Opp. Commits 1+	9-3
Opp. Commits 2+	6-0

HOMERUNS

WKU Hits 0	13-11
WKU Hits 1	5-2
WKU Hits 2+	4-1
Opp. Hits 0	18-4
Opp. Hits 1	3-2
Opp. Hits 2+	1-8

RECORD WHEN TEAM SCORES

RUNS	WKU	C-USA	OPPONENTS	C-USA
0	0-3	0-1	7-0	1-0
1	0-0	0-0	6-0	2-0
2	1-5	0-1	5-1	2-0
3	4-3	1-2	1-1	1-0
4	0-2	0-0	1-1	0-0
5	1-1	0-0	0-2	0-0
6	7-0	2-0	0-2	0-2
7	1-0	1-0	2-2	1-1
8	2-0	0-0	0-2	0-0
9	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
10+	3-0	1-0	0-3	0-1

WKU RECORD AFTER INNINGS

INNINGS	LEADING	TRAILING	TIED
1	8-4	3-6	11-4
2	11-4	3-9	8-1
3	16-5	3-9	3-0
4	18-5	2-8	2-1
5	17-3	1-8	1-1
6	17-2	0-7	1-2

SCORE BY INNINGS

INNINGS	WKU	C-USA	OPPONENTS	C-USA
1	34	6	22	9
2	10	4	29	8
3	37	17	12	6
4	31	11	12	5
5	24	4	23	9
6	35	15	13	5
7	8	5	11	1
8	1	0	4	3
9	0	0	3	0
EX	2	0	1	0
Total	182	62	130	46

2023 CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	CONF. HOME	CONF. AWAY	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	L10	STREAK
Charlotte	11-3	.786	7-1	4-2	24-14	.632	14-5	8-4	2-5	8-2	W5
Florida Atlantic	8-4	.667	4-2	4-2	26-13	.667	18-6	6-6	2-1	7-3	W4
WKU	7-4	.636	4-2	3-2	22-14	.611	13-7	4-3	5-4	5-5	W1
North Texas	9-6	.600	4-2	5-4	24-16	.600	9-4	7-9	8-3	5-5	W4
UAB	9-6	.600	6-3	3-3	21-18	.538	15-10	4-6	2-2	8-2	W1
MTSU	5-6	.455	3-3	2-3	24-13	.649	8-5	7-4	9-4	3-7	L4
Louisiana Tech	5-7	.417	2-4	3-3	23-17	.575	11-6	5-7	7-4	5-5	L1
FIU	5-10	.333	4-2	1-8	18-21	.462	15-10	1-8	2-3	3-7	L3
UTSA	3-8	.273	3-2	0-6	7-29	.194	6-7	0-11	1-11	1-9	L1
UTEP	2-10	.167	1-5	1-5	10-22	.312	5-10	3-9	2-3	2-8	L8

PITCHING BREAKDOWN

TEAM RESULT				
PITCHER	GS	RECORD	SAVES	TEAM W/L
Curran	0	0-0	1	0-0
Gardner	22	10-8	0	10-8
Houchens	10	6-3	0	6-3
Wood	2	5-2	1	5-2

CAREER 7+ STRIKEOUTS					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Gardner		2	5	7	14
Houchens		0	0	1	1
Wood	-	-	-	-	-

CAREER 0-2 HIT GAMES (5+ IP)				
PLAYER	0	1	2	2023/TOTAL
Gardner	0	2/2	/2	1/4
Houchens	0	0	/1	1/1
Wood	-	-	-	-

CAREER COMPLETE GAMES					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Gardner	2	2	5	11*	20
Houchens	-	0	0	1	1
Wood	-	-	-	-	-

*Extra innings

INHERITED RUNNERS/SCORED					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Curran	-	-	-	5/2	5/2
Gardner	0/0	10/3	7/3	1/0	18/6
Houchens	-	-	4/4	4/0	8/4
Wood	-	-	-	13/5	13/5

THREE-STRIKEOUT INNINGS				
DATE	OPP	TIMES	INNING(S)	PITCHER
3/8	EKU	1	5th	Gardner
3/26	UNT	1	3rd	Gardner

PERFORMANCES

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	NP	SCORE	FINAL
Feb. 10	Minnesota	Gardner	1.2	3	4	4	4	3	53	10-2	L
Feb. 10	Butler	Gardner	3.0	3	0	0	0	2	40	10-0	W
Feb. 11	Michigan [1]	Houchens	1.2	4	4	3	0	0	22	5-2	L
Feb. 11	Michigan [2]	Gardner^	9.0	9	5	3	1	4	137	5-2	L
Feb. 12	Minnesota	Gardner	2.2	5	5	5	2	3	65	7-4	L
Feb. 17	Delaware	Gardner^	7.0	7	2	2	3	10	141	6-2	W
Feb. 17	East Tennessee	Houchens	3.0	4	0	0	1	0	49	6-1	W
Feb. 18	George Washington	Gardner^	5.0	2	0	0	3	6	75	8-0	W
Feb. 19	Campbell	Houchens^	7.0	2	0	0	2	7	94	3-0	W
Feb. 19	at South Carolina	Gardner	1.0	6	8	8	3	0	53	11-2	L
Feb. 24	Central Michigan	Houchens	6.1	1	1	1	3	1	83	2-1	W
Feb. 24	Illinois State	Gardner	6.0	3	0	0	2	8	100	6-0	W
Feb. 25	Central Michigan	Houchens	3.0	2	1	1	0	3	43	6-4	W
Feb. 25	Jacksonville State	Gardner^	7.0	7	4	4	3	3	136	4-3	L
Feb. 26	Illinois State	Houchens	4.1	5	1	1	2	1	73	6-1	W
Mar. 4	Arkon	Houchens	6.0	3	1	1	3	4	86	3-2	W
Mar. 4	Evansville	Gardner	4.0	2	0	0	1	3	61	9-0	W
Mar. 5	Akron	Gardner^	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	100	5-0	W
Mar. 5	Austin Peay	Wood	6.0	2	0	0	0	0	66	8-1	W
Mar. 8	at Eastern Kentucky	Wood	4.0	1	0	0	1	3	46	3-2	W
Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	Wood	2.0	4	2	2	0	1	24	15-7	W
Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [2]	Houchens	2.0	4	5	5	3	2	53	5-8	L
Mar. 12	Miami (OH)	Wood	1.0	3	4	4	1	2	22	4-8	L
Mar. 17	at UTEP*	Houchens	2.2	2	3	3	1	2	37	3-6	L
Mar. 18	at UTEP*	Wood	3.0	5	5	4	3	1	61	14-7	W
Mar. 19	at UTEP*	Gardner^	7.0	4	1	1	5	8	127	6-1	W
Mar. 25	North Texas* [1]	Gardner^	7.0	5	1	1	8	5	151	7-1	W
Mar. 25	North Texas* [2]	Wood	5.0	4	0	0	1	3	66	6-3	W
Mar. 26	North Texas*	Gardner^	7.0	4	2	1	0	8	82	9-2	W
Mar. 29	Belmont	Gardner	6.0	7	2	1	3	6	107	0-2	L
Apr. 1	Charlotte* [1]	Gardner^	7.0	1	0	0	3	10	105	3-0	W
Apr. 1	Charlotte* [2]	Wood	2.2	9	7	5	2	1	65	0-11	L
Apr. 2	Charlotte*	Gardner	6.0	9	6	4	0	6	124	3-6	L
Apr. 4	Indiana	Gardner^	7.0	6	3	3	2	1	101	0-3	L
Apr. 6	at UTSA*	Gardner	5.0	3	5	4	5	2	104	2-7	L
Apr. 7	at UTSA*	Gardner^	7.0	3	2	1	3	6	106	9-2	W
Apr. 8	at UTSA*										
Apr. 12	at Lipscomb										
Apr. 14	at MTSU*										
Apr. 15	at MTSU*										
Apr. 16	at MTSU*										
Apr. 19	Louisville										
Apr. 21	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 22	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 23	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 24	Arkansas										
Apr. 28	at FIU*										
Apr. 29	at FIU*										
Apr. 30	at FIU*										
May 5	LA Tech*										
May 6	LA Tech*										
May 7	LA Tech*										

* C-USA game ^ Complete game

SCORELESS INNING STREAKS						
PLAYER	LONGEST	2020	2021	2022	2023	CURRENT
Gardner	14.0	2.1	12.1	9.1	14.0	
Houchens	10.0	-	-	6.0	10.0	
Wood	11.0	-	-	-	11.0	

2023 STATISTICS

NUM.	NAME	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	AVG.	WP	HBP	BK	SF	SH
5	Gardner	3.50	11-9	26	24	11	3-3	0	141.1	116	64	55	70	136	18	5	15	.220	5	11	0	4	4
19	Houchens	5.14	6-3	16	10	1	1-1	0	49.0	45	29	22	29	29	14	4	7	.246	2	3	0	3	5
25	Wood	5.17	5-2	19	2	0	0-2	1	38.2	44	26	22	15	21	5	3	3	.288	0	0	0	0	1

ANALYSIS STATS

SEASON/CAREER HITTING STAT TRACKER

CAREER MULTI-HIT GAMES 2023/CAREER					
PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	CAREER
Davis	9/38	1/8	1/5	0	53
Hage	11/29	1/7	/1	0	38
Sanders	5/20	4/9	/1	0	30
Webster	8/22	/4	/1	0	27
Drinnon	6/11	/1	0	0	12
Hegh	10/10	2/2	0	0	12
Foote	2/6	0	0	0	6
Bush	3/3	0	0	0	3
Newman	/2	/1	0	0	3
Edgmon	2/2	1/1	0	0	3
Schmidt	2/2	0	0	0	2
Kemp	2/2	0	0	0	2
O'Connor	1/1	0	0	0	1

CAREER MULTI-RBI GAMES 2023/CAREER					
PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	CAREER
Sanders	9/17	1/5	/5	2/4	32
Hage	4/10	3/4	/1	0	15
Davis	2/9	0	0	0	9
Drinnon	3/3	1/3	0	0	6
Foote	1/4	0	/1	0	5
Webster	1/4	0	0	0	4
Hegh	3/3	1/1	0	1/1	5
Newman	/2	0	0	0	2
Schmidt	1/1	1/1	0	0	2
Bush	1/1	0	1/1	0	2
Edgmon	0	0	1/1	0	1
Kemp	0	1/1	0	0	1

CAREER HOMERUNS/GRAND SLAMS					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Sanders	3	8	11/1	9/0	31/1
Schmidt	-	2/0	2/0	1/0	5/0
Drinnon	-	-	3/0	2/0	5/0
Hegh	1/0	2/0	0	4/0	8/0
Foote	-	0	1/0		1/0
Hage	0	0	1/0	1/0	2/0
Bush	-	-	0	1/0	1/0
Webster	0	0	0	1/0	1/0

STREAK TRACKERS

CAREER HITTING STREAKS			
PLAYER	LONGEST	2023	CURRENT
Hegh	16	16	1
Sanders	13	5	-
Hage	12	9	1
Davis	12	12	1
Webster	9	9	2
Drinnon	6	4	1
Bush	6	6	-
Foote	5	1	-
Schmidt	4	4	-
Kemp	3	3	-
Newman	3	3	-
Edgmon	2	2	-
O'Connor	1	1	1

REACHED BASE STREAK			
PLAYER	LONGEST	2023	CURRENT
Hage	23	22	1
Sanders	20	10	1
Davis	17	13	1
Webster	17	17	4
Hegh	18	18	18
Drinnon	10	9	3
Newman	7	3	2
Schmidt	7	7	-
Bush	6	6	1
Foote	6	2	1
Kemp	3	3	-
Edgmon	2	2	-
Bray	2	2	2
O'Connor	1	1	1

PINCH HITTING PRODUCTION

PLAYER	GAME-DATE	OPPONENT	SCORING	INNING/OUTS	SCORE	FINAL
Kaytlan Kemp	14-Feb. 25	Jax State	1B LS	6/2	3-1	L, 4-3
Jessica Bush	15-Mar. 4	Akron	1B LL	5/0	1-0	W, 3-2
Addy Edgmon	19-Mar 5	Austin Peay	1B 1	4/0	2-1	W, 8-1

BIG INNINGS AT THE PLATE

DATE	OPPONENT	INNING	RUNS	BATTERS	FINAL SCORE
2/10	Butler	4	6	12	10-0 [5]
2/17	Delaware	1	5	9	6-2
2/26	Illinois State	1	5	9	6-1
3/5	Austin Peay	5	5	9	8-1
3/11	Miami (OH) [1]	6	5	9	15-7 [6]
3/18	UTEP	3	8	12	14-7
2/26	North Texas [1]	6	6	12	7-1

HOME RUN TRACKER

NO.	PLAYER	GAME-DATE	OPPONENT	COUNT/OB	INNING/OUTS	SCORE	FINAL
1	Sanders	6-Feb 17	Delaware	3-2/2	1/0	3-0	W, 6-2
2	Sanders	7-Feb 17	ETSU	2-2/0*	5/0	5-0	W, 6-1
3	Sanders	7-Feb 17	ETSU	0-0/0*	7/0	6-1	W, 6-1
4	Hegh	13-Feb 25	Central Mich.	1-0/0*	4/1	1-3	W, 6-4
5	Bush	18-Mar 5	Akron	2-1/1	5/2	5-0	W, 5-0
6	Schmidt	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	0-0/2	3/2	4-2	W, 15-7
7	Hegh	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	0-0/2	4/1	7-2	W, 15-7
8	Hegh	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	2-1/2	5/1	10-7	W, 15-7
9	Sanders	22-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [2]	0-2/1	5/0	2-8	L, 5-8
10	Sanders	22-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [2]	3-2/2	6/2	5-8	L, 5-8
11	Sanders	24-Mar 17	UTEP	2-2/1	3/2	2-0	L, 3-6
12	Drinnon	25-Mar 18	UTEP	1-1/2	3/1	5-2	W, 14-7
13	Sanders	26-Mar 19	UTEP	2-1/1	6/2	6-1	W, 6-1
14	Sanders	29-Mar 26	North Texas	1-0/2	1/1	3-0	W, 9-2
15	Sanders	29-Mar 26	North Texas	1-2/2	4/0	9-2	W, 9-2
16	Webster^	33-Apr 2	Charlotte	1-1/2	4/2	3-3	L, 3-6
17	Hage	36-Apr 8	UTSA	1-2/0*	2/0	1-0	W, 9-2
18	Drinnon	36-Apr 8	UTSA	0-0/0*	7/0	6-2	W, 9-2
19	Hegh	36-Apr 8	UTSA	0-1/2	7/2	9-2	W, 9-2

^ Inside-the-Park HR

ANALYSIS STATS

WALK-OFF TRACKER

NO.	BATTER	GAME/DATE	OPPONENT	COUNT/OB	INNING/OUTS	RESULT	SCORE	FINAL
1	Bush	21-Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	1-2/3	6/1	1B RBI	14-7	15-7

COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN TRACKER

NO.	GAME/DATE	OPPONENT	DEFICIT	INNING	TYING HIT (score)	GO-AHEAD HIT (score)	FINAL
1	13-Feb. 25	Central Mich.	0-3/4-3	B5/B6	Hage PB (3-3)	Hage 2B RBI (5-4)	W, 6-4
2	21-Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	2-1/7-7	B3/B5	Schmidt HR LC (4-2)	Hegh HR LC (10-7)	W, 15-7
3	28-Mar. 25	North Texas [2]	2-3	B6	Sanders 2B RF 2RBI (4-3)	Sanders 2B RF 2RBI (4-3)	W, 6-3

BATTING ANALYSIS

PLAYER	LEADOFF			BASES EMPTY			1-2 RUNNERS			BASES LOADED			RISP			2 OUTS			2-OUT RBI
	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	
Bray	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Bush	3	11	.273	5	24	.208	9	27	.333	2	3	.667	7	16	.438	5	18	.278	5
Davis	6	11	.545	18	49	.367	21	64	.328	0	6	.000	14	39	.359	10	35	.286	4
Drinnon	8	18	.444	13	46	.283	10	47	.213	0	4	.000	7	37	.189	5	31	.161	5
Edgmon	2	12	.167	4	20	.200	9	28	.321	2	4	.500	6	18	.333	2	10	.200	2
Foote	2	9	.222	3	25	.120	5	38	.132	1	5	.200	5	28	.179	3	30	.100	2
Gardner	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Hage	21	41	.512	20	54	.370	19	57	.333	2	5	.400	15	45	.333	10	34	.294	11
Hegh	15	34	.441	18	57	.316	25	53	.472	0	5	.000	17	40	.425	13	39	.333	10
Houchens	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Kemp	3	10	.300	2	19	.105	11	29	.379	1	3	.333	6	17	.353	9	20	.450	5
Newman	4	9	.444	3	16	.188	3	13	.231	1	2	.500	1	6	.167	2	11	.182	0
O'Connor	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	2	5	.400	0	1	.000	2	5	.400	2	4	.500	0
Parks	0	1	.000	0	3	.000	0	3	.000	0	0	---	0	1	.000	0	0	---	0
Sanders	9	19	.474	11	29	.379	22	67	.328	4	5	.800	17	50	.340	9	35	.257	12
Schmidt	9	25	.360	5	35	.143	11	41	.268	1	3	.333	10	31	.323	5	17	.294	7
Webster	15	35	.429	19	50	.380	15	44	.341	1	5	.200	8	32	.250	13	32	.406	1
Wood	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
TOTALS	97	237	.409	121	329	.282	162	516	.314	15	51	.294	153	365	.315	88	316	.278	64

2023 WKU INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE - Min. 8 AB	.391	Faith Hegh
SLUGGING PERCENTAGE - Min. 8 AB	.688	Taylor Sanders
ON BASE PERCENTAGE - Min. 10 Plate Appearances	.478	Faith Hegh
RUNS SCORED	33	Taylor Sanders
HITS	43	Faith Hegh
RUNS BATTED IN	39	Taylor Sanders
DOUBLES	15	Faith Hegh
TRIPLES	2	Kaytlan Kemp
HOME RUNS	9	Taylor Sanders
TOTAL BASES	70	Faith Hegh
WALKS	28	Randi Drinnon
HIT BY PITCH	3	Hage/Sanders
SACRIFICE HITS	9	Taylor Davis
SACRIFICE FLIES	3	Faith Hegh
STOLEN BASES	15	Taylor Davis

2023 STARTERS SUMMARY

PLAYER	GS	POSITION										BATTING ORDER									
		P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	FLEX
3 TJ WEBSTER	36	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	32	-
9 FAITH HEGH	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	13	12	1	5	12	4	-	2	-	-	-
7 RANDI DRINNON	36	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	9	17	2	1	-	-	-
6 TAYLOR DAVIS	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	-	33	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
11 BRYLEE HAGE	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	-	-	22	-	7	3	3	1	-	-	-	-
15 TAYLOR SANDERS	33	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	7	3	-	-	-	-	-
21 KENNEDY FOOTE	26	-	-	3	22	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	15	-	-	-
28 KELSEY SCHMIDT	25	-	-	19	2	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	7	9	4	5	-	-	-	-
5 KATIE GARDNER	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
1 KAYTLAN KEMP	18	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	2	1	15	-	-	-
20 ADDY EDGMON	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	1	5	6	1	-	-	-
22 JESSICA BUSH	13	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	6	6	1	-	-	-	-
19 KELSIE HOUCHEMS	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
12 ABBY NEWMAN	9	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	2	2	-	-
25 MADDY WOOD	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
4 KASIA PARKS	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
24 PAYTON O'CONNOR	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
23 ANNISTON BRAY	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Date	Team	P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP	Record
2/10	Minnesota	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Bush	0-1 (1)
2/10	Butler	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Kemp	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-1 (2)
2/11	Michigan [1]	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-2 (3)
2/11	Michigan [2]	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-3 (4)
2/12	Minnesota	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-4 (5)
2/17	Delaware	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	2-4 (6)
2/17	East Tennessee	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	3-4 (7)
2/18	George Washington	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	4-4 (8)
2/19	Campbell	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	5-4 (9)
2/19	at South Carolina	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	5-5 (10)
2/24	Central Michigan	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	6-5 (11)
2/24	Illinois State	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	7-5 (12)
2/25	Central Michigan	Wood	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	8-5 (13)
2/25	Jacksonville State	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	8-6 (14)
2/26	Illinois State	Houchens	Drinnon	Foote	Kemp	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	9-6 (15)
3/4	Akron	Houchens	Drinnon	Foote	Schmidt	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	10-6 (16)
3/4	Evansville	Gardner	Drinnon	Foote	Schmidt	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	11-6 (17)
3/5	Akron	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	12-6 (18)
3/5	Austin Peay	Houchens	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	13-6 (19)
3/8	at EKU	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	14-6 (20)
3/11	Miami (OH) [1]	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-6 (21)
3/11	Miami (OH) [2]	Houchens	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-7 (22)
3/12	Miami (OH)	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-8 (23)
3/17	at UTEP	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	15-9 (24)
3/18	at UTEP	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Kemp	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Bray	16-9 (25)
3/19	at UTEP	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	17-9 (26)
3/25	North Texas [1]	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	18-9 (27)
3/25	North Texas [2]	Houchens	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	19-9 (28)
3/26	North Texas	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	20-9 (29)
3/29	Belmont	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	20-10 (30)
4/1	Charlotte [1]	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-10 (31)
4/1	Charlotte [2]	Wood	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-11 (32)
4/2	Charlotte	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-12 (33)
3/13	Indiana	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Foote	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-13 (34)
4/7	at UTSA	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Foote	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-14 (35)
4/8	at UTSA	Gardner	Drinnon	Parks	Newman	Foote	Webster	Davis	Hegh	Hegh	O'Connor	22-14 (36)
4/12	at Lipscomb											
4/14	at MTSU											
4/15	at MTSU											
4/16	at MTSU											
4/19	Louisville											
4/21	Florida Atlantic											
4/22	Florida Atlantic											
4/23	Florida Atlantic											
4/24	Arkansas											
4/28	at FIU											
4/29	at FIU											
4/30	at FIU											
5/5	LA Tech											
5/6	LA Tech											
5/7	LA Tech											

2023 WKU LINE SCORES

Feb 10, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E	
MINNESOTA	0	4	0	4	0	2	-	10	10	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	2	6	0

WP-Autumn Pease (1-0) LP-Katie Gardner (0-1) T-1:13 A-250

Feb 10, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	1	3	6	0	-	10	14	0
BUTLER	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0

WP-Katie Gardner (1-1) LP-DYER, Rylyn (0-1) T-3:00 A-200

Feb 11, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	2	5	2
MICHIGAN	2	2	0	0	0	1	X	-	5	7	0

WP-Derkowski, Lauren (1-1) LP-Kelsie Houchens (0-1) T-2:00 A-350

Feb 11, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	-	5	9	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	2	8	0

WP-Derkowski, Lauren (2-1) LP-Katie Gardner (1-2) T-3:05 A-300

Feb 12, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	4	7	1
MINNESOTA	0	0	2	1	4	0	X	-	7	9	0

WP-Jacie Hambrick (1-0) LP-Katie Gardner (1-3) T-2:30 A-250
HR MINN - Natalie DenHartog, Jess Oakland, Sydney Strelow

Feb 17, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	6	10	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	7	0

WP-Katie Gardner (2-3) LP-Graceyn Frost (0-1) T-2:25 A-56
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders (1)

Feb 17, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	-	6	9	0
East Tennessee Stat	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	8	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (1-1) LP-Sara Muir (0-2) T-2:14 A-107
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders 2 (3)

Feb 18, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
George Washington	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	4	1	-	8	8	0

WP-Katie Gardner (3-3) LP-CANO, Rose (3-1) T-1:47 A-75

Feb 19, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Campbell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	2	0	0	X	-	3	6	0

WP-Kelsie Houchens (2-1) LP-Kayla Howald (0-1) T-1:48 A-126

Feb 19, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	2	0	0	0	-	2	5	0
South Carolina	4	7	0	0	X	-	11	8	0

WP-Donnie Gobourne (2-0) LP-Katie Gardner (3-4) T-1:42 A-1769
HR SC - Marissa Gonzalez (1), Haley Simpson (1)

Feb 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Central Michigan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	1	0	X	-	2	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (3-1) Save-Maddy Wood(1) LP-Bean (0-2) T-1:45 A-345

Feb 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Illinois State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	2	0	0	4	X	-	6	11	1

WP-Katie Gardner (4-4) LP-Meshnick, Hannah (1-2) T-2:20 A-267

Feb 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Central Michigan	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	-	4	11	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	2	3	X	-	6	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (4-1) LP-Wallace (1-1) T-2:30 A-201
HR WKU - Faith Hegh

Feb 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Jacksonville State	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	-	4	7	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	3	9	2

WP-Jalayah Holmes (3-1) LP-Katie Gardner (4-5) T-2:30 A-234
HR JSU - Sidney Wagnon

Feb 26, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Illinois State	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	5	2
Western Kentucky	5	0	0	0	1	0	X	-	6	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (5-1) LP-Meeks, Hannah (1-2) T-2:07 A-226

Mar 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	2	4	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	2	0	X	-	3	6	2

WP-Kelsie Houchens (6-1) Save-Luna Curran(1) LP-CROYLE, Haley (3-1) T-1:50 A-123

Mar 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Evansville	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2
Western Kentucky	7	0	2	0	X	-	9	8	1

WP-Katie Gardner (5-5) LP-Kleffman, E. (4-1) T-1:30 A-353

Mar 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	1	4	X	-	5	6	0

WP-Katie Gardner (6-5) LP-DIFE0, Alexa (2-2) T-1:40 A-203
HR WKU - Jessica Bush

Mar 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Austin Peay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	4	1
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	2	5	0	X	-	8	13	1

WP-Maddy Wood (1-0) LP-BENEFIEL, Jordan (3-4) T-1:50 A-253

Mar 08, 2023 at Richmond, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	3	13	1
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	7	1

WP-Maddy Wood (2-0) LP-Lauren Narvaez (6-4) T-3:30 A-223
HR EKU - Jasmine Miller

2023 WKU LINE SCORES

Mar 11, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
Miami OH	0	1	1	0	5	0	7	11	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	3	3	3	5	15	13	0

WP-Maddy Wood (3-0) LP-Taylor Turner (2-3) T-2:40 A-213
HR MIAMI - Riley Coyne
HR WKU - Faith Hegh 2, Kelsey Schmidt

Mar 11, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Miami OH	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	8	8	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	10	0

WP-Laurelai DePew (3-1) Save-Brianna Pratt(1) LP-Kelsie Houchens (6-2) T-2:45 A-177
HR MIAMI - Riley Coyne, Jenna Golembiewski
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders 2

Mar 12, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Miami OH	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	8	10	1
Western Kentucky	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0

WP-Brianna Pratt (7-3) LP-Maddy Wood (3-1) T-2:23 A-110
HR MIAMI - Karli Spaid, Holly Blaska, Adriana Barlow

Mar 17, 2023 at El Paso, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	1
UTEP	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	6	6	0

WP-ALARCON, Aalijah (5-5) LP-Kelsie Houchens (6-3) T-2:33 A-200
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders (6)
HR UTEP - MORALES, Lexi (1), ANGULO, Peyton (3)

Mar 18, 2023 at El Paso, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	3	8	0	0	2	1	14	10	3
UTEP	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	7	8	2

WP-Maddy Wood (4-1) LP-HEWITT, Kaylee (1-3) T-3:13 A-160
HR WKU - Randi Drinnon (1)

Mar 19, 2023 at El Paso, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	6	9	0
UTEP	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1

WP-Katie Gardner (7-5) LP-CALDERON, Zaylie (4-4) T-2:20 A-123
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders (7)

Mar 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
North Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	3
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	0	6	X	7	12	0

WP-Katie Gardner (8-5) LP-McKenzie Wagoner (7-2) T-2:14 A-174

Mar 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
North Texas	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	7	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	2	0	4	X	6	8	1

WP-Maddy Wood (5-1) LP-Ashley Peters (6-5) T-1:50 A-264
HR UNT - Kailey Gamble (12), Mikayla Smith (5), Cierra Simon (4)

Mar 26, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
North Texas	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	1
Western Kentucky	4	0	1	4	0	0	X	9	12	1

WP-Katie Gardner (9-5) LP-McKenzie Wagoner (7-3) T-1:45 A-222
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders 2 (9)

Mar 29, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Belmont	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

WP-Summers, Emma (4-7) Save-Giles, Ellie(1) LP-Katie Gardner (9-6) T-2:20 A-149

Apr 01, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Charlotte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	0	0	0	X	3	6	0

WP-Katie Gardner (10-6) LP-Gress, Sam (12-6) T-1:50 A-208

Apr 01, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Charlotte	5	1	0	0	5	11	15	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2

WP-Barefoot, Georgeanna (4-2) LP-Maddy Wood (5-2) T-2:15 A-220
HR CLT - Rodi, Arianna (5), Hoffer, Cori (6)

Apr 02, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Charlotte	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	6	11	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	5	2

WP-Gress, Sam (13-6) LP-Katie Gardner (10-7) T-2:40 A-239
HR CLT - Washington, Ashleigh (7), Krupit, Kassidy (6), Vannoy, Bailey (10), Chancey, Ella (5)
HR WKU - TJ Webster (1)

Apr 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Indiana	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0

WP-Copeland, Brianna (13-0) Save-Johnson, Heather(3) LP-Katie Gardner (10-8) T A-353 A-353 r
HR IND - Kern, Taryn (16)

Apr 7, 2023 at San Antonio, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
UTSA	1	4	0	0	0	2	X	7	4	0

WP-ESTELL, Marena (3-7) LP-Katie Gardner (10-9) T-1:59 A-0
HR UTSA - ESTELL, Marena (4), JENSEN, Taylor (4)

Apr 8, 2023 at San Antonio, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	1	2	1	0	1	4	9	11	1
UTSA	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	1

WP-Katie Gardner (11-9) LP-SMITH, Reagan (3-12) T-2:13 A-353
HR WKU - Faith Hegh (4), Brylee Hage (1), Randi Drinnon (2)
HR UTSA - JENSEN, Taylor (5)

2023 WKU SEASON STATS

Record: 22-14 Home: 13-7 Away: 4-3 Neutral: 5-4 C-USA: 7-4

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
9 Faith Hegg	.391	36-36	110	23	43	15	0	4	26	70	.636	19	2	14	1	.478	3	0	5-5	24	1	0	1.000
3 TJ Webster	.362	36-36	94	23	34	3	0	1	4	40	.426	14	1	6	0	.445	1	2	13-17	55	92	4	.974
11 Brylee Hage	.351	36-36	111	26	39	6	1	1	24	50	.450	19	3	16	0	.455	1	1	8-9	44	3	0	1.000
6 Taylor Davis	.345	36-36	113	33	39	1	0	0	12	40	.354	11	1	8	0	.405	1	9	15-15	34	2	1	.973
15 Taylor Sanders	.344	33-33	96	26	33	6	0	9	39	66	.688	21	3	14	0	.471	1	0	1-2	27	59	1	.989
24 Payton O'Connor	.333	3-1	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
22 Jessica Bush	.275	22-14	51	3	14	3	0	1	11	20	.392	4	0	11	0	.321	1	2	0-0	116	1	0	1.000
1 Kaytlan Kemp	.271	24-19	48	9	13	0	2	0	6	17	.354	4	0	12	1	.327	0	1	6-7	0	2	3	.400
20 Addy Edgmon	.271	21-13	48	4	13	2	0	0	8	15	.313	0	1	4	0	.280	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000
7 Randi Drinnon	.247	36-36	93	8	23	5	0	2	17	34	.366	28	1	19	0	.423	1	3	1-1	197	15	2	.991
28 Kelsey Schmidt	.211	32-25	76	12	16	2	0	1	11	21	.276	12	0	16	0	.311	2	2	3-4	116	8	6	.954
12 Abby Newman	.207	19-9	29	4	6	0	0	0	2	6	.207	8	0	10	0	.378	0	0	0-0	20	20	0	1.000
21 Kennedy Foote	.127	32-28	63	6	8	4	0	0	7	12	.190	5	0	16	0	.186	2	3	2-2	70	42	10	.918
4 Kasia Parks	.000	13-1	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.143	0	0	2-3	10	0	0	1.000
23 Anniston Bray	.000	8-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.299	36	945	182	283	47	3	19	167	393	.416	148	13	149	2	.396	14	23	57-66	732	287	27	.974
Opponents	.240	36	924	130	222	39	13	28	125	371	.402	117	16	194	6	.333	8	10	44-51	701	258	25	.975

LOB - Team (258), Opp (215). DPs turned - Team (18), Opp (8). Picked off - B. Hage 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
5 Katie Gardner	3.50	11-9	26	24	11	3/3	0	141.1	116	64	55	70	136	18	5	15	.220	5	11	0	4	4
19 Kelsie Houchens	5.14	6-3	16	10	1	1/1	0	49.0	45	29	28	22	29	14	4	7	.246	2	3	0	3	5
25 Maddy Wood	5.17	5-2	19	2	0	0/2	1	38.1	44	26	22	15	21	5	3	3	.288	0	0	0	0	1
26 Luna Curran	5.28	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	1	15.1	17	11	9	10	8	2	1	3	.279	0	2	0	1	0
Totals	4.20	22-14	36	36	12	7/3	2	244.0	222	130	114	117	194	39	13	28	.240	7	16	0	8	10
Opponents	5.82	14-22	36	36	10	3/2	3	235.0	283	182	152	148	149	47	3	19	.299	19	13	0	14	23

PB - Team (6), R. Drinnon 6, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (1), R. Drinnon 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - R. Drinnon (44-51), K. Gardner (29-34), M. Wood (5-6), L. Curran (5-6), K. Houchens (5-5).

2023 WKU C-USA ONLY STATS

Record: 7-4 Home: 4-2 Away: 3-2 C-USA: 7-4

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
24 Payton O'Connor	.500	1-1	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
9 Faith Hegh	.432	11-11	37	9	16	7	0	1	7	26	.703	7	0	5	0	.523	0	0	1-1	13	0	0	1.000
6 Taylor Davis	.412	11-11	34	12	14	1	0	0	5	15	.441	6	0	1	0	.488	1	1	6-6	11	0	1	.917
11 Brylee Hage	.400	11-11	30	7	12	2	0	1	11	17	.567	6	1	6	0	.500	1	1	2-2	12	1	0	1.000
3 TJ Webster	.367	11-11	30	9	11	0	0	1	2	14	.467	3	1	1	0	.429	1	2	3-4	20	22	2	.955
22 Jessica Bush	.300	9-5	20	2	6	3	0	0	5	9	.450	1	0	5	0	.333	0	0	0-0	34	0	0	1.000
7 Randi Drinnon	.226	11-11	31	4	7	2	0	2	6	15	.484	6	0	9	0	.351	0	0	0-0	68	5	1	.986
12 Abby Newman	.222	6-4	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	.222	4	0	5	0	.462	0	0	0-0	6	7	0	1.000
1 Kaytlan Kemp	.214	11-10	28	5	6	0	1	0	3	8	.286	2	0	6	0	.267	0	0	3-3	0	1	2	.333
15 Taylor Sanders	.208	9-9	24	7	5	1	0	4	14	18	.750	7	1	3	0	.406	0	0	0-1	8	17	0	1.000
28 Kelsey Schmidt	.118	8-5	17	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	.118	4	0	6	0	.286	0	0	0-0	28	1	1	.967
21 Kennedy Foote	.091	11-8	22	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	.136	1	0	4	0	.130	0	0	2-2	11	10	5	.808
4 Kasia Parks	.000	3-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	.167	0	0	1-1	10	0	0	1.000
20 Addy Edgmon	.000	3-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
23 Anniston Bray	.000	5-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.289	11	294	62	85	17	1	9	55	131	.446	50	4	54	0	.396	3	4	18-20	222	68	12	.960
Opponents	.239	11	284	46	68	13	2	14	44	127	.447	36	7	67	1	.336	3	1	13-16	216	77	11	.964

LOB - Team (77), Opp (63). DPs turned - Team (10), Opp (4).

(C-USA games only Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
5 Katie Gardner	2.53	5-2	9	8	5	1/0	0	53.1	34	20	15	27	54	8	0	7	.178	1	6	0	2	1
25 Maddy Wood	7.82	2-1	5	1	0	0/0	0	12.2	21	14	11	7	7	3	2	1	.368	0	0	0	0	0
19 Kelsie Houchens	13.50	0-1	4	2	0	0/0	0	8.0	13	12	12	2	6	2	0	6	.361	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	4.62	7-4	11	11	5	1/0	0	74.0	68	46	38	36	67	13	2	14	.239	1	7	0	3	1
Opponents	6.12	4-7	11	11	4	1/0	0	72.0	85	62	49	50	54	17	1	9	.289	11	4	0	3	4

PB - Team (3), R. Drinnon 3. SBA/ATT - R. Drinnon (13-16), K. Gardner (12-15), K. Houchens (1-1).

2023 WKU TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

BATTING

Date	Opponent	ab	r	h	rbi	2b	3b	hr	tb	bb	ibb	sb	cs	hbp	sac	sf	gdp	k	po	a	e	lob	avg
Feb 10	vs MINNESOTA	23	2	6	2	3	0	0	9	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	7	18	3	0	6	.261
Feb 10	vs BUTLER	28	10	14	10	2	0	0	16	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	15	2	0	7	.392
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	25	2	5	2	1	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	18	8	2	6	.329
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	32	2	8	2	2	0	0	10	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	6	27	10	0	11	.306
Feb 12	vs MINNESOTA	26	4	7	4	1	1	0	10	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	18	5	1	9	.299
Feb 17	vs Delaware	30	6	10	6	2	0	1	15	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	21	9	0	6	.305
Feb 17	vs East Tennessee State	28	6	9	5	2	0	2	17	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	21	11	0	8	.307
Feb 18	vs George Washington	19	8	8	8	1	0	0	9	7	0	7	0	0	1	1	0	1	15	6	0	6	.318
Feb 19	vs Campbell	23	3	6	3	1	0	0	7	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	21	9	0	5	.312
Feb 19	at South Carolina	19	2	5	2	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	12	8	0	4	.308
Feb 24	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	21	2	6	2	0	0	0	6	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	5	21	15	1	6	.307
Feb 24	ILLINOIS STATE	26	6	11	5	3	0	0	14	6	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	21	6	1	10	.317
Feb 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	23	6	6	5	1	0	1	10	6	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	21	10	1	8	.313
Feb 25	JACKSONVILLE STATE	29	3	9	3	2	0	0	11	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	21	12	2	9	.312
Feb 26	ILLINOIS STATE	23	6	6	2	0	0	0	6	3	0	5	1	2	1	0	0	2	21	7	1	5	.309
Mar 04	AKRON	23	3	6	3	1	0	0	7	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	21	9	2	4	.307
Mar 04	EVANSVILLE	22	9	8	8	0	0	0	8	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	10	1	7	.310
Mar 05	AKRON	22	5	6	5	0	1	1	11	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	4	21	8	0	2	.308
Mar 05	AUSTIN PEAY	30	8	13	8	1	0	0	14	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	5	21	16	1	8	.316
Mar 08	at Eastern Kentucky	49	3	13	3	2	0	0	15	9	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	6	39	15	1	18	.311
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	27	15	13	15	1	0	3	23	14	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	18	6	0	11	.319
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	31	5	10	5	2	0	2	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	9	0	11	.320
Mar 12	MIAMI OH	27	4	7	4	1	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	21	5	0	7	.317
*Mar 17	at UTEP	27	3	7	3	1	0	1	11	3	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	7	21	9	1	4	.314
*Mar 18	at UTEP	29	14	10	14	4	1	1	19	16	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	21	8	3	13	.316
*Mar 19	at UTEP	31	6	9	6	2	0	1	14	4	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	9	21	5	0	9	.315
*Mar 25	NORTH TEXAS	31	7	12	6	1	0	0	13	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	4	0	9	.318
*Mar 25	NORTH TEXAS	26	6	8	6	2	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	21	11	1	2	.317
*Mar 26	NORTH TEXAS	30	9	12	8	4	0	2	22	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	21	3	1	5	.321
Mar 29	BELMONT	22	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9	21	11	1	4	.314
*Apr 01	CHARLOTTE	25	3	6	1	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	21	7	0	7	.312
*Apr 01	CHARLOTTE	18	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	6	2	4	.310
*Apr 02	CHARLOTTE	27	3	5	0	1	0	1	9	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	21	5	2	8	.306
Apr 04	INDIANA	23	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	21	9	0	3	.303
*Apr 7	at UTSA	19	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	5	18	4	1	5	.298
*Apr 8	at UTSA	31	9	11	9	2	0	3	22	9	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	21	6	1	11	.299
Totals		945	182	283	167	47	3	19	393	148	0	57	9	13	23	14	2	149	732	287	27	258	.299

2023 WKU TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

PITCHING

Date	Opponent	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	hbp	dp	ibb	score	w-l	sv	era
Feb 10	vs MINNESOTA	6.0	10	10	10	7	7	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2-10	0-1	0	15.00
Feb 10	vs BUTLER	5.0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-0	1-1	0	8.18
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	6.0	7	5	3	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2-5	1-2	0	6.88
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	9.0	9	5	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-5	1-3	0	5.54
Feb 12	vs MINNESOTA	6.0	9	7	6	5	3	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4-7	1-4	0	6.19
Feb 17	vs Delaware	7.0	7	2	2	3	10	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6-2	2-4	0	5.54
Feb 17	vs East Tennessee State	7.0	8	1	1	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6-1	3-4	0	4.89
Feb 18	vs George Washington	5.0	2	0	0	3	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	8-0	4-4	0	4.41
Feb 19	vs Campbell	7.0	2	0	0	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-0	5-4	0	3.88
Feb 19	at South Carolina	4.0	8	11	11	6	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2-11	5-5	0	5.23
Feb 24	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7.0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2-1	6-5	1	4.83
Feb 24	ILLINOIS STATE	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6-0	7-5	1	4.38
Feb 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7.0	11	4	3	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6-4	8-5	1	4.34
Feb 25	JACKSONVILLE STATE	7.0	7	4	4	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3-4	8-6	1	4.40
Feb 26	ILLINOIS STATE	7.0	5	1	1	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6-1	9-6	1	4.18
Mar 04	AKRON	7.0	4	2	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-2	10-6	2	4.07
Mar 04	EVANSVILLE	5.0	2	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-0	11-6	2	3.88
Mar 05	AKRON	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-0	12-6	2	3.65
Mar 05	AUSTIN PEAY	7.0	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8-1	13-6	2	3.51
Mar 08	at Eastern Kentucky	13.0	7	2	1	3	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3-2	14-6	2	3.24
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	6.0	11	7	7	6	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	15-7	15-6	2	3.55
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	7.0	8	8	8	4	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5-8	15-7	2	3.87
Mar 12	MIAMI OH	7.0	10	8	8	6	11	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4-8	15-8	2	4.15
*Mar 17	at UTEP	7.0	6	6	6	2	6	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	3-6	15-9	2	4.31
*Mar 18	at UTEP	7.0	8	7	6	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	14-7	16-9	2	4.45
*Mar 19	at UTEP	7.0	4	1	1	5	8	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6-1	17-9	2	4.32
*Mar 25	NORTH TEXAS	7.0	5	1	1	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7-1	18-9	2	4.21
*Mar 25	NORTH TEXAS	7.0	7	3	3	1	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	6-3	19-9	2	4.19
*Mar 26	NORTH TEXAS	7.0	4	2	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-2	20-9	2	4.09
Mar 29	BELMONT	7.0	7	2	1	3	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-2	20-10	2	4.00
*Apr 01	CHARLOTTE	7.0	1	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3-0	21-10	2	3.86
*Apr 01	CHARLOTTE	5.0	15	11	9	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0-11	21-11	2	4.15
*Apr 02	CHARLOTTE	7.0	11	6	4	0	6	3	0	4	0	0	3	2	0	3-6	21-12	2	4.18
Apr 04	INDIANA	7.0	6	3	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0-3	21-13	2	4.17
*Apr 7	at UTSA	6.0	4	7	6	6	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2-7	21-14	2	4.29
*Apr 8	at UTSA	7.0	3	2	1	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9-2	22-14	2	4.20
Totals		244.0	222	130	114	117	194	39	13	28	7	0	16	18	0	182-130	22-14	2	4.20

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

1



KAYTLAN KEMP

- FRESHMAN
- UTILITY
- HENDERSON, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
3	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	3	
2	VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	RUNS	VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2	
2	MR, VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	HITS	MR, VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	2	
DOUBLES					
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	TRIPLES	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1	
HOME RUNS					
3	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RBI	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	3	
2	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	2	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1	

KEMP'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.271	24-19	48	9	13	0	2	0	6	17	.354	4	0	12	1	.327	0	1	6-7	0	2	3	.400
CAREER	.271	24-19	48	9	13	0	2	0	6	17	.354	4	0	12	1	.327	0	1	6-7	0	2	3	.400

3



TJ WEBSTER

- SENIOR
- INFIELD
- HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
5	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	5	
3	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	RUNS	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	3	
2	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	HITS	AT UTC (2-14-20)	4	
1	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	1	
		TRIPLES	VS TENN TECH (4-28-21)	1	
1	VS CLT (4-2-23)	HOME RUNS	VS CLT (4-2-23)	1	
2	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	RBI	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	3	
3	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	3	

WEBSTER'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.317	25-25	60	15	19	1	0	0	4	20	.333	6	0	11	0	.379	0	4	9-10	28	45	6	.924
2021	.318	47-47	129	22	41	2	1	0	9	44	.349	9	2	12	0	.317	0	9	20-23	76	94	13	.929
2022	.276	51-51	156	29	43	2	0	0	9	45	.288	5	0	22	0	.298	0	6	20-21	74	119	9	.955
2023	.362	36-36	94	23	37	3	0	1	4	40	.426	14	1	6	0	.445	1	2	13-17	55	92	4	.974
CAREER	.312	159-159	439	89	137	8	1	1	26	150	.342	34	3	51	0	.365	1	21	62-71	233	350	32	.948

4



KASIA PARKS

- SOPHOMORE
- OUTFIELD
- LEXINGTON, KY.
- BATS S / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
1	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	AT BATS	VS UTA (2-11-22)	3	
1	MR, VS AKRON (3-5-23)	RUNS	MR, VS AKRON (3-5-23)	1	
		HITS	VS UTA (2-11-22)	1	
		DOUBLES	-	-	
		TRIPLES	-	-	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
		RBI	-	-	
		WALKS/HBP	-	-	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	1	

PARKS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.059	33-6	17	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	.059	0	0	6	0	.059	0	0	5-5	6	0	3	.667
2023	.000	13-1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.143	0	0	2-3	10	0	0	1.000
CAREER	.043	46-7	23	12	1	0	0	0	0	1	.043	0	1	7	0	.083	0	0	7-8	16	0	3	.842

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

5



KATIE GARDNER

- SENIOR
- PITCHER
- BOWLING GREEN, KY.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
9	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	IP	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	9	
1	VS CLT (4-1-23)	FEWEST HITS (CG)	MR, VS CLT (4-1-23)	1	
0	VS CLT (4-1-23)	FEWEST ER	MR, VS CLT (4-1-23)	0	
10	MR, VS CLT (4-1-23)	STRIKEOUTS	AT FAU (3-26-22)	11	

GARDNER'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2020	23.14	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	3	6	6	6	3	0	1	0	18	.273	1	1	0	0	0
2021	2.67	6-1	19	7	3	2/1	0	64.0	47	23	19	29	64	8	0	5	275	.198	8	5	0	1	3
2022	2.71	11-5	31	16	6	1/4	2	116.1	94	49	48	50	117	19	2	15	497	.221	8	10	0	3	9
2023	3.50	11-9	26	24	11	3/3	0	141.1	116	64	55	70	136	18	5	15	616	.220	5	11	0	4	4
CAREER	3.56	28-15	79	47	20	6/8	2	324.0	260	142	128	155	320	45	8	35	1406	.217	22	27	0	8	16

6



TAYLOR DAVIS

- FIFTH-YEAR
- OUTFIELD
- HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	7	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RUNS	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
4	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	HITS	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	4	
1	AT UTEP (3-19-23)	DOUBLES	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	1	
		TRIPLES	MR, AT CLT (3-12-22)	1	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
2	AT UTEP (3-19-23)	RBI	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	2	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	BALL ST (3-6-21)	2	
2	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS COFC (2-7-20)	3	

DAVIS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2019	.263	32-20	57	12	15	0	0	0	4	15	.263	4	0	1	0	.311	0	3	8-9	21	0	0	1.000
2020	.437	25-23	71	20	31	1	0	0	8	32	.451	4	0	7	0	.467	0	4	15-17	23	0	3	.885
2021	.336	46-44	125	20	42	0	1	0	6	49	.352	5	0	8	0	.359	1	7	12-13	54	2	0	1.000
2022	.397	51-50	156	42	62	4	1	0	19	67	.436	12	2	6	0	.447	0	11	20-25	62	1	1	.984
2023	.345	36-36	113	33	39	1	0	0	12	40	.354	11	1	8	0	.405	1	9	15-15	34	2	1	.973
CAREER	.362	190-173	522	127	189	6	2	0	49	199	.381	36	3	30	0	.405	2	34	70-79	194	5	5	.975

7



RANDI DRINNON

- SOPHOMORE
- CATCHER/INFIELD
- WHITE PINE, TENN.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	4	
2	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RUNS	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	2	
2	MR, VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	HITS	AT CLT (3-13-22)	3	
1	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	1	
		TRIPLES	AT UAB (4-9-22)	1	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	HOME RUNS	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1	
3	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RBI	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	3	
3	VS ETSU (2-17-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS ETSU (2-17-23)	3	
1	VS MICH. [2] (2-11-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS MICH. [2] (2-11-23)	1	

DRINNON' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.264	51-51	129	20	34	7	1	3	14	45	.403	21	0	18	0	.367	0	4	5-5	254	26	7	.976
2023	.247	36-36	93	8	23	5	0	2	17	34	.366	28	1	19	0	.423	1	3	1-1	197	15	2	.991
CAREER	.257	87-87	222	28	57	12	1	5	31	86	.387	49	1	37	0	.392	1	7	6-6	451	41	9	.982

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

9



FAITH HEGG

- FIFTH-YEAR
- UTILITY
- EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ. | UAB
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
6	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	6	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HITS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
1	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	1	
		TRIPLES			
2	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HOME RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	2	
7	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RBI	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	7	
4	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	4	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	1	

HEGG'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2019*	.351	47-47	151	21	53	15	0	0	21	68	.450	14	2	7	0	.411	1	1	1-1	43	1	4	.917
2020*	.242	25-19	66	11	16	3	1	1	5	21	.364	7	0	4	0	.311	1	0	1-3	24	3	0	1.000
2021*	.319	49-46	138	30	44	12	1	2	20	61	.464	8	5	9	1	.373	2	0	6-7	69	2	2	.973
2022*	.318	48-48	151	26	48	11	3	0	18	62	.430	5	4	9	0	.356	0	0	3-5	62	1	2	.969
2023	.391	36-36	110	23	43	15	0	4	26	70	.636	19	2	14	1	.478	3	0	5-5	24	1	0	1.000
CAREER	.324	205-196	618	108	204	56	5	7	90	282	.468	53	13	43	2	.385	7	1	16-21	222	8	8	.972

*2019-22 seasons played at UAB

11



BRYLEE HAGE

- SENIOR
- OUTFIELD
- NICHOLASVILLE, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	7	
2	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	RUNS	VS UTEP (3-18-22)	3	
3	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	HITS	AT TENN. TECH (4-28-21)	4	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	DOUBLES	VS ALCORN ST. (3-5-21)	2	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	TRIPLES	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	1	
		HOME RUNS	AT CLT (3-13-22)	1	
3	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RBI	AT TENN. TECH (4-28-21)	4	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	2	
1	MR, VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS MARSHALL (5-13-22)	4	

HAGE'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.419	21-11	31	8	13	1	2	0	7	20	.581	4	1	4	0	.500	0	0	4-4	9	0	0	1.000
2021	.321	46-45	131	17	42	11	1	0	19	54	.420	7	0	13	1	.350	2	5	7-8	44	1	2	.957
2022	.365	51-51	160	37	57	12	4	1	19	74	.500	18	1	19	0	.420	2	0	17-18	49	2	2	.962
2023	.351	36-36	111	26	39	6	1	1	24	50	.450	19	3	16	0	.455	1	1	8-9	44	3	0	1.000
CAREER	.349	154-143	433	88	151	30	8	2	69	203	.462	48	5	52	1	.415	5	6	36-39	146	6	4	.974

12



ABBY NEWMAN

- SOPHOMORE
- INFIELD
- OWENSBORO, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
3	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	AT BATS	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	3	
1	VS MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	RUNS	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	2	
1	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	HITS	AT CLT (3-11-22)	3	
		DOUBLES	VS MTSU (5-8-22)	1	
		TRIPLES	-	-	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
1	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	RBI	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	2	
2	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	2	
		STOLEN BASES	MR, VS STL (3-6-22)	1	

NEWMAN'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.246	32-23	61	10	15	1	0	0	9	16	.262	13	1	17	0	.387	0	0	2-2	19	4	2	.920
2023	.207	19-9	29	4	6	0	0	0	2	6	.207	8	0	10	0	.378	0	0	0-0	20	20	0	1.000
CAREER	.233	51-32	90	14	21	1	0	0	11	22	.244	21	1	27	0	.384	0	0	2-2	39	24	2	.969

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

15



TAYLOR SANDERS

- SENIOR
- INFIELD
- SHELBYVILLE, TENN.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
5	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	5	
4	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	4	
3	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	HITS	VS SAMFORD (3-4-22)	4	
2	AT EKU (3-8-23)	DOUBLES	VS UAB (3-20-21)	3	
		TRIPLES	BELMONT (3-4-20)	1	
2	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	HOME RUNS	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	2	
6	VS UNT (3-26-23)	RBI	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	6	
3	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-22)	3	
1	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	1	

SANDERS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.267	23-21	45	12	12	2	1	3	9	25	.556	8	2	10	0	.400	0	1	3-3	9	32	3	.932
2021	.293	31-30	92	20	27	8	0	8	26	48	.641	7	4	13	0	.362	2	2	3-4	27	54	7	.920
2022	.347	50-50	144	35	50	12	0	11	54	73	.660	19	4	28	0	.427	4	2	5-6	38	105	6	.960
2023	.344	33-33	96	26	33	6	0	9	39	66	.688	21	3	14	0	.471	1	0	1-2	27	59	1	.989
CAREER	.324	137-134	377	93	122	28	1	31	128	245	.650	55	13	65	0	.420	7	5	12-15	101	250	17	.954

19



KELSIE HOUCHENS

- REDSHIRT-SOPHOMORE
- PITCHER
- LOUISVILLE, KY.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7.0	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	IP	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	7.0	
2	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	FEWEST HITS (CG)	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	2	
0	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	FEWEST ER	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	0	
7	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	STRIKEOUTS	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	7	

HOUCHENS' CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2021	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	4.50	2-0	11	1	0	0/0	0	20.0	20	12	10	7	9	6	0	2	87	.260	1	2	0	1	0
2023	5.14	6-3	16	10	1	1/1	0	49.0	45	29	28	22	29	14	4	7	216	.246	2	3	0	3	5
CAREER	4.96	8-3	27	11	1	1/1	0	69.0	65	41	38	29	38	20	4	9	303	.250	3	5	0	4	5

20



ADDY EDGMON

- FRESHMAN
- OUTFIELD
- DUNLAP, TENN.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	4	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	RUNS	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	1	
3	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	HITS	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	3	
1	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	DOUBLES	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	1	
		TRIPLES			
		HOME RUNS			
4	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	RBI	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	4	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	1	
1	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	1	

EDGMON'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.271	21-13	48	4	13	2	0	0	8	15	.313	0	1	4	0	.280	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000
CAREER	.271	21-13	48	4	13	2	0	0	8	15	.313	0	1	4	0	.280	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

21



KENNEDY FOOTE

- JUNIOR
- INFIELD
- ALABASTER, ALA.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
4	AT ECU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	MR, AT ECU (3-8-23)	4
1	VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	RUNS	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2
2	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	HITS	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2
2	VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	2
		TRIPLES	-	-
		HOME RUNS	VS LA TECH (5-13-22)	1
1	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	RBI	AT UAB (4-10-22)	4
1	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, VS CLT (4-25-21)	2
1	AT UTEP (3-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	AT UTEP (3-19-23)	1

FOOTE'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021	.171	24-15	41	4	7	2	0	0	4	9	.220	9	0	11	0	.320	0	2	0-0	12	16	3	.903
2022	.200	36-23	70	12	14	5	0	1	8	20	.314	5	1	14	0	.260	1	1	0-0	21	2	1	.958
2023	.127	32-28	63	6	8	4	0	0	7	12	.190	5	0	16	0	.186	2	3	2-2	70	42	10	.918
CAREER	.167	92-66	174	22	29	11	0	1	19	43	.247	19	1	41	0	.249	3	6	2-2	103	60	14	.921

22



JESSICA BUSH

- JUNIOR
- CATCHER/OUTFIELD
- BOWLING GREEN, KY. | LIPSCOMB
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
4	AT ECU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT ECU (3-8-23)	4
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RUNS	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1
2	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	HITS	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	2
1	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	1
		TRIPLES	-	-
1	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	HOME RUNS	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	1
4	VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	RBI	VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	4
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1
		STOLEN BASES	-	-

BUSH'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021*	.000	5-3	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.111	0	0	0-0	14	1	1	.938
2022	.188	16-1	16	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	.188	2	0	5	0	.278	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
2023	.275	22-14	51	3	14	3	0	1	11	20	.392	4	0	11	0	.321	1	2	0-0	116	1	0	1.000
TOTALS	.154	43-18	72	6	16	3	0	1	11	23	.193	7	0	19	0	.236	1	2	0-0	132	2	1	.980

*2021 season played at Lipscomb

23



ANNISTON BRAY

- FRESHMAN
- OUTFIELD
- RICHMOND, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
1	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	AT BATS	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1
1	VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	RUNS	VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	1
		HITS		
		DOUBLES		
		TRIPLES		
		HOME RUNS		
		RBI		
		WALKS/HBP		
		STOLEN BASES		

BRAY'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.000	8-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.000	8-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

24



PAYTON O'CONNOR

- FRESHMAN
- UTILITY
- ACWORTH, GA.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
1	MR, VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	1	
		RUNS			
		HITS			
		DOUBLES			
		TRIPLES			
		HOME RUNS			
		RBI			
		WALKS/HBP			
		STOLEN BASES			

O'CONNOR'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.333	3-1	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.333	3-1	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.333	0	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

25



MADDY WOOD

- FRESHMAN
- PITCHER
- CORYDON, IOWA
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
6.0	VS AUSTIN PEAY (3-8-23)	IP	VS AUSTIN PEAY (3-8-23)	6.0	
		FEWEST HITS (CG)			
0	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	FEWEST ER	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	0	
3	VS UNT [2] (3-25-23)	STRIKEOUTS	VS UNT [2] (3-25-23)	3	

WOOD'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2023	5.17	5-2	19	2	0	0/2	1	38.1	44	26	22	15	21	5	3	3	169	.288	0	0	0	0	1
CAREER	5.17	5-2	19	2	0	0/2	1	38.1	44	26	22	15	21	5	3	3	169	.288	0	0	0	0	1

31



KELSEY SCHMIDT

- JUNIOR
- UTILITY
- MAINESVILLE, OHIO | AUBURN
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4	MR, VS DELAWARE (2-17-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS DELAWARE (2-17-23)	4	
3	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	RUNS	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	3	
2	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HITS	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	2	
1	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	1	
		TRIPLES			
1	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HOME RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	1	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RBI	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
2	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	2	
2	VS ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	2	

SCHMIDT'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021*	.234	39-28	77	11	18	2	0	2	5	22	.338	4	0	12	0	.268	1	0	4-4	18	2	3	.870
2022*	.375	41-7	40	12	15	5	1	2	9	23	.700	5	0	5	0	.444	0	0	2-2	14	0	0	1.000
2023	.211	32-25	76	12	16	2	0	1	11	21	.276	12	0	16	0	.311	2	2	3-4	116	8	6	.954
CAREER	.273	112-60	193	40	60	9	1	5	25	66	.438	21	0	33	0	.341	3	2	9-10	148	10	8	.941

*2021-22 seasons played at Auburn

TV/RADIO ROSTER



1 Kaytlan Kemp
Freshman | UTL | L/R
Leabon, Ky.



3 TJ Webster
Senior | IF | L/R
Huntsville, Ala.



4 Kasia Parks
Sophomore | OF | S/R
Lexington, Ky.



5 Katie Gardner
Senior | P | R/R
Bowling Green, Ky.



6 Taylor Davis
Fifth-Year | OF | L/L
Huntsville, Ala.



7 Randi Drinnon
Sophomore | C/IF | R/R
White Pine, Tenn.



9 Faith Hegh
Fifth-Year | UTL | L/L
Egg Harbor Township, N.J. | UAB



11 Brylee Hage
Senior | OF | L/L
Nicholasville, Ky.



12 Abby Newman
Sophomore | IF | L/R
Owensboro, Ky.



15 Taylor Sanders
Senior | IF | R/R
Shelbyville, Tenn.



19 Kelsie Houchens
R-Sophomore | P | R/R
Louisville, Ky.



20 Addy Edgmon
Freshman | OF | L/L
Dunlap, Tenn.



21 Kennedy Foote
Junior | IF | R/R
Alabaster, Ala.



22 Jessica Bush
Junior | C/OF | R/R
Bowling Green, Ky. | Lipscomb



23 Anniston Bray
Freshman | OF | L/L
Richmond, Ky.



24 Payton O'Connor
Freshman | UTL | L/R
Acworth, Ga.



25 Maddy Wood
Freshman | P | R/R
Corydon, Iowa



28 Kelsey Schmidt
Junior | UTL | R/R
Maineville, Ohio | Auburn

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, Apr. 12, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

LIPSCOMB TOPS WKU, 5-4

PDF box score is attached

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – As the final road midweek contest of the season, WKU fell short to the Lipscomb Bison, 4-5, at Draper Diamond in Nashville. Katie Gardner threw another 5+ strikeout ballgame, while Faith Hegh and Randi Drinnon both earned multi-hit games on the evening.

Freshman Payton O'Connor picked up her first career RBI during the full seven inning match up, while five other Hilltoppers picked up a hit against the Bison bullpen.

WKU 4, LIPSCOMB 5

Kicking off early in the first inning, shortstop TJ Webster put on the wheels with a bunt infield single right up the middle to lead Faith Hegh home from third base. Center fielder Brylee Hage later stole second base as Webster advanced home on the throw down for a 2-0 lead on the board.

In the bottom of the second, the Bison scathe by with an RBI double into left-center field to gain a run on the board.

The Tops collect two more on the board with a RBI single up the middle from second baseman Abby Newman, her third RBI on the season, while designated hitter Payton O'Connor sacrificed flied out to left field, sending first baseman Jessica Bush across the plate sliding.

The Bison inch back with a sacrifice fly into deep right field, followed by a Hilltopper error that sends two more from the home team across the plate for a 4-3 ballgame.

With a comeback, Lipscomb moved over to tie the game drawing a bases-loaded walk and walked off the game in the bottom of the seventh with

Katie Gardner got the start and pitched her 12th complete game, drawing three walks, six strikeouts, and five runs off of three earned hits.

WKU is back on the road this weekend in C-USA action, taking on Middle Tennessee in Murfreesboro, April 14-16 for another three-game series.

TOP STORYLINES

- In a tight series, WKU and Lipscomb are tied in the all-time series, 17-17.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 511 all-time, while 294 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .398 batting average, while also owning 45 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 39 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 291 hits, 170 RBIs, a .300 batting average with 18 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Western Kentucky at Lipscomb Bisons
Apr 12, 2023 at Nashville, Tenn. (Draper Diamond)

Western Kentucky 4 (22-15)

Lipscomb Bisons 5 (17-20)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	3	1	2	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	4	1	1	1
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	2	0
Addy Edgmon pr	0	1	0	0
Jessica Bush 1b	3	1	1	0
Abby Newman 2b	2	0	1	1
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 3b	3	0	0	0
Payton O'Connor dh	2	0	1	1
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	4	8	3

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Kaylyn Belfield rf	4	1	1	0
Josey Polk 3b	4	2	2	0
Kamrie Rich dh/ph	3	0	1	0
Kelly Paulson pr/2b	0	1	0	0
Tori Womack 1b/ph	2	0	0	1
Elise Shewmaker pr/1b	0	0	0	0
Maci Cunconan lf	3	1	1	1
Jack Busch c	4	0	2	2
Meghan Kline 2b/1b	3	0	2	0
Joie Giarrizzo cf	2	0	0	0
Katelyn Belding ph	1	0	0	0
Briyana Wright ss	2	0	0	0
Presley Leebrick ph	1	0	0	0
Brinkley Kita p	0	0	0	0
Laine Barefoot p	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	5	9	4

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	8	1
Lipscomb Bisons	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	5	9	0

Note: 2 outs, 3 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - K. Foote(11). DP - Lipscomb 1. LOB - WKU 6; Lipscomb 8. 2B - R. Drinnon 2(7); J. Busch(2). HBP - A. Newman. SH - T. Davis(10). SF - P. O'Connor(1); M. Cunconan(2). SB - B. Hage(9); A. Bray(1); M. Kline(1).
Strikeouts - J. Bush; K. Foote; T. Womack; J. Busch; J. Giarrizzo; K. Belding; B. Wright 2.
Walks - F. Hegh; B. Hage; K. Rich; T. Womack 2.

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner L,11-10	6.2	9	5	3	3	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	29	33	5	9	120
Lipscomb Bisons	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Brinkley Kita	2.0	2	2	2	2	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	10	1	3	52
Laine Barefoot W,1-2	5.0	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	19	21	4	10	66

WP - B. Kita 3(7). HBP - by L. Barefoot (A. Newman). PB - R. Drinnon(7). Pitches/strikes: K. Gardner 120/77; B. Kita 52/28; L. Barefoot 66/46.

Umpires - HP: Chris Nabors 1B: Mike Henslee 3B: Brad Sloan

Start: 5:00 PM Time: 2:15 hrs Attendance: 137

Weather: 79 - Sunny (SE4)

B. Kita faced 1 batter in the 3rd.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, Apr. 13, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
SOFTBALL SET FOR MIDDLE TENNESSEE SERIES IN MURFREESBORO**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- The WKU Hilltoppers are back on the road for their second-to-last conference series roadtrip traveling down 100 miles to Murfreesboro, Tennessee to take on the Blue Raiders of Middle Tennessee. The three-game series will take place Friday-Sunday, first pitch Friday at the Blue Raider Softball Complex is set for 6 p.m. CT.

Staying close to home, the Blue Raiders and Hilltoppers have met 67 times in both programs' history, as the Tops have come out over .500 in the all-time series at 47-21. The last three-game series between the two conference foes was in Bowling Green, as the Hilltoppers capped the sweep with a 7-0 victory in May to end the regular season in 2022.

Last weekend on The Hill, WKU held Power 5 opponent No. 19 Indiana to their lowest trio of runs in nine game with a 0-3 loss on Tuesday. Looking to bounce back, the Tops headed to San Antonio to face UTSA on the road for the first time in program history. After weather disrupted the originally scheduled three-game series, the Roadrunners and Hilltoppers split the two games, as UTSA took game one 7-2, and WKU took the second contest 9-2 that included three home runs off the Red and White bats.

With their last road midweek of the season on deck this past week, the Hilltoppers traveled to Nashville where they challenged teh ASUN Lipscomb Bison at Draper Diamond. With a three-wal, six-strikeout match for Katie Gardner and multi-hit games for both Faith Hegh and Randi Drinnon, the Tops succumbed to the home team, 4-5.

Friday and Sunday's game against MTSU will be on CUSAtv for fans to view at home, while the match up on Saturday will be available to stream on ESPN+.

GAME 38-40

Friday

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Blue Raider Softball Field

April 14, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

Saturday

[ESPN+](#) | [Livestats](#)

Blue Raider Softball Field

April 15, 2023 | 4 p.m. CT

Sunday

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Blue Raider Softball Field

April 16, 2023 | 12 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- Being a regional rival prior to Conference USA, the Hilltoppers and Blue Raiders are 46-21 in the Red and White's favor. WKU has taken the last seven of 10 match ups, including a series sweep in 2022.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 511 all-time, while 294 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .398 batting average, while also owning 45 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 39 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- Freshman Payton O'Connor is on a streak with her first career hit in the first game against UTSA last week, while collecting her first RBI as a Hilltopper this week at Lipscomb. Hegh is on a 19-game reached base streak.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 291 hits, 170 RBIs, a .300 batting average with 18 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder [Taylor Davis](#) was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

HILLTOPPER

S O F T B A L L

2023 GAME NOTES

Est. 2000 | 4 Conference Championships
739 Victories | 3 NCAA Regional Berths

SCHEDULE (22-15, 7-4 C-USA)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)
FEBRUARY			
10	vs. Minnesota	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-10 [5]
	vs. Butler	Leesburg, Florida	W, 10-0 [5]
11	vs. Michigan	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-5
	vs. Michigan	Leesburg, Florida	L, 2-5 [9]
12	vs. Minnesota	Leesburg, Florida	L, 4-7
17	vs. Delaware	Columbia, S.C.	W, 6-2
	vs. East Tennessee	Columbia, S.C.	W, 6-1
18	vs. George Wash.	Columbia, S.C.	W, 8-0 [5]
19	vs. Campbell	Columbia, S.C.	W, 3-0
	at South Carolina	Columbia, S.C.	L, 2-11 [5]
24	Central Michigan	WKU Softball Field	W, 2-1
	Illinois State	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-0
25	Central Michigan	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-4
	Jacksonville State	WKU Softball Field	L, 3-4
26	Illinois State	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-1
MARCH			
3	Evansville	WKU Softball Field	CANCELED
4	Akron	WKU Softball Field	W, 3-2
	Evansville	WKU Softball Field	W, 9-0
5	Akron	WKU Softball Field	W, 5-0
	Austin Peay	WKU Softball Field	W, 8-1
8	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	W, 3-2 [13]
11	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	W, 15-7
	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	L, 5-8
12	Miami (OH)	WKU Softball Field	L, 4-8
17	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	L, 3-6 [8]
18	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	W, 14-7
19	at UTEP*	El Paso, Texas	W, 6-1
25	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	W, 7-1
	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	W, 6-3
26	North Texas*	WKU Softball Field	W, 9-2
29	Belmont	WKU Softball Field	L, 0-2
APRIL			
1	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	W, 3-0
	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	L, 0-11
2	Charlotte*	WKU Softball Field	L, 3-6
4	Indiana	WKU Softball Field	L, 0-3
	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	CANCELED
7	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	L, 2-7
8	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	W, 9-2
12	at Lipscomb	Nashville, Tenn.	L, 4-5
14	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	6 p.m.
15	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	4 p.m.
16	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	12 p.m.
19	Louisville	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
21	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
22	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
23	Florida Atlantic*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
24	Arkansas	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
28	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	4 p.m.
29	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	12 p.m.
30	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	11 a.m.
MAY			
5	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	6 p.m.
5	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
7	LA Tech*	WKU Softball Field	1 p.m.
8-13	C-USA Tournament	Ruston, La.	

Livestats links can be found at WKUSports.com on the team's schedule and will be posted to WKU Softball's team social media accounts.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE // BLUE RAIDER SB FIELD // MURFREESBORO, TENN.

FRI-SUN, APR 14-16
WKU at Middle Tennessee
Fri - 6 p.m., Sat - 4 p.m., Sun - 12 p.m. CT
Blue Raider Softball Field
Murfreesboro, Tennessee



2023 Record: 25-13
Batting Avg: .302
Hits: 316
Runs: 212

5-6 C-USA
Home Runs: 20
ERA: 2.75
Strikeouts: 167

HOW TO FOLLOW

STREAMING

Friday - CUSA.tv
Saturday - ESPN+
Sunday - CUSA.tv

THE SERIES

WKU leads 46-31
Home: 25-15
Away: 21-16
Last 10: 7-3
Last meeting: W, 7-0 (5/8/22)
Run-Rules: WKU 3, MTSU 3
Extra Innings: WKU 6, MTSU 7

TOPPER NOTES

LAST WEEK AT THE PLATE

The Tops hosted their first Power 5 opponent on The Hill when No. 19 Indiana came into town, defeating the Tops 3-0, while WKU still held them to their lowest trio of runs in nine games. With trouble with weather down in San Antonio, the Hilltoppers and Roadrunners only managed to play a two-game series at Roadrunner Field. UTSA came in with a big second inning to boast WKU 7-2, before the Tops came back in redemption with a 9-2 final in game two to split the series.

CONFERENCE USA

Since joining Conference USA for the 2014-15 season, the Hilltoppers are 70-53 all-time, with a 3-0 conference start in the canceled 2020 season, all under head coach Amy Tudor's reign. Holding at a .565 winning clip, the Hilltoppers surpass five other conference schools in league record since joining nine years ago.

IN THE RANKINGS

Heading into week seven of the season, pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (136), while Faith Hegh is third in the league in batting average (.391) and Taylor Sanders is third with home runs (9) and first in RBIs per game (1.34). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are first in conference in fielding percentage (.975) and second in batting average (.299).

On a national scale, the Hilltoppers are 11th in double plays a game (.50) and eighth in the country in walks drawn with 148 total this season, while sophomore catcher Randi Drinnon is 23rd in the NCAA, averaging .78 walks drawn per game. Fifth-year utility player Faith Hegh is third in the country with 15 doubles this season.

RANKED WINS AND RECORD CROWD

Across the 23-year history of WKU Softball, the program has picked up 25 wins over a ranked opponent with the two most re-

TOPPER NUMBERS

.300

WKU Softball collective team batting average in 2023.

186

Runs scored by the Hilltoppers in 2023.

4.20

Combined ERA of the 2023 Hilltopper pitching staff.

MEDIA RELATIONS

Primary Contact Cassie Buchholz
Assistant Director of Media Relations
Alma Mater Iowa ('20)
Email Address cassie.buchholz@wku.edu
Cell Phone 224-277-1478

WHERE TO FIND IT

Match up/Records/Topper Numbers	1
Quick Facts and Notes	2
Roster & Pronunciation Guide	3
HC Amy Tudor & Superlatives	4
RPI & The Last Time	5
Record When & C-USA Standings	6
Pitching Breakdown	7
Home Runs/Streaks/Multi-Hit/RBI Games	8
Walk-offs/Come-from-behind/Bat. Analysis	9
Starters	10
Line Scores	11-12
Season Stats	13-15
Athlete Bios	16
Headshot Roster	23

QUICK FACTS

Location.....Bowling Green, Ky.
Nickname.....Hilltoppers
Colors.....Red and White
Founded.....1906
Enrollment.....19,461
NCAA Affiliation.....Division I
Conference Affiliation.....Conference USA
President.....Dr. Timothy C. Caboni
Director of Athletics.....Todd Stewart

PROGRAM HISTORY

First Year.....2000
All-Time Record.....739-555-3 (.573)
Conference Championships.....2 (2013, 15, 22)
Tournament Championships.....2 (2015, 21)
NCAA Tournaments.....3 (2013, 15, 21)
NCAA Postseason Record.....5-6 (.455)
Best Record (2013).....43-18 (.705)
Best Win Percentage (2020).....20-5 (.800)
Best in NCAA's (2015).....2-2 (.500)
Drafted to NPF.....2 (last, Miranda Kramer)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Amy Tudor (Tenth season)
Career Record.....511-392-2 (19 seasons)
Record at WKU.....294-186-1 (10 seasons)
Assistant Coach.....Kayla Bixel (Seventh)
Assistant Coach.....Mario Hernandez (First)
Athletic Trainer.....Emily Reed
Strength and Conditioning.....John Stephanski

WKU SOFTBALL COMPLEX

Capacity.....500
Surface.....Natural Grass
Opened.....2000
WKU Record.....334-191-1 (.637)
Attendance Record.....1,512
Record Info.....vs. Alabama, 4/27/22
Record Result.....W, 3-1
Winning Seasons.....15

2022 RECAP

Overall Record.....38-13 (.745)
Conference USA Record.....17-7 (.708)
Conference USA Finish.....1st (East)
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....11/4
Pitchers Returning/Lost.....2/1
Incoming Freshmen (Pitchers).....5 (1)
Incoming Transfers (Pitchers).....2 (0)

2023 C-USA PRESEASON COACHES POLL

TEAM	1ST VOTES	PRE. PICKS
1. North Texas	8	2
2. WKU	-	3
3. Charlotte	1	1
4. LA Tech	-	7
T5. Florida Atlantic	-	12
T5. UAB	-	4
7. UTSA	-	10
T8. FIU	-	8
T8. Middle Tennessee	-	6
10. UTEP	-	11

TOPPER NOTES

cent victories coming over No. 7 Kentucky and No. 5 Alabama. Prior to the March 24, 2021 win in Bowling Green, WKU's previous win over a ranked squad was on March 26, 2019 against the No. 17 Wildcats in Lexington. The 2019 win at UK was the first time the Red and White took down a ranked Wildcat squad and the sixth time WKU claimed a win over a ranked team by at least three runs. Of the 25 wins over ranked opposition, 12 of those victories have come on the ranked team's home turf.

Western Kentucky's victory in Bowling Green over the No. 5 Alabama Crimson Tide was the highest ranked opponent win in program history, outranking the previous No. 7 spot by Kentucky. The 3-1 final was also capped by the largest home crowd at the WKU Softball Complex since its groundbreaking in 2000, with 1,512 fans packed into the 500-person capacity stadium and filling lines in the parking garage behind the outfield.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

Into the 2023 season, WKU softball sees eight new faces on the turf. The tops signed six freshmen: Anniston Bray, Luna Curran, Addy Edgmon, Kaytlan Kemp, Payton O'Connor, and Maddy Wood. Of the class, Bray and Kemp are Kentucky natives, Edgmon from just south in Tennessee, O'Connor is from Georgia, Wood is an Iowa native, and Curran is from Florida.

WKU also sought two transfers over the summer, fifth-year senior Faith Hegh hails from UAB and is pursuing a master's degree at WKU, while junior Kelsey Schmidt appeared in 80 games at Auburn and joins the Hilltoppers at first base.

BEYOND THE HILL PODCAST

Last season, starting pitcher Katie Gardner recorded an episode in 2022 to discuss her jersey retirement at Warren East and journey to WKU. Earlier in the season, catcher Randi Drinnon discussed her relationship catching for the four pitchers on the 2023 squad, journey to WKU, and her acclaimed volleyball career in high school. This week, Taylor Davis is back on with Tyler Eaton, talking about her relationship with shortstop TJ Webster, a preview of this year's TOPSYS, and reflecting back on five years playing for the Red and White. Check it out at WKUSports.com/Podcasts or search Beyond the Hill on Apple Music or Spotify.

CONFERENCE USA PRESEASON POLL

WKU Softball was predicted to finish second in Conference USA by league coaches. Individually, fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis has been named to the Preseason All-Conference Team.

NFCA AND ALL-CONFERENCE RETURNERS

Even with the key loss in starting pitcher Shelby Nunn, WKU still returns NFCA third team All-Region and second team All-Conference nominees Taylor Davis and Taylor Sanders, while retaining second team All-Conference and All-Freshman team member Randi Drinnon behind the plate.

500 CAREER WINS

With Saturday evening's 9-0 run-rule win over Evansville, head coach Amy Tudor collected her 500th career win as the Hilltoppers' skipper. Tudor, a 2002 WKU graduate, is now in her 19th season as a head coach and 10th on The Hill. Prior to her return to WKU, Tudor coached at IPFW (2010-13), Belmont (2007-09), and Ohio Wesleyan (2005-06). With the Hilltoppers' tournament win over Saint Louis in Oxford, Miss. in 2022, Tudor locked down her 250th win at WKU with 15 more W's to reach 300 at her alma mater. **MORE ABOUT COACH TUDOR ON P. 5.**

BY THE NUMBERS

Three current WKU players are in the top-five in career statistics before the upcoming 2023 season. Senior outfielder Brylee Hage holds a career .348 batting average which ranks third all-time, while senior third baseman Taylor Sanders owns a .402 on base percentage (fifth all-time), and is the program leader with a .637 career slugging clip. Fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis holds the most of active players in career records. Davis holds career on-base percentage (.405, fourth all-time), outfield fielding percentage (.988, third all-time), stolen bases (55, third all-time), and career batting average (.367, second all-time).

TWO GAMES IN ONE

After a 1-1 tie in regulation seven innings in Richmond against ECU on March 8, the Hilltoppers and Colonels extended the game to a 13-inning thriller under the lights as the Tops took the Bluegrass rivalry, 3-2. The 13-inning match up took 3.5 hours and six full batting through the order spreads. The WKU-ECU match up is tied with three other games as the longest in NCAA Softball this season, as well as the longest in Conference USA so far in 2023.

The longest game in program history was 14 innings during the 2015 NCAA Regional against No. 16 Georgia. The Hilltoppers won the game, 2-1, as All-American Miranda Kramer pitched at 14 frames.

2023 WKU SOFTBALL PLAYERS AND COACHING STAFF

2023 NUMERICAL ROSTER

NUM.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	B/T	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
1	KAYTLAN KEMP	UTL	FR.	5-3	L/R	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
3	TJ WEBSTER	IF	SR.	5-4	L/R	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
4	KASIA PARKS	OF	SO.	5-4	S/R	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
5	KATIE GARDNER	P	SR.	5-10	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Warren East HS
6	TAYLOR DAVIS	OF	5TH	5-7	L/L	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
7	RANDI DRINNON	C/IF	SO.	5-5	R/R	White Pine, Tenn.	Morristown Hambleton HS East
9	FAITH HEGH	UTL	5TH	5-9	L/L	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	UAB
11	BRYLEE HAGE	OF	SR.	5-3	L/L	Nicholasville, Ky.	East Jessamine HS
12	ABBY NEWMAN	IF	SO.	5-3	L/R	Owensboro, Ky.	Daviess County HS
15	TAYLOR SANDERS	IF	SR.	5-6	R/R	Shelbyville, Tenn.	Shelbyville Central HS
19	KELSIE HOUCHEMS	P	RS-SO.	5-6	R/R	Louisville, Ky.	Male HS
20	ADDY EDMON	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Dunlap, Tenn.	Sequatchie County HS
21	KENNEDY FOOTE	IF	JR.	5-7	R/R	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
22	JESSICA BUSH	C/OF	JR.	5-4	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lipscomb University
23	ANNISTON BRAY	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Richmond, Ky.	Model HS
24	PAYTON O'CONNOR	UTL	FR.	5-6	L/R	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
25	MADDY WOOD	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Corydon, Iowa	Wayne HS
28	KELSEY SCHMIDT	UTL	JR.	5-6	R/R	Maineville, Ohio	Auburn University

2023 ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NUM.	NAME	POS.	CLASS	HT.	B/T	HOMETOWN	LAST SCHOOL
23	ANNISTON BRAY	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Richmond, Ky.	Model HS
22	JESSICA BUSH	C/OF	JR.	5-4	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lipscomb University
6	TAYLOR DAVIS	OF	5TH	5-7	L/L	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
7	RANDI DRINNON	C/IF	SO.	5-5	R/R	White Pine, Tenn.	Morristown Hambleton HS East
20	ADDY EDMON	OF	FR.	5-7	L/L	Dunlap, Tenn.	Sequatchie County HS
21	KENNEDY FOOTE	IF	JR.	5-7	R/R	Alabaster, Ala.	Thompson HS
5	KATIE GARDNER	P	SR.	5-10	R/R	Bowling Green, Ky.	Warren East HS
11	BRYLEE HAGE	OF	SR.	5-3	L/L	Nicholasville, Ky.	East Jessamine HS
9	FAITH HEGH	UTL	5TH	5-9	L/L	Egg Harbor Township, NJ	UAB
19	KELSIE HOUCHEMS	P	RS-SO.	5-6	R/R	Louisville, Ky.	Male HS
1	KAYTLAN KEMP	UTL	FR.	5-3	L/R	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
12	ABBY NEWMAN	IF	SO.	5-3	L/R	Owensboro, Ky.	Daviess County HS
24	PAYTON O'CONNOR	UTL	FR.	5-6	L/R	Acworth, Ga.	Allatoona HS
4	KASIA PARKS	OF	SO.	5-4	S/R	Lexington, Ky.	Frederick Douglass HS
15	TAYLOR SANDERS	IF	SR.	5-6	R/R	Shelbyville, Tenn.	Shelbyville Central HS
28	KELSEY SCHMIDT	UTL	JR.	5-6	R/R	Maineville, Ohio	Auburn University
3	TJ WEBSTER	IF	SR.	5-4	L/R	Huntsville, Ala.	Sparkman HS
25	MADDY WOOD	P	FR.	5-8	R/R	Corydon, Iowa	Wayne HS

2021 COACHING STAFF

NAME	POSITION	EXPERIENCE	ALMA MATER	HOMETOWN
AMY TUDOR	Head Coach	Eighth Season	WKU (2002)	Petersburg, Tenn.
KAYLA BIXEL	Assistant Coach	Fifth Season	IPFW (2010)	Bremen, Ind.
MARIO HERNANDEZ	Assistant Coach	First Season	Walden Univ. (2021)	Chicago Heights, Ill.
MADDIE BOWLDS	Graduate Assistant	First Season	WKU (2021)	Utica, Ky.
SHELBY NUNN	Graduate Assistant	First Season	WKU (2020)	Bowling Green, Ky.

ELIGIBILITY NOTE

Players are listed as though eligibility progressed normally in 2020-21. Extra seasons of eligibility granted due to the COVID-19 pandemic will be noted when that extra season is utilized following a player's regular senior season. More information about eligibility is available in each player's bio.

RECORDS BY CLASS

FR.....22-15	Home.....13-7	C-USA.....7-4	Postseason.....0-0
SO.....61-28	Home.....36-9	C-USA.....24-12	Postseason.....3-2
JR.....93-43	Home.....54-13	C-USA.....35-18	Postseason.....8-5
SR.....113-48	Home.....64-15	C-USA.....38-18	Postseason.....8-5
5th.....160-61	Home.....83-18	C-USA.....55-24	Postseason.....8-6

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Freshmen.....	5
Sophomores.....	3
RS-Sophomores.....	1
Juniors.....	3
Seniors.....	4
Fifth Years.....	2

ROSTER BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Alabama.....	3
Georgia.....	1
Iowa.....	1
Kentucky.....	8
New Jersey.....	1
Tennessee.....	3

BREAKDOWN BY HANDEDNESS

HITTERS	PITCHERS
Righty.....	9
Lefty.....	8
Switch.....	1
Righty.....	3
Lefty.....	0

PHONETIC GUIDE

Addy EDMON.....	edge-MUN
Kennedy FOOTE.....	FOOT
Brylee HAGE.....	Hay-jh
Faith HEGH.....	HEGG
Kelsie HOUCHEMS.....	HOW-CHINS
KASIA Parks.....	KAY-shuh
Maddie BOWLDS.....	BOLDS
Amy TUDOR.....	TOO-DUR

GAMES STARTED STREAK & CAREER TOTALS

PLAYER	CONS.	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	CAREER
Davis	68	37	50	44	23	20	174
Webster	159	37	51	47	25	---	160
Hage	119	37	51	45	11	---	144
Drinnon	87	37	51	---	---	---	88
Foote	10	30	23	15	---	---	68
Hegh	36	37	---	---	---	---	37
Newman	2	8	23	---	---	---	31
Schmidt	-	25	---	---	---	---	25
Kemp	18	19	---	---	---	---	19
Bush	1	15	1	---	---	---	16
Edgmon	0	13	---	---	---	---	13
Parks	1	1	6	---	---	---	7
Bray	-	1	1	---	---	---	1
Sanders	-	33	50	30	21	---	134
O'Connor	2	2	---	---	---	---	2



C-USA teams will wear a helmet decal honoring Joan Joyce for the 2023 season. Joyce was a legendary athlete before her three decades of service at Florida Atlantic. She was in her 28th season as head softball coach when she passed away in March 2022.

AT THE HELM

Head Coach Amy Tudor // Tenth Season // Overall Coaching Record: 511-392-2 // AT WKU: 294-186-1



Amy Tudor File

- Tenth Season
- WKU 2002
- Petersburg, Tenn.

Tudor Coaching Highlights

CAREER

- 34 Division I All-Conference Selections
- Nine NFCA All-Region Honorees
- One Conference Pitcher/Player of the Years
- Six CoSIDA Academic All-District Selections
- One Senior CLASS Award Finalist
- 500 Career Wins/450 Division I Wins

WKU

- 14 All-Conference Selections
- EvenW NFCA All-Region Selections
- 2014 NCAA Individual Stolen Base Leader
- 2015 NCAA Individual Strikeouts Leader
- One CoSIDA Academic All-District Honoree
- 2015 Conference USA Coach of the Year
- 2015 Regional Coaching Staff of the Year

Tudor Year-by-Year

Year	Overall	Conf.	School
2005	22-14	11-3 (NCAC)	Ohio Wesleyan
2006	23-19	8-6 (NCAC)	Ohio Wesleyan
2007	11-38	5-13 (ASUN)	Belmont
2008	14-36	3-19 (ASUN)	Belmont
2009	11-35	3-17 (ASUN)	Belmont
2010	29-19	17-6 (Summit)	IPFW
2011	28-15-1	16-8 (Summit)	IPFW
2012	45-14	17-6 (Summit)	IPFW
2013	34-16	12-4 (Summit)	IPFW
2014	33-24-1	11-10 (SBC)	WKU
2015	36-14	16-4 (C-USA)	WKU
2016	17-30	8-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2017	31-31	10-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2018	28-26	10-13 (C-USA)	WKU
2019	37-13	18-6 (C-USA)	WKU
2020	20-5	3-0 (C-USA)	WKU
2021	32-15	10-6 (C-USA)	WKU
2022	38-13	17-7 (C-USA)	WKU
2023	22-15	7-4	WKU
Total	511-392-2	202-159	19 Years
DI	462-400-2	182-150	17 Years
WKU	294-186-1	83-64	10 Years

WKU All-Time vs. 2023 Opponents

Opponent	Record
Minnesota	0-1 Miami (OH) 3-3
Butler	2-0 Indiana 3-1
Michigan	1-3 UTEP 7-2
Delaware	0-0 North Texas 28-20-1
East Tennessee	1-1 Belmont 31-1
George Washington	0-0 Charlotte 16-8
Campbell	3-0 UTSA 4-0
South Carolina	0-2 Lipscomb 17-16
Central Michigan	1-0 Middle Tennessee 46-32
Illinois State	6-6 Louisville 3-19
Jacksonville State	3-2 Florida Atlantic 24-27
Akron	3-2 Arkansas 1-2
Evansville	12-9-1 FIU 36-35
Austin Peay	23-6 LA Tech 5-6
Eastern Kentucky	13-12 Total 292-216-2

WKU SUPERLATIVE STATS

2023 WKU TEAM SUPERLATIVES

STAT	AMOUNT	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	49	EKU	3/8/23
Runs Scored	15	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Hits	14	Butler	2/10/23
RBI	15	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Doubles	4	MR, North Texas	3/26/23
Triples	1	MR, UTEP	3/18/23
Home Runs	3	Miami (OH) [1]/UTSA	
Walks	16	UTEP	3/18/23
Stolen Bases	7	MR, UTEP	3/19/23
Assists	16	Austin Peay	3/5/23
DP Turned	3	North Texas [2]	3/25/23
Innings Pitched	13.0	EKU	3/8/23
Fewest Hits Allowed	2	MR, Campbell	2/19/23
Fewest Runs Allowed	0	MR, Akron	3/5/23
Most Strikeouts	13	EKU	3/8/23
Longest Game	13 Inn.	EKU	3/8/23
Shortest Game	5 Inn.	MR, Evansville	3/4/23

2023 WKU INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

STAT	AMOUNT	INDIVIDUAL	OPPONENT	DATE
At Bats	7	Hage/Davis	EKU	3/8/23
Runs Scored	4	Taylor Sanders	Miami (OH) [2]	3/11/23
Hits	4	Taylor Davis	UTEP	3/19/23
RBI	7	Faith Hegh	Miami (OH) [1]	3/11/23
Doubles	2	Foote/Sanders/Drinnon	Illinois State/EKU/Lipscomb	
Triples	1	Hage/Kemp	Minnesota/Akron	
Home Runs	2	Numerous Players		
Total Bases	10	Hegh/Sanders	Miami (OH) [1/2]	3/11/23
Walks	4	Faith Hegh	UTEP	3/18/23
Stolen Bases	3	TJ Webster	George Wash.	2/18/23
Putouts	17	Jessica Bush	Austin Peay	3/5/23
Assists	6	Numerous Players		
Innings Pitched	9.0	Katie Gardner	Michigan [2]/EKU	
Fewest Hits Allowed	2	Houchens	Campbell	2/19/23
Fewest Runs Allowed	0	Katie Gardner	MR, Akron	3/5/23
Most Strikeouts	10	Katie Gardner	Delaware/EKU/Charlotte	

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

2023 RPI STANDINGS

C-USA RPI RANKS		
RANK	TEAM	RESULT
27	CHARLOTTE	W, L, L
74	WKU	-
76	LA TECH	-
77	UAB	DNP
83	FLORIDA ATLANTIC	-
87	NORTH TEXAS	W, W, W
88	MIDDLE TENNESSEE	-
184	FIU	-
233	UTEP	L, W, W
257	UTSA	L, W
WKU OPPONENT RPI RANKS		
RANK	TEAM	RESULT
16	ARKANSAS	-
26	MICHIGAN	L, L
28	MINNESOTA	L, L
30	INDIANA	L
32	SOUTH CAROLINA	L
51	LOUISVILLE	-
55	CAMPBELL	W
75	BELMONT	L
86	JACKSONVILLE STATE	L
90	MIAMI (OH)	W, L, L
117	AUSTIN PEAY	W
140	AKRON	W, W
143	ILLINOIS STATE	W, W
146	DELAWARE	W
164	LIPSCOMB	L
168	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W, W
169	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W
178	EVANSVILLE	W
183	BUTLER	W
224	EAST TENNESSEE	W
232	GEORGE WASHINGTON	W

THE LAST TIME WKU...

Defeated a top 10 team	vs. No. 5 Alabama, 4/27/22
Defeated a top 11-25 team	at No. 24 Charlotte, 3/13/22
Had a pitcher strikeout 15+	Kennedy Sullivan, 3/2/19 (17)
Had a pitcher strikeout 10-14	Katie Gardner vs. EKU, 3/8/23 (10)
Threw a perfect game	Miranda Kramer vs. Charlotte, 5/7/15
Threw a no-hitter (run-rule)	Kennedy Sullivan at Samford, 3/1/19
Threw a no-hitter (regulation/extras)	Kelsey Aikey vs. Sacred Heart, 2/15/18
Opponent threw no-hitter	vs. No. 23 Marshall, 5/11/17
Won a run-rule game	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (6)
Lost a run-rule game	at South Carolina, 2/19/23 (5)
Played extra innings	at Eastern Kentucky, 3/8/23 (13)
Won in extra innings	at Eastern Kentucky, 3/8/23 (13)
Lost in extra innings	vs. Michigan 2/11/23 (9)
Scored 10-14 runs	vs. Butler, 2/10/23 (10)
Scored 15-18 runs	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23 (15)
Scored 19+ runs	at Tennessee-Martin, 4/2/00 (19)
Allowed 10-14 runs	at South Carolina, 2/19/23 (11)
Allowed 15+ runs	at No. 23 FAU, 4/30/16 (16)
Batted around the order (10+ batters)	at UTSA, 4/8/23 (10)
Batted through the order (9 batters)	vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Had 10-14 hits	at UTSA, 4/8/23 (11)
Had 15+ hits	vs. Charlotte, 3/11/22 (16)
Team hit 3+ home runs	at UTSA, 4/8/23 (3)
Back-to-back home runs	vs. FIU, 4/1/22 (Bowlds/Drinnon, 6thinn.)
Back-to-back-to-back home runs	vs. FIU, 4/1/22 (Sanders/Ridge/Curry, 3rd inn.)
Player with back-to-back home runs	Taylor Sanders, 3/26/23, 2 consec.
Had a player hit two HRs	Taylor Sanders vs North Texas, 3/26/23
Had a player hit a grand slam	Taylor Sanders, FIU, 4/3/22
Team hit three doubles	vs. Illinois State, 2/24/23
Team hit four or more doubles	vs North Texas, 3/26/23 (4)
Team hit two triples	vs. Western Illinois, 2/16/19
Team hit three or more triples	vs. Dayton, 2/24/13 (5)
Team stole five or more bases	vs. Delaware, 2/17/23 (7)
Player with three RBI	Hegh/Hage at UTSA, 4/8/23
Player with four RBI	Jessica Bush vs. North Texas [2], 3/25/23
Player with five RBI	Taylor Sanders, Miami (OH) [2], 3/11/23
Player with six or more RBI	Taylor Sanders vs. North Texas, 3/26/23 (6)
Player with three hits	Taylor Sanders vs. Miami (OH) [2], 3/11/23
Player with four hits	Taylor Sanders vs. Samford, 3/4/22
Player with five hits	Tommi Stowers vs. Evansville, 3/3/17
Player with two or more doubles	Kennedy Foote vs. Illinois State, 2/24/23 (2)
Player with two or more triples	Shawna Sadler vs. Dayton, 2/24/13 (2)
Player stole three or more bases	TJ Webster vs. George Washington, 2/17/23 (3)
Player scored three or more runs	Taylor Sanders vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Hit a walk-off home run (reg./extras)	Maddie Bowlds vs. Marshall, 4/23/22
Hit a walk-off home run (run-rule)	Taylor Sanders vs. FIU, 4/3/22
Walked off a game	Jessica Bush vs. Miami (OH) [1], 3/11/23
Swept a conference home series	vs. North Texas, 3/25-26/23
Swept a conference road series	at MTSU, 4/22-23/19
Was swept in a conference home series	vs. FAU, 3/18-19/17
Was swept in a conference road series	vs. LA Tech, 4/27-28/18

RECORD WHEN...

TEAM RECORD BY...

LOCATION

Overall	22-15
Home	13-7
Away	4-4
Neutral	5-4
In Kentucky	14-7
In Tennessee	0-1
Other States	8-7

OPPONENT

Conference USA	7-4
Non-Conference	15-9
vs. Ranked Teams	0-1
vs. RV Teams	0-0

TIME

Day Games	18-11
Night Games (5 pm & later)	4-4

DAY

Midweek	1-3
Friday	5-3
Saturday	10-5
Sunday	6-4

MONTH

February	9-6
March	11-4
April	2-5
May	0-0

MISC.

1-Run Games	3-2
2-Run Games	1-1
5+Run Games	14-4
Shortened Games	4-3
Extra Innings	1-2
Shutouts	7-3
Series Sweeps	1-0

STARTERS

WKU Throws RHP	22-15
WKU Throws LHP	N/A
Opp. Throws RHP	19-13
Opp. Throws LHP	3-2

RUNS

WKU Scores in 1st	9-6
Opp. Scores in 1st	5-7
WKU Scores 1st	17-7
Opp. Scores 1st	5-8

HITS

WKU Has More	21-3
Opp. Has More	1-12
Hits Are Even	0-0

ERRORS

WKU Commits 0	10-6
WKU Commits 1	10-5
WKU Commits 2+	2-4
Opp. Commits 0	7-12
Opp. Commits 1+	9-3
Opp. Commits 2+	6-0

HOMERUNS

WKU Hits 0	13-12
WKU Hits 1	5-2
WKU Hits 2+	4-1
Opp. Hits 0	18-5
Opp. Hits 1	3-2
Opp. Hits 2+	1-8

RECORD WHEN TEAM SCORES

RUNS	WKU	C-USA	OPPONENTS	C-USA
0	0-3	0-1	7-0	1-0
1	0-0	0-0	6-0	2-0
2	1-5	0-1	5-1	2-0
3	4-3	1-2	1-1	1-0
4	0-3	0-0	1-1	0-0
5	1-1	0-0	0-3	0-0
6	7-0	2-0	0-2	0-2
7	1-0	1-0	2-2	1-1
8	2-0	0-0	0-2	0-0
9	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-0
10+	3-0	1-0	0-3	0-1

WKU RECORD AFTER INNINGS

INNINGS	LEADING	TRAILING	TIED
1	8-5	3-6	11-4
2	11-5	3-9	8-1
3	16-6	3-9	3-0
4	18-6	2-8	2-1
5	17-4	1-8	1-1
6	17-3	0-7	1-2

SCORE BY INNINGS

INNINGS	WKU	C-USA	OPPONENTS	C-USA
1	36	6	22	9
2	10	4	30	8
3	37	17	12	6
4	31	11	12	5
5	24	4	23	9
6	37	15	15	5
7	8	5	13	1
8	1	0	4	3
9	0	0	3	0
EX	2	0	1	0
Total	186	62	135	46

2023 CONFERENCE USA STANDINGS

SCHOOL	CONF	CPCT.	CONF. HOME	CONF. AWAY	OVERALL	PCT.	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL	L10	STREAK
Charlotte	11-3	.786	7-1	4-2	24-15	.615	14-6	8-4	2-5	7-3	L1
Florida Atlantic	8-4	.667	4-2	4-2	26-13	.667	18-6	6-6	2-1	7-3	W4
WKU	7-4	.636	4-2	3-2	22-15	.595	13-7	4-4	5-4	4-6	L1
North Texas	9-6	.600	4-2	5-4	24-16	.600	9-4	7-9	8-3	5-5	W4
UAB	9-6	.600	6-3	3-3	21-18	.538	15-10	4-6	2-2	8-2	W1
MTSU	5-6	.455	3-3	2-3	25-13	.658	8-5	8-4	9-4	4-6	W1
Louisiana Tech	5-7	.417	2-4	3-3	23-18	.561	11-6	5-8	7-4	4-6	L2
FIU	5-10	.333	4-2	1-8	18-22	.450	15-10	1-9	2-3	3-7	L4
UTSA	3-8	.273	3-2	0-6	7-29	.194	6-7	0-11	1-11	1-9	L1
UTEP	2-10	.167	1-5	1-5	11-22	.333	6-10	3-9	2-3	2-8	W1

PITCHING BREAKDOWN

TEAM RESULT				
PITCHER	GS	RECORD	SAVES	TEAM W/L
Curran	0	0-0	1	0-0
Gardner	25	11-10	0	11-10
Houchens	10	6-3	0	6-3
Wood	2	5-2	1	5-2

CAREER 7+ STRIKEOUTS					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Gardner		2	5	7	14
Houchens		0	0	1	1
Wood	-	-	-	-	-

CAREER 0-2 HIT GAMES (5+ IP)				
PLAYER	0	1	2	2023/TOTAL
Gardner	0	2/2	/2	1/4
Houchens	0	0	/1	1/1
Wood	-	-	-	-

CAREER COMPLETE GAMES					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Gardner	2	2	5	12*	21
Houchens	-	0	0	1	1
Wood	-	-	-	-	-

*Extra innings

INHERITED RUNNERS/SCORED					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Curran	-	-	-	5/2	5/2
Gardner	0/0	10/3	7/3	1/0	18/6
Houchens	-	-	4/4	4/0	8/4
Wood	-	-	-	13/5	13/5

THREE-STRIKEOUT INNINGS				
DATE	OPP	TIMES	INNING(S)	PITCHER
3/8	EKU	1	5th	Gardner
3/26	UNT	1	3rd	Gardner

PERFORMANCES

DATE	OPPONENT	DEC.	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	NP	SCORE	FINAL
Feb. 10	Minnesota	Gardner	1.2	3	4	4	4	3	53	10-2	L
Feb. 10	Butler	Gardner	3.0	3	0	0	0	2	40	10-0	W
Feb. 11	Michigan [1]	Houchens	1.2	4	4	3	0	0	22	5-2	L
Feb. 11	Michigan [2]	Gardner^	9.0	9	5	3	1	4	137	5-2	L
Feb. 12	Minnesota	Gardner	2.2	5	5	5	2	3	65	7-4	L
Feb. 17	Delaware	Gardner^	7.0	7	2	2	3	10	141	6-2	W
Feb. 17	East Tennessee	Houchens	3.0	4	0	0	1	0	49	6-1	W
Feb. 18	George Washington	Gardner^	5.0	2	0	0	3	6	75	8-0	W
Feb. 19	Campbell	Houchens^	7.0	2	0	0	2	7	94	3-0	W
Feb. 19	at South Carolina	Gardner	1.0	6	8	8	3	0	53	11-2	L
Feb. 24	Central Michigan	Houchens	6.1	1	1	1	3	1	83	2-1	W
Feb. 24	Illinois State	Gardner	6.0	3	0	0	2	8	100	6-0	W
Feb. 25	Central Michigan	Houchens	3.0	2	1	1	0	3	43	6-4	W
Feb. 25	Jacksonville State	Gardner^	7.0	7	4	4	3	3	136	4-3	L
Feb. 26	Illinois State	Houchens	4.1	5	1	1	2	1	73	6-1	W
Mar. 4	Arkon	Houchens	6.0	3	1	1	3	4	86	3-2	W
Mar. 4	Evansville	Gardner	4.0	2	0	0	1	3	61	9-0	W
Mar. 5	Akron	Gardner^	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	100	5-0	W
Mar. 5	Austin Peay	Wood	6.0	2	0	0	0	0	66	8-1	W
Mar. 8	at Eastern Kentucky	Wood	4.0	1	0	0	1	3	46	3-2	W
Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	Wood	2.0	4	2	2	0	1	24	15-7	W
Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [2]	Houchens	2.0	4	5	5	3	2	53	5-8	L
Mar. 12	Miami (OH)	Wood	1.0	3	4	4	1	2	22	4-8	L
Mar. 17	at UTEP*	Houchens	2.2	2	3	3	1	2	37	3-6	L
Mar. 18	at UTEP*	Wood	3.0	5	5	4	3	1	61	14-7	W
Mar. 19	at UTEP*	Gardner^	7.0	4	1	1	5	8	127	6-1	W
Mar. 25	North Texas* [1]	Gardner^	7.0	5	1	1	8	5	151	7-1	W
Mar. 25	North Texas* [2]	Wood	5.0	4	0	0	1	3	66	6-3	W
Mar. 26	North Texas*	Gardner^	7.0	4	2	1	0	8	82	9-2	W
Mar. 29	Belmont	Gardner	6.0	7	2	1	3	6	107	0-2	L
Apr. 1	Charlotte* [1]	Gardner^	7.0	1	0	0	3	10	105	3-0	W
Apr. 1	Charlotte* [2]	Wood	2.2	9	7	5	2	1	65	0-11	L
Apr. 2	Charlotte*	Gardner	6.0	9	6	4	0	6	124	3-6	L
Apr. 4	Indiana	Gardner^	7.0	6	3	3	2	1	101	0-3	L
Apr. 7	at UTSA*	Gardner	5.0	3	5	4	5	2	104	2-7	L
Apr. 8	at UTSA*	Gardner^	7.0	3	2	1	3	6	106	9-2	W
Apr. 12	at Lipscomb	Gardner^	6.2	9	5	3	3	6	120	4-5	L
Apr. 14	at MTSU*										
Apr. 15	at MTSU*										
Apr. 16	at MTSU*										
Apr. 19	Louisville										
Apr. 21	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 22	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 23	Florida Atlantic*										
Apr. 24	Arkansas										
Apr. 28	at FIU*										
Apr. 29	at FIU*										
Apr. 30	at FIU*										
May 5	LA Tech*										
May 6	LA Tech*										
May 7	LA Tech*										

* C-USA game ^ Complete game

SCORELESS INNING STREAKS						
PLAYER	LONGEST	2020	2021	2022	2023	CURRENT
Gardner	14.0	2.1	12.1	9.1	14.0	
Houchens	10.0	-	-	6.0	10.0	
Wood	11.0	-	-	-	11.0	

2023 STATISTICS

NUM.	NAME	ERA	W-L	APP	GS	CG	SHO	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	K	2B	3B	HR	AVG.	WP	HBP	BK	SF	SH
5	Gardner	3.53	11-10	27	25	12	3-3	0	148.0	125	69	58	73	142	19	5	15	.225	5	11	0	5	4
19	Houchens	5.14	6-3	16	10	1	1-1	0	49.0	45	29	22	29	29	14	4	7	.246	2	3	0	3	5
25	Wood	5.17	5-2	19	2	0	0-2	1	38.2	44	26	22	15	21	5	3	3	.288	0	0	0	0	1

ANALYSIS STATS

SEASON/CAREER HITTING STAT TRACKER

CAREER MULTI-HIT GAMES 2023/CAREER					
PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	CAREER
Davis	9/38	1/8	1/5	0	53
Hage	11/29	1/7	/1	0	38
Sanders	5/20	4/9	/1	0	30
Webster	8/22	/4	/1	0	27
Drinnon	7/12	/1	0	0	13
Hegh	11/11	2/2	0	0	13
Foote	2/6	0	0	0	6
Bush	3/3	0	0	0	3
Newman	/2	/1	0	0	3
Edgmon	2/2	1/1	0	0	3
Schmidt	2/2	0	0	0	2
Kemp	2/2	0	0	0	2
O'Connor	1/1	0	0	0	1

CAREER MULTI-RBI GAMES 2023/CAREER					
PLAYER	2	3	4	5+	CAREER
Sanders	9/17	1/5	/5	2/4	32
Hage	4/10	3/4	/1	0	15
Davis	2/9	0	0	0	9
Drinnon	3/3	1/3	0	0	6
Foote	1/4	0	/1	0	5
Webster	1/4	0	0	0	4
Hegh	3/3	1/1	0	1/1	5
Newman	/2	0	0	0	2
Schmidt	1/1	1/1	0	0	2
Bush	1/1	0	1/1	0	2
Edgmon	0	0	1/1	0	1
Kemp	0	1/1	0	0	1

CAREER HOMERUNS/GRAND SLAMS					
PLAYER	2020	2021	2022	2023	CAREER
Sanders	3	8	11/1	9/0	31/1
Schmidt	-	2/0	2/0	1/0	5/0
Drinnon	-	-	3/0	2/0	5/0
Hegh	1/0	2/0	0	4/0	8/0
Foote	-	0	1/0		1/0
Hage	0	0	1/0	1/0	2/0
Bush	-	-	0	1/0	1/0
Webster	0	0	0	1/0	1/0

STREAK TRACKERS

CAREER HITTING STREAKS			
PLAYER	LONGEST	2023	CURRENT
Hegh	16	16	2
Sanders	13	5	-
Hage	12	9	-
Davis	12	12	-
Webster	9	9	3
Drinnon	6	4	2
Bush	6	6	1
Foote	5	1	-
Schmidt	4	4	-
Kemp	3	3	-
Newman	3	3	2
Edgmon	2	2	-
O'Connor	2	2	2

REACHED BASE STREAK			
PLAYER	LONGEST	2023	CURRENT
Hage	23	22	2
Sanders	20	10	1
Davis	17	13	-
Webster	17	17	5
Hegh	19	19	19
Drinnon	10	9	4
Newman	7	3	3
Schmidt	7	7	-
Bush	6	6	1
Foote	6	2	-
Kemp	3	3	-
Edgmon	2	2	-
Bray	2	2	2
O'Connor	2	2	2

PINCH HITTING PRODUCTION

PLAYER	GAME-DATE	OPPONENT	SCORING	INNING/OUTS	SCORE	FINAL
Kaytlan Kemp	14-Feb. 25	Jax State	1B LS	6/2	3-1	L, 4-3
Jessica Bush	15-Mar. 4	Akron	1B LL	5/0	1-0	W, 3-2
Addy Edgmon	19-Mar 5	Austin Peay	1B 1	4/0	2-1	W, 8-1

BIG INNINGS AT THE PLATE

DATE	OPPONENT	INNING	RUNS	BATTERS	FINAL SCORE
2/10	Butler	4	6	12	10-0 [5]
2/17	Delaware	1	5	9	6-2
2/26	Illinois State	1	5	9	6-1
3/5	Austin Peay	5	5	9	8-1
3/11	Miami (OH) [1]	6	5	9	15-7 [6]
3/18	UTEP	3	8	12	14-7
2/26	North Texas [1]	6	6	12	7-1

HOME RUN TRACKER

NO.	PLAYER	GAME-DATE	OPPONENT	COUNT/OB	INNING/OUTS	SCORE	FINAL
1	Sanders	6-Feb 17	Delaware	3-2/2	1/0	3-0	W, 6-2
2	Sanders	7-Feb 17	ETSU	2-2/0*	5/0	5-0	W, 6-1
3	Sanders	7-Feb 17	ETSU	0-0/0*	7/0	6-1	W, 6-1
4	Hegh	13-Feb 25	Central Mich.	1-0/0*	4/1	1-3	W, 6-4
5	Bush	18-Mar 5	Akron	2-1/1	5/2	5-0	W, 5-0
6	Schmidt	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	0-0/2	3/2	4-2	W, 15-7
7	Hegh	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	0-0/2	4/1	7-2	W, 15-7
8	Hegh	21-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [1]	2-1/2	5/1	10-7	W, 15-7
9	Sanders	22-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [2]	0-2/1	5/0	2-8	L, 5-8
10	Sanders	22-Mar 11	Miami (OH) [2]	3-2/2	6/2	5-8	L, 5-8
11	Sanders	24-Mar 17	UTEP	2-2/1	3/2	2-0	L, 3-6
12	Drinnon	25-Mar 18	UTEP	1-1/2	3/1	5-2	W, 14-7
13	Sanders	26-Mar 19	UTEP	2-1/1	6/2	6-1	W, 6-1
14	Sanders	29-Mar 26	North Texas	1-0/2	1/1	3-0	W, 9-2
15	Sanders	29-Mar 26	North Texas	1-2/2	4/0	9-2	W, 9-2
16	Webster^	33-Apr 2	Charlotte	1-1/2	4/2	3-3	L, 3-6
17	Hage	36-Apr 8	UTSA	1-2/0*	2/0	1-0	W, 9-2
18	Drinnon	36-Apr 8	UTSA	0-0/0*	7/0	6-2	W, 9-2
19	Hegh	36-Apr 8	UTSA	0-1/2	7/2	9-2	W, 9-2

^ Inside-the-Park HR

ANALYSIS STATS

WALK-OFF TRACKER

NO.	BATTER	GAME/DATE	OPPONENT	COUNT/OB	INNING/OUTS	RESULT	SCORE	FINAL
1	Bush	21-Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	1-2/3	6/1	1B RBI	14-7	15-7

COME-FROM-BEHIND WIN TRACKER

NO.	GAME/DATE	OPPONENT	DEFICIT	INNING	TYING HIT (score)	GO-AHEAD HIT (score)	FINAL
1	13-Feb. 25	Central Mich.	0-3/4-3	B5/B6	Hage PB (3-3)	Hage 2B RBI (5-4)	W, 6-4
2	21-Mar. 11	Miami (OH) [1]	2-1/7-7	B3/B5	Schmidt HR LC (4-2)	Hegh HR LC (10-7)	W, 15-7
3	28-Mar. 25	North Texas [2]	2-3	B6	Sanders 2B RF 2RBI (4-3)	Sanders 2B RF 2RBI (4-3)	W, 6-3

BATTING ANALYSIS

PLAYER	LEADOFF			BASES EMPTY			1-2 RUNNERS			BASES LOADED			RISP			2 OUTS			2-OUT RBI
	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	H	OPP	AVG	
Bray	0	1	.000	0	1	.000	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Bush	3	11	.273	5	24	.208	10	30	.333	2	3	.667	8	19	.421	5	19	.263	5
Davis	6	12	.500	18	50	.360	21	66	.318	0	6	.000	14	40	.350	10	35	.286	4
Drinnon	10	20	.500	15	48	.313	10	48	.208	0	4	.000	7	38	.184	5	31	.161	5
Edgmon	2	12	.167	4	20	.200	9	28	.321	2	4	.500	6	18	.333	2	10	.200	2
Foote	2	9	.222	3	26	.115	5	40	.125	1	5	.200	5	30	.167	3	30	.100	2
Gardner	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Hage	21	41	.512	20	55	.364	19	59	.322	2	5	.400	15	47	.319	10	37	.270	11
Hegh	17	36	.472	19	58	.328	26	55	.473	0	5	.000	17	41	.415	13	40	.325	10
Houchens	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
Kemp	3	10	.300	2	19	.105	11	29	.379	1	3	.333	6	17	.353	9	20	.450	5
Newman	4	10	.400	3	17	.176	4	14	.286	1	2	.500	2	7	.286	2	11	.182	0
O'Connor	1	2	.500	1	3	.333	2	5	.400	0	1	.000	2	5	.400	2	5	.400	0
Parks	0	1	.000	0	3	.000	0	3	.000	0	0	---	0	1	.000	0	0	---	0
Sanders	9	19	.474	11	29	.379	22	67	.328	4	5	.800	17	50	.340	9	35	.257	12
Schmidt	9	25	.360	5	35	.143	11	41	.268	1	3	.333	10	31	.323	5	17	.294	7
Webster	15	35	.429	19	51	.373	16	47	.340	1	5	.200	9	34	.265	13	32	.406	1
Wood	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0	0	---	0
TOTALS	102	244	.418	125	439	.285	166	532	.312	15	51	.294	183	78	.312	88	322	.273	64

2023 WKU INDIVIDUAL STAT LEADERS

BATTING AVERAGE - Min. 8 AB	
.398	Faith Hegh

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE - Min. 8 AB	
.688	Taylor Sanders

ON BASE PERCENTAGE - Min. 10 Plate Appearances	
.486	Faith Hegh

RUNS SCORED	
33	Taylor Sanders

HITS	
45	Faith Hegh

RUNS BATTED IN	
39	Taylor Sanders

DOUBLES	
15	Faith Hegh

TRIPLES	
2	Kaytlan Kemp

HOME RUNS	
9	Taylor Sanders

TOTAL BASES	
72	Faith Hegh

WALKS	
28	Randi Drinnon

HIT BY PITCH	
3	Hage/Sanders

SACRIFICE HITS	
9	Taylor Davis

SACRIFICE FLIES	
3	Faith Hegh

STOLEN BASES	
15	Taylor Davis

2023 STARTERS SUMMARY

PLAYER	GS	POSITION										BATTING ORDER									
		P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH	6TH	7TH	8TH	9TH	FLEX
3 TJ WEBSTER	37	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	32	-
7 RANDI DRINNON	37	-	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	10	17	2	1	-	-	-
11 BRYLEE HAGE	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	22	-	7	4	3	1	-	-	-	-
6 TAYLOR DAVIS	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	-	34	1	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
9 FAITH HEGH	37	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	13	12	1	5	12	4	-	2	-	-	-
15 TAYLOR SANDERS	33	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	7	3	-	-	-	-	-
21 KENNEDY FOOTE	29	-	-	3	22	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	16	-	-	-
5 KATIE GARDNER	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
28 KELSEY SCHMIDT	25	-	-	19	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	7	9	4	5	-	-	-	-
1 KAYTLAN KEMP	18	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	2	2	15	-	-	-
22 JESSICA BUSH	15	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	7	7	1	-	-	-	-
20 ADDY EDGMON	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	1	5	6	1	-	-	-
19 KELSIE HOUCHEMS	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
12 ABBY NEWMAN	10	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	2	-	-
25 MADDY WOOD	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
24 PAYTON O'CONNOR	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
4 KASIA PARKS	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
23 ANNISTON BRAY	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

Date	Team	P	C	1B	2B	3B	SS	LF	CF	RF	DP	Record
2/10	Minnesota	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Bush	0-1 (1)
2/10	Butler	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Kemp	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-1 (2)
2/11	Michigan [1]	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-2 (3)
2/11	Michigan [2]	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-3 (4)
2/12	Minnesota	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	1-4 (5)
2/17	Delaware	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	2-4 (6)
2/17	East Tennessee	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	3-4 (7)
2/18	George Washington	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	4-4 (8)
2/19	Campbell	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	5-4 (9)
2/19	at South Carolina	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	5-5 (10)
2/24	Central Michigan	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	6-5 (11)
2/24	Illinois State	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	7-5 (12)
2/25	Central Michigan	Wood	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	8-5 (13)
2/25	Jacksonville State	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Edgmon	Hegh	8-6 (14)
2/26	Illinois State	Houchens	Drinnon	Foote	Kemp	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	9-6 (15)
3/4	Akron	Houchens	Drinnon	Foote	Schmidt	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	10-6 (16)
3/4	Evansville	Gardner	Drinnon	Foote	Schmidt	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	11-6 (17)
3/5	Akron	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	12-6 (18)
3/5	Austin Peay	Houchens	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	13-6 (19)
3/8	at ECU	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	14-6 (20)
3/11	Miami (OH) [1]	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-6 (21)
3/11	Miami (OH) [2]	Houchens	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-7 (22)
3/12	Miami (OH)	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Schmidt	15-8 (23)
3/17	at UTEP	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	15-9 (24)
3/18	at UTEP	Houchens	Drinnon	Schmidt	Kemp	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Bray	16-9 (25)
3/19	at UTEP	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	17-9 (26)
3/25	North Texas [1]	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	18-9 (27)
3/25	North Texas [2]	Houchens	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	19-9 (28)
3/26	North Texas	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	20-9 (29)
3/29	Belmont	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	20-10 (30)
4/1	Charlotte [1]	Gardner	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-10 (31)
4/1	Charlotte [2]	Wood	Drinnon	Schmidt	Foote	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-11 (32)
4/2	Charlotte	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Sanders	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-12 (33)
3/13	Indiana	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Foote	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-13 (34)
4/7	at UTSA	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Foote	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	Kemp	21-14 (35)
4/8	at UTSA	Gardner	Drinnon	Parks	Newman	Foote	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	O'Connor	22-14 (36)
4/12	at Lipscomb	Gardner	Drinnon	Bush	Newman	Foote	Webster	Davis	Hage	Hegh	O'Connor	22-15 (37)
4/14	at MTSU											
4/15	at MTSU											
4/16	at MTSU											
4/19	Louisville											
4/21	Florida Atlantic											
4/22	Florida Atlantic											
4/23	Florida Atlantic											
4/24	Arkansas											
4/28	at FIU											
4/29	at FIU											
4/30	at FIU											
5/5	LA Tech											
5/6	LA Tech											
5/7	LA Tech											

2023 WKU LINE SCORES

Feb 10, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E	
MINNESOTA	0	4	0	4	0	2	-	10	10	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	2	6	0

WP-Autumn Pease (1-0) LP-Katie Gardner (0-1) T-1:13 A-250

Feb 10, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	1	3	6	0	-	10	14	0
BUTLER	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0

WP-Katie Gardner (1-1) LP-DYER, Rylyn (0-1) T-3:00 A-200

Feb 11, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-	2	5	2
MICHIGAN	2	2	0	0	0	1	X	-	5	7	0

WP-Derkowski, Lauren (1-1) LP-Kelsie Houchens (0-1) T-2:00 A-350

Feb 11, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	
MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3	-	5	9	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-	2	8	0

WP-Derkowski, Lauren (2-1) LP-Katie Gardner (1-2) T-3:05 A-300

Feb 12, 2023 at Leesburg, Fla.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	-	4	7	1
MINNESOTA	0	0	2	1	4	0	X	-	7	9	0

WP-Jacie Hambrick (1-0) LP-Katie Gardner (1-3) T-2:30 A-250
HR MINN - Natalie DenHartog, Jess Oakland, Sydney Strelow

Feb 17, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	-	6	10	0
Delaware	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	2	7	0

WP-Katie Gardner (2-3) LP-Graceyn Frost (0-1) T-2:25 A-56
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders (1)

Feb 17, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	1	3	0	1	0	1	-	6	9	0
East Tennessee Stat	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-	1	8	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (1-1) LP-Sara Muir (0-2) T-2:14 A-107
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders 2 (3)

Feb 18, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
George Washington	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	4	1	-	8	8	0

WP-Katie Gardner (3-3) LP-CANO, Rose (3-1) T-1:47 A-75

Feb 19, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Campbell	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	2	0	0	X	-	3	6	0

WP-Kelsie Houchens (2-1) LP-Kayla Howald (0-1) T-1:48 A-126

Feb 19, 2023 at Columbia, S.C.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	0	2	0	0	0	-	2	5	0
South Carolina	4	7	0	0	X	-	11	8	0

WP-Donnie Gobourne (2-0) LP-Katie Gardner (3-4) T-1:42 A-1769
HR SC - Marissa Gonzalez (1), Haley Simpson (1)

Feb 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Central Michigan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	1	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	1	0	X	-	2	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (3-1) Save-Maddy Wood(1) LP-Bean (0-2) T-1:45 A-345

Feb 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Illinois State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	2	0	0	4	X	-	6	11	1

WP-Katie Gardner (4-4) LP-Meshnick, Hannah (1-2) T-2:20 A-267

Feb 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Central Michigan	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	-	4	11	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	2	3	X	-	6	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (4-1) LP-Wallace (1-1) T-2:30 A-201
HR WKU - Faith Hegh

Feb 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Jacksonville State	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	-	4	7	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	-	3	9	2

WP-Jalayah Holmes (3-1) LP-Katie Gardner (4-5) T-2:30 A-234
HR JSU - Sidney Wagnon

Feb 26, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Illinois State	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	1	5	2
Western Kentucky	5	0	0	0	1	0	X	-	6	6	1

WP-Kelsie Houchens (5-1) LP-Meeks, Hannah (1-2) T-2:07 A-226

Mar 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	-	2	4	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	2	0	X	-	3	6	2

WP-Kelsie Houchens (6-1) Save-Luna Curran(1) LP-CROYLE, Haley (3-1) T-1:50 A-123

Mar 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E	
Evansville	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	2	2
Western Kentucky	7	0	2	0	X	-	9	8	1

WP-Katie Gardner (5-5) LP-Kleffman, E. (4-1) T-1:30 A-353

Mar 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Akron	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	0	3	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	1	4	X	-	5	6	0

WP-Katie Gardner (6-5) LP-DIFE0, Alexa (2-2) T-1:40 A-203
HR WKU - Jessica Bush

Mar 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Austin Peay	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1	4	1
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	2	5	0	X	-	8	13	1

WP-Maddy Wood (1-0) LP-BENEFIEL, Jordan (3-4) T-1:50 A-253

Mar 08, 2023 at Richmond, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	R	H	E	
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	-	3	13	1
Eastern Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-	2	7	1

WP-Maddy Wood (2-0) LP-Lauren Narvaez (6-4) T-3:30 A-223
HR EKU - Jasmine Miller

2023 WKU LINE SCORES

Mar 11, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
Miami OH	0	1	1	0	5	0	7	11	0
Western Kentucky	1	0	3	3	3	5	15	13	0

WP-Maddy Wood (3-0) LP-Taylor Turner (2-3) T-2:40 A-213
HR MIAMI - Riley Coyne
HR WKU - Faith Hegh 2, Kelsey Schmidt

Mar 11, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Miami OH	1	1	3	0	3	0	0	8	8	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5	10	0

WP-Laurelai DePew (3-1) Save-Brianna Pratt(1) LP-Kelsie Houchens (6-2) T-2:45 A-177
HR MIAMI - Riley Coyne, Jenna Golembiewski
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders 2

Mar 12, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Miami OH	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	8	10	1
Western Kentucky	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	0

WP-Brianna Pratt (7-3) LP-Maddy Wood (3-1) T-2:23 A-110
HR MIAMI - Karli Spaid, Holly Blaska, Adriana Barlow

Mar 17, 2023 at El Paso, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	1
UTEP	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	6	6	0

WP-ALARCON, Aalijah (5-5) LP-Kelsie Houchens (6-3) T-2:33 A-200
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders (6)
HR UTEP - MORALES, Lexi (1), ANGULO, Peyton (3)

Mar 18, 2023 at El Paso, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	3	8	0	0	2	1	14	10	3
UTEP	2	0	3	2	0	0	0	7	8	2

WP-Maddy Wood (4-1) LP-HEWITT, Kaylee (1-3) T-3:13 A-160
HR WKU - Randi Drinnon (1)

Mar 19, 2023 at El Paso, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	1	0	0	0	3	2	0	6	9	0
UTEP	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	1

WP-Katie Gardner (7-5) LP-CALDERON, Zaylie (4-4) T-2:20 A-123
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders (7)

Mar 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
North Texas	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	3
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	0	6	X	7	12	0

WP-Katie Gardner (8-5) LP-McKenzie Wagoner (7-2) T-2:14 A-174

Mar 25, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
North Texas	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	3	7	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	2	0	4	X	6	8	1

WP-Maddy Wood (5-1) LP-Ashley Peters (6-5) T-1:50 A-264
HR UNT - Kailey Gamble (12), Mikayla Smith (5), Cierra Simon (4)

Mar 26, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
North Texas	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	4	1
Western Kentucky	4	0	1	4	0	0	X	9	12	1

WP-Katie Gardner (9-5) LP-McKenzie Wagoner (7-3) T-1:45 A-222
HR WKU - Taylor Sanders 2 (9)

Mar 29, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Belmont	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	7	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1

WP-Summers, Emma (4-7) Save-Giles, Ellie(1) LP-Katie Gardner (9-6) T-2:20 A-149

Apr 01, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Charlotte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	0	0	0	X	3	6	0

WP-Katie Gardner (10-6) LP-Gress, Sam (12-6) T-1:50 A-208

Apr 01, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
Charlotte	5	1	0	0	5	11	15	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2

WP-Barefoot, Georgeanna (4-2) LP-Maddy Wood (5-2) T-2:15 A-220
HR CLT - Rodi, Arianna (5), Hoffer, Cori (6)

Apr 02, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Charlotte	1	2	0	0	1	2	0	6	11	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	5	2

WP-Gress, Sam (13-6) LP-Katie Gardner (10-7) T-2:40 A-239
HR CLT - Washington, Ashleigh (7), Krupit, Kassidy (6), Vannoy, Bailey (10), Chancey, Ella (5)
HR WKU - TJ Webster (1)

Apr 04, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Indiana	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0

WP-Copeland, Brianna (13-0) Save-Johnson, Heather(3) LP-Katie Gardner (10-8) T A-353 A-353 r
HR IND - Kern, Taryn (16)

Apr 7, 2023 at San Antonio, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1
UTSA	1	4	0	0	0	2	X	7	4	0

WP-ESTELL, Marena (3-7) LP-Katie Gardner (10-9) T-1:59 A-0
HR UTSA - ESTELL, Marena (4), JENSEN, Taylor (4)

Apr 8, 2023 at San Antonio, Texas

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	1	2	1	0	1	4	9	11	1
UTSA	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	3	1

WP-Katie Gardner (11-9) LP-SMITH, Reagan (3-12) T-2:13 A-353
HR WKU - Faith Hegh (4), Brylee Hage (1), Randi Drinnon (2)
HR UTSA - JENSEN, Taylor (5)

Apr 12, 2023 at Nashville, Tenn.

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	8	1
Lipscomb Bisons	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	5	9	0

WP-Laine Barefoot (1-2) LP-Katie Gardner (11-10) T-2:15 hrs A-137

2023 WKU SEASON STATS

Record: 22-15 Home: 13-7 Away: 4-4 Neutral: 5-4 C-USA: 7-4

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
9 Faith Hegh	.398	37-37	113	24	45	15	0	4	26	72	.637	20	2	14	1	.486	3	0	5-5	26	1	0	1.000
24 Payton O'Connor	.375	4-2	8	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.375	0	0	1	0	.333	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
3 TJ Webster	.357	37-37	98	24	35	3	0	1	5	41	.418	14	1	6	0	.439	1	2	13-17	57	96	4	.975
15 Taylor Sanders	.344	33-33	96	26	33	6	0	9	39	66	.688	21	3	14	0	.471	1	0	1-2	27	59	1	.989
11 Brylee Hage	.342	37-37	114	26	39	6	1	1	24	50	.439	20	3	16	0	.449	1	1	9-10	45	3	0	1.000
6 Taylor Davis	.336	37-37	116	33	39	1	0	0	12	40	.345	11	1	8	0	.395	1	10	15-15	34	2	1	.973
22 Jessica Bush	.278	23-15	54	4	15	3	0	1	11	21	.389	4	0	12	0	.322	1	2	0-0	127	1	0	1.000
1 Kaytlan Kemp	.271	24-19	48	9	13	0	2	0	6	17	.354	4	0	12	1	.327	0	1	6-7	0	2	3	.400
20 Addy Edgmon	.271	22-13	48	5	13	2	0	0	8	15	.313	0	1	4	0	.280	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000
7 Randi Drinnon	.260	37-37	96	8	25	7	0	2	17	38	.396	28	1	19	0	.429	1	3	1-1	201	17	2	.991
12 Abby Newman	.226	20-10	31	4	7	0	0	0	3	7	.226	8	1	10	0	.400	0	0	0-0	20	23	0	1.000
28 Kelsey Schmidt	.211	32-25	76	12	16	2	0	1	11	21	.276	12	0	16	0	.311	2	2	3-4	116	8	6	.954
21 Kennedy Foote	.121	33-29	66	6	8	4	0	0	7	12	.182	5	0	17	0	.178	2	3	2-2	70	43	11	.911
4 Kasia Parks	.000	13-1	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.143	0	0	2-3	10	0	0	1.000
23 Anniston Bray	.000	9-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	.750	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.300	37	971	186	291	49	3	19	170	403	.415	150	14	151	2	.396	15	24	59-68	752	297	28	.974
Opponents	.242	37	953	135	231	40	13	28	129	381	.400	120	16	200	6	.334	9	10	45-52	722	271	25	.975

LOB - Team (264), Opp (223). DPs turned - Team (18), Opp (9). Picked off - B. Hage 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bks	sfa	sha
5 Katie Gardner	3.53	11-10	27	25	12	3/3	0	148.0	125	69	58	73	142	19	5	15	.225	5	11	0	5	4
19 Kelsie Houchens	5.14	6-3	16	10	1	1/1	0	49.0	45	29	28	22	29	14	4	7	.246	2	3	0	3	5
25 Maddy Wood	5.17	5-2	19	2	0	0/2	1	38.1	44	26	22	15	21	5	3	3	.288	0	0	0	0	1
26 Luna Curran	5.28	0-0	7	0	0	0/0	1	15.1	17	11	9	10	8	2	1	3	.279	0	2	0	1	0
Totals	4.20	22-15	37	37	13	7/3	2	250.2	231	135	117	120	200	40	13	28	.242	7	16	0	9	10
Opponents	5.80	15-22	37	37	10	3/2	3	242.0	291	186	156	150	151	49	3	19	.300	22	14	0	15	24

PB - Team (7), R. Drinnon 7, Opp (6). Pickoffs - Team (1), R. Drinnon 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - R. Drinnon (45-52), K. Gardner (30-35), M. Wood (5-6), L. Curran (5-6), K. Houchens (5-5).

2023 WKU C-USA ONLY STATS

Record: 7-4 Home: 4-2 Away: 3-2 C-USA: 7-4

Player	avg	gp-gp	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
24 Patti O'Connor	.500	1-1	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.500	0	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
9 Faith High	.432	11-11	37	9	16	7	0	1	7	26	.703	7	0	5	0	.523	0	0	1-1	13	0	0	1.000
6 Taylor Davis	.412	11-11	34	12	14	1	0	0	5	15	.441	6	0	1	0	.468	1	1	6-6	11	0	1	.917
11 Brylee Hage	.400	11-11	30	7	12	2	0	1	11	17	.567	6	1	6	0	.500	1	1	2-2	12	1	0	1.000
3 JJ Webster	.367	11-11	30	9	11	0	0	1	2	14	.467	3	1	1	0	.429	1	2	3-4	20	22	2	.955
22 Jessica Bush	.300	9-9	20	2	6	1	0	0	5	9	.450	1	0	5	0	.333	0	0	0-0	34	0	0	1.000
7 Randi Drinnon	.296	11-11	31	4	7	2	0	2	6	15	.484	6	0	9	0	.351	0	0	0-0	68	5	1	.986
12 Abby Newman	.222	6-4	9	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	.222	4	0	5	0	.162	0	0	0-0	6	7	0	1.000
1 Kaylan Kemp	.214	11-10	28	5	6	0	1	0	3	8	.288	2	0	6	0	.267	0	0	3-3	0	1	2	.333
15 Taylor Sanders	.208	9-9	24	7	5	1	0	4	14	18	.750	7	1	3	0	.406	0	0	0-1	8	17	0	1.000
28 Kelsey Schmidt	.118	8-5	17	2	2	0	0	0	1	2	.118	4	0	6	0	.296	0	0	0-0	28	1	1	.967
21 Kennedy Foote	.091	11-8	22	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	.136	1	0	4	0	.150	0	0	2-2	11	10	5	.808
4 Kasie Perks	.000	3-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	0	.167	0	0	1-1	10	0	0	1.000
20 Addy Edgmon	.000	3-3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000
23 Anniston Bray	.000	5-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	1.000
Totals	.289	11	294	52	85	17	1	9	55	121	.440	50	4	54	0	.396	2	4	10-20	222	60	12	.960
Opponents	.239	11	284	46	68	13	2	14	44	127	.447	36	7	67	1	.336	3	1	13-15	216	77	11	.964

LOB - Team (77), Opp (63). DPs turned - Team (10), Opp (4).

(C-USA games only Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
5 Katie Gardner	2.53	5-2	9	0	5	1/0	0	53.1	34	20	15	27	54	8	0	7	.170	1	6	0	2	1
25 Maddy Wood	7.82	2-1	5	1	0	0/0	0	12.2	21	14	11	7	7	3	2	1	.368	0	0	0	0	0
19 Kelsie Houchens	13.50	0-1	4	2	0	0/0	0	6.0	13	12	12	2	6	2	0	6	.361	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	4.62	7-4	11	11	5	1/0	0	74.0	68	46	38	36	67	13	2	14	.239	1	7	0	3	1
Opponents	5.12	4-7	11	11	4	1/0	0	72.0	58	61	40	50	54	17	1	9	.283	11	4	0	3	4

PB - Team (3), R. Drinnon 3. SBA/ATT - R. Drinnon (13-16), K. Gardner (12-15), K. Houchens (1-1).

2023 WKU TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

BATTING

Date	Opponent	ab	r	h	rbi	2b	3b	hr	tb	bb	ibb	sb	cs	hbp	sac	sf	gdp	k	po	a	e	lob	avg
Feb 10	vs MINNESOTA	23	2	6	2	3	0	0	9	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	7	18	3	0	6	.261
Feb 10	vs BUTLER	28	10	14	10	2	0	0	16	3	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	2	15	2	0	7	.392
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	25	2	5	2	1	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	9	18	8	2	6	.329
Feb 11	vs MICHIGAN	32	2	8	2	2	0	0	10	4	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	6	27	10	0	11	.306
Feb 12	vs MINNESOTA	26	4	7	4	1	1	0	10	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	18	5	1	9	.299
Feb 17	vs Delaware	30	6	10	6	2	0	1	15	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	21	9	0	6	.305
Feb 17	vs East Tennessee State	28	6	9	5	2	0	2	17	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	21	11	0	8	.307
Feb 18	vs George Washington	19	8	8	8	1	0	0	9	7	0	7	0	0	1	1	0	1	15	6	0	6	.318
Feb 19	vs Campbell	23	3	6	3	1	0	0	7	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	21	9	0	5	.312
Feb 19	at South Carolina	19	2	5	2	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	12	8	0	4	.308
Feb 24	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	21	2	6	2	0	0	0	6	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	5	21	15	1	6	.307
Feb 24	ILLINOIS STATE	26	6	11	5	3	0	0	14	6	0	4	0	0	0	2	1	3	21	6	1	10	.317
Feb 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	23	6	6	5	1	0	1	10	6	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	21	10	1	8	.313
Feb 25	JACKSONVILLE STATE	29	3	9	3	2	0	0	11	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	21	12	2	9	.312
Feb 26	ILLINOIS STATE	23	6	6	2	0	0	0	6	3	0	5	1	2	1	0	0	2	21	7	1	5	.309
Mar 04	AKRON	23	3	6	3	1	0	0	7	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	3	21	9	2	4	.307
Mar 04	EVANSVILLE	22	9	8	8	0	0	0	8	5	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	10	1	7	.310
Mar 05	AKRON	22	5	6	5	0	1	1	11	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	4	21	8	0	2	.308
Mar 05	AUSTIN PEAY	30	8	13	8	1	0	0	14	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	5	21	16	1	8	.316
Mar 08	at Eastern Kentucky	49	3	13	3	2	0	0	15	9	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	6	39	15	1	18	.311
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	27	15	13	15	1	0	3	23	14	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	18	6	0	11	.319
Mar 11	MIAMI OH	31	5	10	5	2	0	2	18	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	9	0	11	.320
Mar 12	MIAMI OH	27	4	7	4	1	0	0	8	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	21	5	0	7	.317
*Mar 17	at UTEP	27	3	7	3	1	0	1	11	3	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	7	21	9	1	4	.314
*Mar 18	at UTEP	29	14	10	14	4	1	1	19	16	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	21	8	3	13	.316
*Mar 19	at UTEP	31	6	9	6	2	0	1	14	4	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	9	21	5	0	9	.315
*Mar 25	NORTH TEXAS	31	7	12	6	1	0	0	13	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	4	0	9	.318
*Mar 25	NORTH TEXAS	26	6	8	6	2	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	21	11	1	2	.317
*Mar 26	NORTH TEXAS	30	9	12	8	4	0	2	22	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	7	21	3	1	5	.321
Mar 29	BELMONT	22	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9	21	11	1	4	.314
*Apr 01	CHARLOTTE	25	3	6	1	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	21	7	0	7	.312
*Apr 01	CHARLOTTE	18	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	6	2	4	.310
*Apr 02	CHARLOTTE	27	3	5	0	1	0	1	9	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	21	5	2	8	.306
Apr 04	INDIANA	23	0	4	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	21	9	0	3	.303
*Apr 7	at UTSA	19	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	6	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	5	18	4	1	5	.298
*Apr 8	at UTSA	31	9	11	9	2	0	3	22	9	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	21	6	1	11	.299
Apr 12	at Lipscomb Bisons	26	4	8	3	2	0	0	10	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	2	20	10	1	6	.300
Totals		971	186	291	170	49	3	19	403	150	0	59	9	14	24	15	2	151	752	297	28	264	.300

2023 WKU TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

PITCHING

Opponent	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	hbp	dp	ibb	score	w-l
vs MINNESOTA	6.0	10	10	10	7	7	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2-10	0-1
vs BUTLER	5.0	3	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10-0	1-1
vs MICHIGAN	6.0	7	5	3	2	3	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2-5	1-2
vs MICHIGAN	9.0	9	5	3	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2-5	1-3
vs MINNESOTA	6.0	9	7	6	5	3	1	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	4-7	1-4
vs Delaware	7.0	7	2	2	3	10	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6-2	2-4
vs East Tennessee State	7.0	8	1	1	5	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	6-1	3-4
vs George Washington	5.0	2	0	0	3	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	8-0	4-4
vs Campbell	7.0	2	0	0	2	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-0	5-4
at South Carolina	4.0	8	11	11	6	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2-11	5-5
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7.0	1	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	2-1	6-5
ILLINOIS STATE	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6-0	7-5
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	7.0	11	4	3	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6-4	8-5
JACKSONVILLE STATE	7.0	7	4	4	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3-4	8-6
ILLINOIS STATE	7.0	5	1	1	3	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6-1	9-6
AKRON	7.0	4	2	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3-2	10-6
EVANSVILLE	5.0	2	0	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-0	11-6
AKRON	7.0	3	0	0	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5-0	12-6
AUSTIN PEAY	7.0	4	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8-1	13-6
at Eastern Kentucky	13.0	7	2	1	3	13	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3-2	14-6
MIAMI OH	6.0	11	7	7	6	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	15-7	15-6
MIAMI OH	7.0	8	8	8	4	4	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	5-8	15-7
MIAMI OH	7.0	10	8	8	6	11	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	4-8	15-8
at UTEP	7.0	6	6	6	2	6	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	3-6	15-9
at UTEP	7.0	8	7	6	6	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	14-7	16-9
at UTEP	7.0	4	1	1	5	8	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6-1	17-9
NORTH TEXAS	7.0	5	1	1	8	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7-1	18-9
NORTH TEXAS	7.0	7	3	3	1	6	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	6-3	19-9
NORTH TEXAS	7.0	4	2	1	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9-2	20-9
BELMONT	7.0	7	2	1	3	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-2	20-10
CHARLOTTE	7.0	1	0	0	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3-0	21-10
CHARLOTTE	5.0	15	11	9	2	2	2	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	0-11	21-11
CHARLOTTE	7.0	11	6	4	0	6	3	0	4	0	0	3	2	0	3-6	21-12
INDIANA	7.0	6	3	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0-3	21-13
at UTSA	6.0	4	7	6	6	4	1	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	2-7	21-14
at UTSA	7.0	3	2	1	3	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9-2	22-14
at Lipscomb Bisons	6.2	9	5	3	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4-5	22-15
	250.2	231	135	117	120	200	40	13	28	7	0	16	18	0	186-135	22-15

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

1



KAYTLAN KEMP

- FRESHMAN
- UTILITY
- HENDERSON, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
3	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	3
2	VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	RUNS	VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2
2	MR, VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	HITS	MR, VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	2
DOUBLES				
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	TRIPLES	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1
HOME RUNS				
3	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RBI	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	3
2	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	2
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1

KEMP'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.271	24-19	48	9	13	0	2	0	6	17	.354	4	0	12	1	.327	0	1	6-7	0	2	3	.400
CAREER	.271	24-19	48	9	13	0	2	0	6	17	.354	4	0	12	1	.327	0	1	6-7	0	2	3	.400

3



TJ WEBSTER

- SENIOR
- INFIELD
- HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
5	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	5
3	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	RUNS	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	3
2	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	HITS	AT UTC (2-14-20)	4
1	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	1
		TRIPLES	VS TENN TECH (4-28-21)	1
1	VS CLT (4-2-23)	HOME RUNS	VS CLT (4-2-23)	1
2	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	RBI	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	3
3	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	3

WEBSTER'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.317	25-25	60	15	19	1	0	0	4	20	.333	6	0	11	0	.379	0	4	9-10	28	45	6	.924
2021	.318	47-47	129	22	41	2	1	0	9	44	.349	9	2	12	0	.317	0	9	20-23	76	94	13	.929
2022	.276	51-51	156	29	43	2	0	0	9	45	.288	5	0	22	0	.298	0	6	20-21	74	119	9	.955
2023	.357	37-37	98	24	35	3	0	1	5	41	.418	14	1	6	0	.439	1	2	13-17	57	96	4	.975
CAREER	.312	160-160	443	90	138	8	1	1	27	151	.341	34	3	51	0	.364	1	21	62-71	235	354	32	.948

4



KASIA PARKS

- SOPHOMORE
- OUTFIELD
- LEXINGTON, KY.
- BATS S / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
1	VS MICH. [1] (2-11-23)	AT BATS	VS UTA (2-11-22)	3
1	MR, VS AKRON (3-5-23)	RUNS	MR, VS AKRON (3-5-23)	1
		HITS	VS UTA (2-11-22)	1
		DOUBLES	-	-
		TRIPLES	-	-
		HOME RUNS	-	-
		RBI	-	-
		WALKS/HBP	-	-
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	1

PARKS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.059	33-6	17	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	.059	0	0	6	0	.059	0	0	5-5	6	0	3	.667
2023	.000	13-1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.143	0	0	2-3	10	0	0	1.000
CAREER	.043	46-7	23	12	1	0	0	0	0	1	.043	0	1	7	0	.083	0	0	7-8	16	0	3	.842

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

5



KATIE GARDNER

- SENIOR
- PITCHER
- BOWLING GREEN, KY.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
9	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	IP	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	9	
1	VS CLT (4-1-23)	FEWEST HITS (CG)	MR, VS CLT (4-1-23)	1	
0	VS CLT (4-1-23)	FEWEST ER	MR, VS CLT (4-1-23)	0	
10	MR, VS CLT (4-1-23)	STRIKEOUTS	AT FAU (3-26-22)	11	

GARDNER'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2020	23.14	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.1	3	6	6	6	3	0	1	0	18	.273	1	1	0	0	0
2021	2.67	6-1	19	7	3	2/1	0	64.0	47	23	19	29	64	8	0	5	275	.198	8	5	0	1	3
2022	2.71	11-5	31	16	6	1/4	2	116.1	94	49	48	50	117	19	2	15	497	.221	8	10	0	3	9
2023	3.53	11-10	27	25	12	3/3	0	148.0	125	69	58	73	142	19	5	15	649	.225	5	11	0	5	4
CAREER	3.57	28-16	80	48	21	6/8	2	330.2	269	147	131	158	326	46	8	35	1439	.219	22	27	0	9	16

6



TAYLOR DAVIS

- FIFTH-YEAR
- OUTFIELD
- HUNTSVILLE, ALA.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	7	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RUNS	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
4	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	HITS	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	4	
1	AT UTEP (3-19-23)	DOUBLES	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	1	
		TRIPLES	MR, AT CLT (3-12-22)	1	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
2	AT UTEP (3-19-23)	RBI	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	2	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	BALL ST (3-6-21)	2	
2	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS COFC (2-7-20)	3	

DAVIS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2019	.263	32-20	57	12	15	0	0	0	4	15	.263	4	0	1	0	.311	0	3	8-9	21	0	0	1.000
2020	.437	25-23	71	20	31	1	0	0	8	32	.451	4	0	7	0	.467	0	4	15-17	23	0	3	.885
2021	.336	46-44	125	20	42	0	1	0	6	49	.352	5	0	8	0	.359	1	7	12-13	54	2	0	1.000
2022	.397	51-50	156	42	62	4	1	0	19	67	.436	12	2	6	0	.447	0	11	20-25	62	1	1	.984
2023	.336	37-37	116	33	39	1	0	0	12	40	.345	11	1	8	0	.395	1	10	15-15	34	2	1	.973
CAREER	.360	191-174	525	127	189	6	2	0	49	199	.379	36	3	30	0	.403	2	35	70-79	194	5	5	.975

7



RANDI DRINNON

- SOPHOMORE
- CATCHER/INFIELD
- WHITE PINE, TENN.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	4	
2	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RUNS	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	2	
2	MR, VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	HITS	AT CLT (3-13-22)	3	
1	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	1	
		TRIPLES	AT UAB (4-9-22)	1	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	HOME RUNS	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1	
3	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RBI	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	3	
3	VS ETSU (2-17-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS ETSU (2-17-23)	3	
1	VS MICH. [2] (2-11-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS MICH. [2] (2-11-23)	1	

DRINNON' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.264	51-51	129	20	34	7	1	3	14	45	.403	21	0	18	0	.367	0	4	5-5	254	26	7	.976
2023	.260	37-37	96	8	25	7	0	2	17	38	.396	28	1	19	0	.429	1	3	1-1	201	17	2	.991
CAREER	.262	87-87	225	28	59	14	1	5	31	90	.400	49	1	37	0	.395	1	7	6-6	455	43	9	.982

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

9



FAITH HEGG

- FIFTH-YEAR
- UTILITY
- EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP, NJ. | UAB
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
6	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	6	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HITS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
1	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	1	
		TRIPLES			
2	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HOME RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	2	
7	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RBI	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	7	
4	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	4	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, AT UTEP (3-19-23)	1	

HEGG'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2019*	.351	47-47	151	21	53	15	0	0	21	68	.450	14	2	7	0	.411	1	1	1-1	43	1	4	.917
2020*	.242	25-19	66	11	16	3	1	1	5	21	.364	7	0	4	0	.311	1	0	1-3	24	3	0	1.000
2021*	.319	49-46	138	30	44	12	1	2	20	61	.464	8	5	9	1	.373	2	0	6-7	69	2	2	.973
2022*	.318	48-48	151	26	48	11	3	0	18	62	.430	5	4	9	0	.356	0	0	3-5	62	1	2	.969
2023	.398	37-37	113	24	45	15	0	4	26	72	.637	20	2	14	1	.486	3	0	5-5	26	1	0	1.000
CAREER	.325	206-197	621	109	206	56	5	7	90	284	.469	54	13	43	2	.387	7	1	16-21	224	8	8	.972

*2019-22 seasons played at UAB

11



BRYLEE HAGE

- SENIOR
- OUTFIELD
- NICHOLASVILLE, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	7	
2	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	RUNS	VS UTEP (3-18-22)	3	
3	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	HITS	AT TENN. TECH (4-28-21)	4	
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	DOUBLES	VS ALCORN ST. (3-5-21)	2	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	TRIPLES	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	1	
		HOME RUNS	AT CLT (3-13-22)	1	
3	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RBI	AT TENN. TECH (4-28-21)	4	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	2	
1	MR, VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS MARSHALL (5-13-22)	4	

HAGE'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.419	21-11	31	8	13	1	2	0	7	20	.581	4	1	4	0	.500	0	0	4-4	9	0	0	1.000
2021	.321	46-45	131	17	42	11	1	0	19	54	.420	7	0	13	1	.350	2	5	7-8	44	1	2	.957
2022	.365	51-51	160	37	57	12	4	1	19	74	.500	18	1	19	0	.420	2	0	17-18	49	2	2	.962
2023	.342	37-37	114	26	39	6	1	1	24	50	.439	20	3	16	0	.449	1	1	9-10	45	3	0	1.000
CAREER	.346	155-144	436	88	151	30	8	2	69	203	.466	49	5	52	1	.414	5	6	37-40	147	6	4	.975

12



ABBY NEWMAN

- SOPHOMORE
- INFIELD
- OWENSBORO, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
3	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	AT BATS	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	3	
1	VS MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	RUNS	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	2	
1	MR, MIAMI (OH) (3-12-23)	HITS	AT CLT (3-11-22)	3	
		DOUBLES	VS MTSU (5-8-22)	1	
		TRIPLES	-	-	
		HOME RUNS	-	-	
1	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	RBI	MR, VS MTSU (5-8-22)	2	
2	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	2	
		STOLEN BASES	MR, VS STL (3-6-22)	1	

NEWMAN'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2022	.246	32-23	61	10	15	1	0	0	9	16	.262	13	1	17	0	.387	0	0	2-2	19	4	2	.920
2023	.226	20-10	31	4	7	0	0	0	3	7	.226	8	1	10	0	.400	0	0	0-0	20	23	0	1.000
CAREER	.239	52-33	92	14	22	1	0	0	12	23	.250	21	2	27	0	.391	0	0	2-2	39	27	2	.971

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

15



TAYLOR SANDERS

- SENIOR
- INFIELD
- SHELBYVILLE, TENN.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
5	AT EKU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT EKU (3-8-23)	5	
4	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	4	
3	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	HITS	VS SAMFORD (3-4-22)	4	
2	AT EKU (3-8-23)	DOUBLES	VS UAB (3-20-21)	3	
		TRIPLES	BELMONT (3-4-20)	1	
2	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	HOME RUNS	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	2	
6	VS UNT (3-26-23)	RBI	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	6	
3	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-22)	3	
1	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	MR, VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	1	

SANDERS' CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2020	.267	23-21	45	12	12	2	1	3	9	25	.556	8	2	10	0	.400	0	1	3-3	9	32	3	.932
2021	.293	31-30	92	20	27	8	0	8	26	48	.641	7	4	13	0	.362	2	2	3-4	27	54	7	.920
2022	.347	50-50	144	35	50	12	0	11	54	73	.660	19	4	28	0	.427	4	2	5-6	38	105	6	.960
2023	.344	33-33	96	26	33	6	0	9	39	66	.688	21	3	14	0	.471	1	0	1-2	27	59	1	.989
CAREER	.324	137-134	377	93	122	28	1	31	128	245	.650	55	13	65	0	.420	7	5	12-15	101	250	17	.954

19



KELSIE HOUCHENS

- REDSHIRT-SOPHOMORE
- PITCHER
- LOUISVILLE, KY.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
7.0	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	IP	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	7.0	
2	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	FEWEST HITS (CG)	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	2	
0	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	FEWEST ER	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	0	
7	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	STRIKEOUTS	VS CAMPBELL (2-19-23)	7	

HOUCHENS' CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2021	0.00	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2022	4.50	2-0	11	1	0	0/0	0	20.0	20	12	10	7	9	6	0	2	87	.260	1	2	0	1	0
2023	5.14	6-3	16	10	1	1/1	0	49.0	45	29	28	22	29	14	4	7	216	.246	2	3	0	3	5
CAREER	4.96	8-3	27	11	1	1/1	0	69.0	65	41	38	29	38	20	4	9	303	.250	3	5	0	4	5

20



ADDY EDGMON

- FRESHMAN
- OUTFIELD
- DUNLAP, TENN.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	4	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	RUNS	VS MINNESOTA (2-12-23)	1	
3	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	HITS	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	3	
1	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	DOUBLES	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	1	
		TRIPLES			
		HOME RUNS			
4	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	RBI	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	4	
1	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	WALKS/HBP	VS MINNESOTA (2-10-23)	1	
1	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS GEORGE WASH. (2-18-23)	1	

EDGMON'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.271	22-13	48	4	13	2	0	0	8	15	.313	0	1	4	0	.280	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000
CAREER	.271	22-13	48	4	13	2	0	0	8	15	.313	0	1	4	0	.280	1	0	1-1	15	0	0	1.000

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

21



KENNEDY FOOTE

- JUNIOR
- INFIELD
- ALABASTER, ALA.
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
4	AT ECU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	MR, AT ECU (3-8-23)	4
1	VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	RUNS	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2
2	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	HITS	MR, VS EVANSVILLE (3-4-23)	2
2	VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS ILL. STATE (2-24-23)	2
		TRIPLES	-	-
		HOME RUNS	VS LA TECH (5-13-22)	1
1	AT SOUTH CAROLINA (2-19-23)	RBI	AT UAB (4-10-22)	4
1	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [2] (3-11-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, VS CLT (4-25-21)	2
1	AT UTEP (3-19-23)	STOLEN BASES	AT UTEP (3-19-23)	1

FOOTE'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021	.171	24-15	41	4	7	2	0	0	4	9	.220	9	0	11	0	.320	0	2	0-0	12	16	3	.903
2022	.200	36-23	70	12	14	5	0	1	8	20	.314	5	1	14	0	.260	1	1	0-0	21	2	1	.958
2023	.121	33-29	66	6	8	4	0	0	7	12	.182	5	0	17	0	.178	2	3	2-2	70	43	11	.911
CAREER	.164	93-67	177	22	29	11	0	1	19	43	.243	19	1	42	0	.245	3	6	2-2	103	61	15	.916

22



JESSICA BUSH

- JUNIOR
- CATCHER/OUTFIELD
- BOWLING GREEN, KY. | LIPSCOMB
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
4	AT ECU (3-8-23)	AT BATS	AT ECU (3-8-23)	4
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	RUNS	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1
2	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	HITS	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	2
1	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS UNT (3-26-23)	1
		TRIPLES	-	-
1	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	HOME RUNS	VS AKRON (3-5-23)	1
4	VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	RBI	VS UNT [1] (3-25-23)	4
1	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1
		STOLEN BASES	-	-

BUSH'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021*	.000	5-3	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.111	0	0	0-0	14	1	1	.938
2022	.188	16-1	16	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	.188	2	0	5	0	.278	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
2023	.278	23-15	54	4	15	3	0	1	11	21	.389	4	0	12	0	.322	1	2	0-0	127	1	0	1.000
TOTALS	.155	44-19	75	7	18	3	0	1	11	24	.192	7	0	20	0	.237	1	2	0-0	143	2	1	.980

*2021 season played at Lipscomb

23



ANNISTON BRAY

- FRESHMAN
- OUTFIELD
- RICHMOND, KY.
- BATS L / THROWS L

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS	
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.
1	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	AT BATS	AT UTEP (3-18-23)	1
1	VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	RUNS	VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	1
		HITS		
		DOUBLES		
		TRIPLES		
		HOME RUNS		
		RBI		
		WALKS/HBP		
		STOLEN BASES		

BRAY'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.000	9-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.000	9-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	3	0	1	0	.750	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

MEET THE HILLTOPPERS

24



PAYTON O'CONNOR

- FRESHMAN
- UTILITY
- ACWORTH, GA.
- BATS L / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
1	MR, VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS. ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	1	
		RUNS			
		HITS			
		DOUBLES			
		TRIPLES			
		HOME RUNS			
		RBI			
		WALKS/HBP			
		STOLEN BASES			

O'CONNOR'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2023	.375	4-2	8	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.375	0	0	1	0	.333	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
TOTALS	.375	4-2	8	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.375	0	0	1	0	.333	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

25



MADDY WOOD

- FRESHMAN
- PITCHER
- CORYDON, IOWA
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
6.0	VS AUSTIN PEAY (3-8-23)	IP	VS AUSTIN PEAY (3-8-23)	6.0	
		FEWEST HITS (CG)			
0	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	FEWEST ER	MR, AT EKU (3-8-23)	0	
3	VS UNT [2] (3-25-23)	STRIKEOUTS	VS UNT [2] (3-25-23)	3	

WOOD'S CAREER STATS

Year	ERA	W-L	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	bf	bavg	wp	hbp	bk	sfa	sha
2023	5.17	5-2	19	2	0	0/2	1	38.1	44	26	22	15	21	5	3	3	169	.288	0	0	0	0	1
CAREER	5.17	5-2	19	2	0	0/2	1	38.1	44	26	22	15	21	5	3	3	169	.288	0	0	0	0	1

31



KELSEY SCHMIDT

- JUNIOR
- UTILITY
- MAINESVILLE, OHIO | AUBURN
- BATS R / THROWS R

SEASON HIGH			CAREER HIGHS (WKU)		
NUM.	OPPONENT/DATE	STAT	OPPONENT/DATE	NUM.	
4	MR, VS DELAWARE (2-17-23)	AT BATS	MR, VS DELAWARE (2-17-23)	4	
3	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	RUNS	VS BUTLER (2-10-23)	3	
2	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HITS	MR, VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	2	
1	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	DOUBLES	MR, VS JAX STATE (2-25-23)	1	
		TRIPLES			
1	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	HOME RUNS	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	1	
3	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	RBI	VS MIAMI (OH) [1] (3-11-23)	3	
2	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	WALKS/HBP	MR, AT UTEP (3-18-23)	2	
2	VS ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	STOLEN BASES	VS ILL. STATE (2-26-23)	2	

SCHMIDT'S CAREER STATS

Year	avg.	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
2021*	.234	39-28	77	11	18	2	0	2	5	22	.338	4	0	12	0	.268	1	0	4-4	18	2	3	.870
2022*	.375	41-7	40	12	15	5	1	2	9	23	.700	5	0	5	0	.444	0	0	2-2	14	0	0	1.000
2023	.211	32-25	76	12	16	2	0	1	11	21	.276	12	0	16	0	.311	2	2	3-4	116	8	6	.954
CAREER	.273	112-60	193	40	60	9	1	5	25	66	.438	21	0	33	0	.341	3	2	9-10	148	10	8	.941

*2021-22 seasons played at Auburn

TV/RADIO ROSTER



1 Kaytlan Kemp
Freshman | UTL | L/R
Leabon, Ky.



3 TJ Webster
Senior | IF | L/R
Huntsville, Ala.



4 Kasia Parks
Sophomore | OF | S/R
Lexington, Ky.



5 Katie Gardner
Senior | P | R/R
Bowling Green, Ky.



6 Taylor Davis
Fifth-Year | OF | L/L
Huntsville, Ala.



7 Randi Drinnon
Sophomore | C/IF | R/R
White Pine, Tenn.



9 Faith Hegh
Fifth-Year | UTL | L/L
Egg Harbor Township, N.J. | UAB



11 Brylee Hage
Senior | OF | L/L
Nicholasville, Ky.



12 Abby Newman
Sophomore | IF | L/R
Owensboro, Ky.



15 Taylor Sanders
Senior | IF | R/R
Shelbyville, Tenn.



19 Kelsie Houchens
R-Sophomore | P | R/R
Louisville, Ky.



20 Addy Edgmon
Freshman | OF | L/L
Dunlap, Tenn.



21 Kennedy Foote
Junior | IF | R/R
Alabaster, Ala.



22 Jessica Bush
Junior | C/OF | R/R
Bowling Green, Ky. | Lipscomb



23 Anniston Bray
Freshman | OF | L/L
Richmond, Ky.



24 Payton O'Connor
Freshman | UTL | L/R
Acworth, Ga.



25 Maddy Wood
Freshman | P | R/R
Corydon, Iowa



28 Kelsey Schmidt
Junior | UTL | R/R
Maineville, Ohio | Auburn

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Apr. 14, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TOPS TAKE BLUE RAIDERS WITH 7TH INNING COMEBACK

PDF box scores are attached

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Now earning their fourth come-from-behind win, the WKU Hilltoppers took care of business in a 4-3 victory over Middle Tennessee at Blue Raider Softball Complex.

Fifth-year senior Faith Hegh picked up two RBI doubles in the match up before Taylor Davis collected her 13th and 14th RBIs on the year with the game winning hit. With a Katie Gardner opening frame, Kelsie Houchens came into the circle with a steady arm and her seventh win on the season for the Red and White.

WKU 4, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 3

The Blue Raiders got swinging first with an RBI single up the middle that plated two to get ahead early.

After a change of the circle with Kelsie Houchens in charge in the bottom of the second, the Tops stepped up to the plate to score one with a double off the bat off Faith Hegh – as she's third in NCAA Softball in doubles this season – for a 2-1 ballgame for the Blue Raiders.

In the bottom half of the third inning, Middle fought back on base running with stealing second and an advance on the throw down to guard a 3-1 lead heading into the fourth.

In the top of the fifth, Hegh plated another: a shot into left-center field on the 1-0 that was good for her second double of the evening. Shortstop TJ Webster made her way home on her speed from first base for the second run of the game for WKU.

Aiming for the comeback, the seventh inning for WKU opens up with singles from Abby Newman and Webster to gain both on base. The Blue Raiders intentionally walked Hegh to load the bags just before left fielder Taylor Davis earned the tying and go-ahead RBIs of the game with a shot over the shortstops head into the left-center gap and sent two across the plate for the win.

Katie Gardner started in the circle through an inning, giving up two runs off of three hits with a strikeout under her belt. Redshirt-sophomore Kelsie Houchens came in for relief in the middle of two, recording only a run with two hits, a walk, and a strikeout from her work in the circle.

WKU will take on Middle Tennessee in Murfreesboro, tomorrow and Sunday at the Blue Raider Softball Field. First pitch tomorrow is scheduled for 4 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- Being a regional rival prior to Conference USA, the Hilltoppers and Blue Raiders are now 47-21 in WKU's favor.

- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 512 all-time, while 295 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .405 batting average, while also owning 47 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 41 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 299 hits, 174 RBIs, a .299 batting average with 18 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Western Kentucky at Middle Tennessee
Apr 14, 2023 at Murfreesboro, TN (Blue Raider Field)

Western Kentucky 4 (23-15,8-4)

Middle Tennessee 3 (25-14,5-7)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	3	0	2	2
Taylor Davis lf	4	0	2	2
Brylee Hage cf	4	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	1	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0
Payton O'Connor dh	3	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 3b	3	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	2	1	1	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	1	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	2	2	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	4	8	4

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
ECHOLS, Shelby 2b	4	1	1	0
MEALER, Laura ss	3	1	1	0
TEPE, Ava c	2	1	0	0
GILMORE, Riley dh	4	0	2	2
MEDLOCK, Lexi pr	0	0	0	0
GARCIA, Julia 3b	3	0	0	0
SARGENT, Shelby cf	3	0	0	0
BEHABETZ, Savannah lf	3	0	0	0
BLEVINS, Ansley 1b	3	0	1	0
COFFMAN, Bryanna pr	0	0	0	0
HARRIS, Amaya rf	3	0	1	0
MEAD, Gretchen p	0	0	0	0
CARCICH, Kamryn p	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	6	2

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0	4	8	2
Middle Tennessee	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	X	3	6	0

E - R. Drinnon; A. Newman. LOB - WKU 6; MTSU 7. 2B - F. Hegh 2. SH - TEPE. SB - B. Hage; K. Schmidt; MEDLOCK; BEHABETZ.
Strikeouts - R. Drinnon; P. O'Connor 2; J. Bush 2; K. Schmidt; GILMORE; BEHABETZ. Walks - F. Hegh; R. Drinnon; A. Newman; MEALER; TEPE.

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	7	0	3	18
Kelsie Houchens W,7-3	6.0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	24	8	9	98

Middle Tennessee	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
MEAD, Gretchen	6.0	6	3	3	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	25	7	4	92
CARCICH, Kamryn L,5-5	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	6	2	1	26

Pitches/strikes: K. Gardner 18/11; K. Houchens 98/59; MEAD 92/62; CARCICH 26/12.

Umpires - HP: Steve Wenner 1B: Ken Cato 3B: Darryl Sanders

Start: 6 p.m. Time: 2:23 Attendance: 173

Weather: 67 degrees

K. Gardner faced 1 batter in the 2nd.

MEAD faced 1 batter in the 7th.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Apr. 15, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

MIDDLE TENNESSEE TIES SERIES WITH WKU IN 4-2 WIN ON SATURDAY

PDF box score is attached

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Western Kentucky fell to the Middle Tennessee Blue Raiders late Saturday afternoon, 2-4, that was garnered with Faith Hegh's fifth home run of the season. MTSU now ties the series that will wrap up tomorrow afternoon.

From the circle, Katie Gardner walked and struck out three at the plate, while six different Hilltoppers picked up hits against the Blue Raider defense.

WKU 2, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 4

Middle got moving first in front of their home crowd with a RBI single into the six-spot in the bottom of the second inning to gain a run lead.

In the fifth inning, MTSU picked up their largest lead of the ballgame after Laura Mealer's RBI single into center field that scored two. Later in the frame, she stole second and advanced home unearned on the Hilltopper error for a 4-0 lead.

Putting runs onto the board, Faith Hegh swung for right field trees on the 3-2 pitch, for her fifth home run of the season that scored two in the sixth inning.

Katie Gardner came back in the circle for the Red and White moving her record to 11-11. The Bowling Green native gave up only three earned runs off of six hits, walking three, and striking out three in 29 batters faced in Tennessee.

The Hilltoppers and Blue Raiders will meet back for the series finale tomorrow at Blue Raider Softball Field. First pitch is scheduled for 12 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- Being a regional rival prior to Conference USA, the Hilltoppers and Blue Raiders are now 47-22 in WKU's favor.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 512 all-time, while 295 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .403 batting average, while also owning 48 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 42 hits and stolen 16 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 305 hits, 176 RBIs, a .299 batting average with 19 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU (23-16) -vs- Middle Tennessee (26-13)
4/15/2023 at Murfreesboro, TN (Blue Raider Field)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
WKU	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	6	2
Middle Tennessee	0	1	0	0	3	0	X	4	6	0

WKU 2

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Faith Hegh rf	3	1	1	2	1	1	0
Taylor Davis lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	4
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Addy Edgmon dp	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jessica Bush 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	1	1	1	0	2	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	2	6	2	3	2	6

2B: Kelsey Schmidt (1)
HR: Faith Hegh (1)
SB: Taylor Davis (1); TJ Webster (2)
CS: Anniston Bray (1)
E: Randi Drinnon (1); Jessica Bush (1)

Middle Tennessee 4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
ECHOLS, Shelby 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
MEALER, Laura ss	4	1	1	2	0	0	3
TEPE, Ava c	3	0	1	0	0	1	0
GILMORE, Riley dp	3	0	1	0	0	1	2
CZAJKOWSKI, Claire pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GARCIA, Julia 3b	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
SARGENT, Shelby cf	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
BLEVINS, Ansley 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CARCICH, Kamryn p	3	1	3	1	0	0	0
HARRIS, Amaya rf	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
MEDLOCK, Lexi lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	4	6	3	3	3	7

SH: ECHOLS, Shelby (1); BLEVINS, Ansley (1)
SB: ECHOLS, Shelby (1); MEALER, Laura (1)
HBP: ECHOLS, Shelby (1); HARRIS, Amaya (1)

WKU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner (L, 11-11)	6.0	6	4	3	3	3	2	0	2	0	22	29	7	8	91
Totals		6	4	3	3	3	2	0	2	0	22	29	7	8	91

Middle Tennessee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
CARCICH, Kamryn (W, 6-5)	7.0	6	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	26	29	12	6	100
Totals		6	2	2	3	2	0	0	0	1	26	29	12	6	100

Win: CARCICH, Kamryn (6-5)
Loss: Katie Gardner (11-11)
HBP: Katie Gardner
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Ken Cato First: Darryl Sanders Third Base: Steve Wenner
Start: 4 p.m. **Time:** 1:45 **Attendance:** 203 **Weather:** 78 degrees

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Apr. 16, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
WKU DROPS SERIES TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE**

PDF box score is attached

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – WKU fell to Middle Tennessee, 0-1, at the Blue Raider Softball Complex Sunday afternoon. A solid game on defense, the Hilltoppers held MTSU to only one run off of six hits.

Pitching, Kelsie Houchens picked up her second complete game of the season, as TJ Webster was two-for-three on the day and only getting out twice the entire series.

WKU 0, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 1

In a head start in the bottom of the first inning, Middle Tennessee shot a triple to the right field line, then advanced home on a Hilltopper error for a quick, 1-0 lead.

TJ Webster went two-for-three on the afternoon: picking up an infield hit in the six-spot in the third inning for the first Hilltopper hit.

In the fourth inning, Brylee Hage notched her 40th hit of the season, good for a double into right-center field. Later in the next frame, Webster collected her second hit of the day: a triple in right field to get moving into scoring position.

Kelsie Houchens took the circle for her 11th career start as a redshirt-sophomore. In her six innings of work, she gave up one run off of six hits, walking one, and striking out two – including C-USA's batting average leader, Laura Mealer.

WKU is back at home in Bowling Green to take on in-state rival, Louisville, at the WKU Softball Complex, Wednesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- Being a regional rival prior to Conference USA, the Hilltoppers and Blue Raiders are now 47-33 in WKU's favor.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 512 all-time, while 295 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is leading the Tops with a .405 batting average, while also owning 47 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 41 hits and stolen 15 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 308 hits, 176 RBIs, a .294 batting average with 20 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, Apr. 18, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

WKU SET FOR IN-STATE MIDWEEK WITH LOUISVILLE

Louisville // April 19 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 41: Louisville Wednesday, Mar. 29 | 6 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Promotions

WHITE OUT - T-shirt giveaway to first 75 fans

White pom pom giveaway to first 75 fans

Kelsey Schmidt Trading Card giveaway to the first 50 fans

Game Notes

[WKU](#) | Louisville

Series History

Louisville Leads, 19-3; [Full History](#)

Social Media

[@WKUSoftball](#) 

| [@WKU Softball](#) 

| [Facebook](#) 

| [YouTube](#) 

| [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – In a five-game homestand in six days on The Hill, the Hilltoppers are back in Bowling Green to kick off an in-state match up with the Louisville Cardinals tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. CT.

As the Cards are posting 10-4 in the ACC, the last meeting between WKU and Louisville was a 0-3 loss for the Tops up north in Louisville. The Cardinals last came to Bowling Green in 2019 with a 7-2 final in the Cards' favor. Louisville holds the all-time series at 19-3.

Another weekend run in Conference USA action, the Hilltoppers went one-for-three in the series at Middle Tennessee, ending a six-game road test. In Friday evening's series opener with the Blue Raiders, the Tops came back from a 2-3 deficit after six, only to come by a bases-loaded Taylor Davis two-run single into left field to earn the late comeback and open the three games. WKU fell short in the final two match ups.

Streaming will be available on the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network via [Facebook Live](#) for the Wednesday contests. "Voice of the Lady Toppers" Brad Klein will be on the call.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

MIDWEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday

WKU vs. Louisville

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- A longtime in-state rival, Louisville leads the all-time series, 19-3. The last match up between the Tops and Cardinals was 2021 featuring a 7-2 Louisville victory in the northern city. WKU won the first meeting ever between the two, back in 2001 at the program's inception. The last win over the Cards for the Red and White was in 2007 in Bowling Green.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She is 512 all-time and owns 295 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- Now holding first place in the C-USA standings, pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (146), while Faith Hegh is second in the league in batting average (.397) and Taylor Sanders is third with home runs (9) and first in RBIs per game (1.18). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are second in conference in batting average (.299).
- Faith Hegh leads the nation in doubles this season with 17. She is two doubles away from tying the single-season record in program history.
- WKU is set to host five games in six days on The Hill, starting with the Wednesday midweek with Louisville. The Tops will see Florida Atlantic for a C-USA three-game series before hosting the final midweek of the season with No. 12 Arkansas Monday night.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the tops with a .397 batting average off of 48 hits and 30 RBIs, while Taylor Davis is collecting 42 hits on the season and tied with TJ Webster with 16 stolen bases a piece. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 39 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with nine home runs. Senior Katie Gardner boasts a 3.66 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 29 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .299 batting average, 308 hits off the bats with 192 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, Apr. 19, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TOPS OUTHIT CARDINALS IN 3-2 LOSS

PDF box score is attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – In a battle in the bluegrass, the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers outhit the Louisville Cardinals in a 2-3 loss at the WKU Softball Complex. Katie Gardner recorded her 14th complete game as six different Hilltoppers collected hits on the evening over the Cards.

Pitching, Gardner struck out an immense five batters at the plate – the most of any Power Five opponent faced this season. Faith Hegh got moving on offense for the Red and White with her 15th multi-hit game of her WKU career.

WKU 2, LOUISVILLE 3

A quiet start for both teams as the Hilltoppers' Kaytlan Kemp was the first to record a hit up the middle in the bottom of the second, after Gardner picked up a first inning strikeout and retired three straight in the top of two.

Later in the third inning, Gardner would notch her third three-strike strikeout of the season, as the Cardinals Hannah File struck out looking after an 0-2 count.

Louisville got moving on the board first: a solo home run right down to center field sealed the first run of the fourth inning. The Cards would later pick up an unearned RBI double for a 2-0 lead.

Waging the gap more in the top of the fifth, Louisville would head home once more on an RBI groundout to the six-spot for their final run of the evening in Bowling Green.

WKU didn't back down in the batter's box. Outfielder Brylee Hage sliced a two-run single up the middle, scoring Heghand pinch runner Kasia Parks to put the Hilltoppers in a better scoring contention.

While Gardner put away eight straight in the next two innings with no harm done at home plate, it wasn't enough for the home team with a 3-2 boxscore.

Moving to a 11-12 record on the year, Katie Gardner worked through the circle only giving up three runs off of five hits. She walked three at the plate while striking out five – compared to Louisville's combined two K's to the Hilltopperoffense on the night.

WKU is set to take on Florida Atlantic for another Conference USA three-game series, Friday-Sunday at the WKU Softball Complex. First pitch of the series is scheduled for Friday at 6 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Red team battle continues, as Louisville still holds the all-time series record, 20-3.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 512 all-time, while 295 as WKU's head coach.

- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .403 batting average, while also owning 50 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 43 hits and stolen 16 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 315 hits, 178 RBIs, a .294 batting average with 20 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
 Louisville at Western Kentucky
 Apr 19, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Louisville 3 (29-14)

Western Kentucky 2 (23-18)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Korbe Otis cf	4	0	0	0
Easton Lotus 2b	3	0	0	0
Hannah File 1b	4	1	1	0
Taylor Roby p/dh	2	0	1	0
Vanessa Miller pr	0	0	0	0
Sarah Gordon c	4	1	1	2
Daisy Hess ss	3	0	0	0
Madison Winkler lf	3	1	0	0
Ally Alexander 3b	3	0	0	0
Paige Geraghty rf	3	0	2	1
Alyssa Zabala dh/p	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	3	5	3

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	3	1	2	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	1	0	1	0
Brylee Hage cf	4	0	1	2
Randi Drinnon c	4	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	1	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	0	1	0
Jessica Bush 3b	1	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 3b	1	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	2	0	1	0
Kasia Parks pr	0	1	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	2	7	2

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Louisville	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	5	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	7	3

E - Lotus(8); K. Schmidt(7); A. Newman 2(2). LOB - Louisville 8; WKU 8. 2B - File(4); Geraghty(2). HR - Gordon(7). HBP - F. Hegh. SH - T. Davis 2(12); J. Bush(3); T. Webster(3). SB - Otis(18); Miller, V.(4); Winkler(3).
 Strikeouts - Otis; File 2; Hess; Alexander; B. Hage; A. Newman. Walks - Lotus; Roby 2; T. Davis; A. Newman.

Louisville	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Taylor Roby W,9-5	4.1	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	14	19	4	7	57
Alyssa Zabala S,2	2.2	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	12	5	2	49
Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner L,11-12	7.0	5	3	2	3	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	29	32	7	9	104

WP - K. Gardner(8). HBP - by Roby (F. Hegh). Pitches/strikes: Roby 57/38; Zabala 49/29; K. Gardner 104/58.

Umpires - HP: Donnie Whitehead 1B: James Nabors 3B: Jay Davis

Start: 6:00pm Time: 2:05 Attendance: 371

Weather: 82 degrees, clear, 10 mph N

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, Apr. 20, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

SOFTBALL OPENS THREE-GAME SERIES HOSTING FLORIDA ATLANTIC

Florida Atlantic Series // April 21-23 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 42: Florida Atlantic

Friday, Apr. 21 | 6 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 43: Florida Atlantic

Saturday, Apr. 22 | 1 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 44: Florida Atlantic

Sunday, Apr. 23 | 1 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

-Faculty & Staff Appreciation Weekend- Faculty & Staff get in free & receive one additional free ticket to each game

[Promotions](#)

-Jessica Bush (Friday), Taylor Sanders (Saturday), and Brylee Hage (Sunday) Trading Card giveaways

Game Notes

WKU | Florida Atlantic

Series History

FAU Leads, 27-24; [Full History](#)

Social Media

[@WKUSoftball](#)  | [@WKU Softball](#)  | [Facebook](#)  | [YouTube](#)  | [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The WKU Hilltoppers are back for another three-game series in Conference USA action playing host to the Florida Atlantic Owls Friday-Sunday at the WKU Softball Complex in Bowling Green. First pitch for the series opener is set for 6 p.m. CT on Friday evening.

Leading C-USA in the current softball standings, FAU comes to the Hilltoppers' house 27-24 all-time in the series. The Tops have won the last eight of ten match ups between the two opponents, including a dominant 14-3 blowout during the 2022 Conference USA Tournament.

A weekend run in Conference USA action, the Hilltoppers went one-for-three in the series at Middle Tennessee, ending a six-game road test. In Friday evening's series opener with the Blue Raiders, the Tops came back from a 2-3 deficit after six, only to come by a bases-loaded Taylor Davis two-run single into left field to earn the late comeback and open the three games. WKU fell short in the final two match ups. Battling in front of the home crowd, WKU fell just short to in-state rival Louisville 3-2, as the Tops outhit the Cardinals and Katie Gardner threw a five strikeout effort from the circle.

Streaming will be available on the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network via [Facebook Live](#) for the weekend contests. "Voice of the Lady Toppers" Brad Klein will be on the call Friday and Saturday, while former letterwinner and HAF director Kat (Downing) Smith will close out the series behind the mic on Sunday.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

GAMES 41-43

Friday

WKU vs. Florida Atlantic

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, Apr. 21, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

Saturday

WKU vs. Florida Atlantic

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Apr. 22, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

Sunday

WKU vs. Florida Atlantic

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Apr. 23, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU has won the last eight of 10 match ups to the Owls, and FAU leads the all-time series 27-24 since first meeting back in 2007.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She is 512 all-time and owns 295 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- Pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (151), while Faith Hegh is second in the league in batting average (.403) and Taylor Sanders is third with home runs (9) and first in RBIs per game (1.18). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are second in conference in batting average (.294).
- Faith Hegh leads the nation in doubles this season with 17. She is two doubles away from tying the single-season record in program history.
- WKU is set to host five games in six days on The Hill that started with the Wednesday midweek against Louisville. The Tops will see Florida Atlantic for a C-USA three-game series before hosting the final midweek of the season with No. 12 Arkansas Monday night.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the tops with a .403 batting average off of 50 hits and 30 RBIs, while Taylor Davis is collecting 42 hits on the season and tied with TJ Webster with 16 stolen bases a piece. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 39 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with nine home runs. Senior Katie Gardner boasts a 3.64 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 30 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .294 batting average, 315 hits off the bats with 194 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Apr. 21, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

FRIDAY EVENING GAME PUSHED TO SATURDAY DOUBLEHEADER WITH FAU

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- Due to the inclement weather and field conditions in Bowling Green, tonight's opening series game against Florida Atlantic had been pushed to tomorrow at the WKU Softball Complex. The Hilltoppers and the Owls will play a doubleheader tomorrow, starting at 1 p.m. CT.

The first game of the doubleheader will feature the Jessica Bush trading card giveaway, while game two will display Taylor Sanders' trading card for fans.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Apr. 22, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HILLTOPPERS SWEEP FLORIDA ATLANTIC WITH PAIR OF ONE-RUN GAMES
PDF box scores are attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers took their third C-USA series of the season with a Saturday doubleheader sweep of Florida Atlantic at the WKU Softball Complex. Both one-run games, Katie Gardner earned the 3-2 win in the series opener, while Kelsie Houchens shutout the Owls 1-0 from the circle for game two.

Off the bats, Taylor Davis was .667 at the plate between both games, securing a game-winning RBI triple and four hits on the afternoon. Faith Hegh was three-for-six, while Kaytlan Kemp went two-for-five for the Hilltopper offense.

Game 1: WKU 3, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 2

The Hilltoppers got an early first inning lead with a sacrifice-fly off the bat of Brylee Hage after a Faith Hegh leadoff double – her 18th of the season as the nation's doubles leader. Later in the frame, Kaytlan Kemp shot her third triple of the year down the right field line, good for an RBI as Taylor Davis went home.

The Owls drew a run across the board as an RBI double in the second inning plated a 2-1 ballgame in the Hilltoppers' favor.

FAU's two-spot hitter picked up the only home run on the afternoon: a 0-0 pick into right-center field that drew the tying run.

WKU clinched the game in the bottom of the fourth: second baseman Abby Newman singled down the left field line on the 0-2 as Kemp headed across the plate for the go-ahead.

In the circle, Katie Gardner picked up her 15th complete game of the season that included only two runs off of four hits, six strikeouts and four walked batters in her seven innings of work.

Game 2: WKU 1, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 0

Picking up the .667 day at the plate, Davis notched the first hit of the ballgame with a bunt infield single right to third base in the first inning.

Starting at catcher, Jessica Bush popped in a blooper into shallow left field for a single to get into scoring position in the fifth.

The lone run of the game was courtesy of Taylor Davis who picked up her third triple of her career. The Madison, Ala. native swung on the 1-1 pitch, where the ball hit into left-center field past the fielder and sent Hegh home.

Kelsie Houchens pitched her third complete game of the season, as she gained no runs off of five hits. She walked seven, but put away six right at the plate for her second career shutout.

The Tops will face Florida Atlantic for the series finale tomorrow at the WKU Softball Complex. First pitch is scheduled for 1 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers are inching towards an all-time series tie with the Owls, now standing at 27-26, FAU.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 513 all-time, while 296 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is leading the Tops with a .408 batting average, while also owning 53 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 47 hits and stolen 17 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 327 hits, 182 RBIs, a .293 batting average with 20 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Florida Atlantic (29-14) -vs- Western Kentucky (24-18)
4/22/2023 at Bowling Green, Ky.. (WKU Softball Complex)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Florida Atlantic	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	1
Western Kentucky	2	0	0	1	0	0	X	3	8	2

Florida Atlantic 2

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
PRESUTTI, Cammeo cf/dh	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
PETERSON, O c	4	1	1	1	0	1	2
MORA, Jesiana 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
JONES, Zoey 1b	3	0	0	0	0	2	1
ORLAND, Caryssa lf	2	1	0	0	1	0	1
ENNIS, Riley dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
CUNNINGHAM, Kaitlyn cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JONES, Becca 2b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
BAKER, Sommer ss	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
OLSON, Riley rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	2
OTA, Abby pr	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
SACCO, Gabby p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAMBERT, Ainsley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	2	4	2	4	6	6

2B: BAKER, Sommer (1)
HR: PETERSON, O (1)
SH: BAKER, Sommer (1)
E: BAKER, Sommer (1)

Western Kentucky 3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Faith Hegh rf	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	1
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	1	2	1	0	1	1
Jessica Bush c	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Addy Edgmon pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	3	0	1	1	0	1	0
Kennedy Foote 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	3	8	3	2	4	4

2B: Faith Hegh (1); Kaytlan Kemp (1)
3B: Kaytlan Kemp (1)
SF: Brylee Hage (1)
SB: Taylor Davis (1)
E: Kelsey Schmidt (1); Kennedy Foote (1)

Florida Atlantic	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
SACCO, Gabby (L, 17-4)	4.0	7	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	17	19	8	1	69
LAMBERT, Ainsley	2.0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	7	8	3	0	23
Totals		8	3	3	2	4	0	0	0	0	24	27	11	1	92

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner (W, 12-12)	7.0	4	2	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	24	29	7	6	102
Totals		4	2	2	4	6	0	0	0	0	24	29	7	6	102

Win: Katie Gardner (12-12)
Loss: SACCO, Gabby (17-4)
HBP: None
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Jeffery Blanken First: Aaron Golden Third Base: Matt Leisure
Start: 1:00pm **Time:** 1:48 **Attendance:** 271 **Weather:** 63 degrees, clear, 9 mph E

Florida Atlantic (29-15) -vs- Western Kentucky (25-18)
4/22/2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Florida Atlantic	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	4	0

Florida Atlantic 0

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
PRESUTTI, Cammeo cf/dh	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
PETERSON, O c	1	0	0	0	3	0	0
MORA, Jesiana 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
ORLAND, Caryssa lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	7
ENNIS, Riley dh/ph	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
CUNNINGHAM, Kaitlyn pr/cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JONES, Becca 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
AMM, Maya 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
JONES, Zoey 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
BAKER, Sommer ss	2	0	0	0	1	2	1
OLSON, Riley rf	3	0	1	0	0	2	2
GARDNER, Lynn p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	0	5	0	7	6	10

2B: MORA, Jesiana (1); ENNIS, Riley (1); OLSON, Riley (1)
SB: PETERSON, O (1); OLSON, Riley (1)
CS: CUNNINGHAM, Kaitlyn (1)

Western Kentucky 1

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Faith Hegh rf	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	2	1	0	0	0
Brylee Hage cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Kaytlan Kemp dh	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
Jessica Bush c	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Kasia Parks pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Kennedy Foote 3b	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Payton O'Connor ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	1	4	1	1	4	3

3B: Taylor Davis (1)
SH: Brylee Hage (1)
CS: Kasia Parks (1)

Florida Atlantic	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
GARDNER, Lynn (L, 8-6)	6.0	4	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	20	22	7	6	96
Totals		4	1	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	20	22	7	6	96

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Kelsie Houchens (W, 8-4)	7.0	5	0	0	7	6	1	0	0	0	24	31	10	3	116
Totals		5	0	0	7	6	1	0	0	0	24	31	10	3	116

Win: Kelsie Houchens (8-4)
Loss: GARDNER, Lynn (8-6)
HBP: None
PB: PETERSON, O

Umpires: Home Plate: Aaron Golden First: Matt Leisure Third Base: Jeffery Blanken
Start: 3:30pm **Time:** 2:03 **Attendance:** 237 **Weather:** 63 degrees. overcast, 13 mph E

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Apr. 23, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

SOFTBALL SET FOR RANKED MATCH UP WITH NO. 12 ARKANSAS

Arkansas // April 24 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 45: No. 12 Arkansas Sunday, Apr. 23 | 6 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

Promotions

- Popsicles to first 100 students
- Red Towel giveaway
- TJ Webster Trading Card giveaway

Game Notes

WKU | Arkansas

Series History

ARK Leads, 2-1; [Full History](#)

Social Media

[@WKUSoftball](#)  | [@WKU Softball](#)  | [Facebook](#)  | [YouTube](#)  | [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The Western Kentucky Softball Program is set to play its final midweek of the 2023 season as they host ranked SEC opponent Arkansas at the WKU Softball Complex in Bowling Green. The contest on Monday, April 24 is set for a scheduled 6 p.m. CT first pitch.

Only meeting three times in program history, the Razorbacks and Hilltoppers hold a 2-1 all-time series, as Arkansas was last in Bowling Green in 2022 in an 8-2 match up, taking a late seventh inning rally. The lone WKU victory was a 1-0 neutral tournament win in 2007 in Tampa.

Battling in front of the home crowd, WKU fell just short to in-state rival Louisville 3-2, as the Tops outit the Cardinals and Katie Gardner threw a five-strikeout effort from the circle. The Hilltoppers took their first series outright since the March sweep over North Texas back on The Hill. In a pair of one-run games, WKU defeated Florida Atlantic, 3-2, in Saturday's first doubleheader game, followed by a 1-0 shutout in the second match up. Katie Gardner and Kelsie Houchens both went in for complete games, totaling 12 strikeouts at the plate.

Streaming will be available on the Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network via [Facebook Live](#) for the midweek match up. "Voice of the Lady Toppers", Brad Klein, will be on the call.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

GAME 45

Monday

WKU vs. No. 12 Arkansas

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Monday, Apr. 24, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- Arkansas and WKU have a 2-1 all-time series record in the Razorbacks' favor. WKU's lone win was a 1-0 shutout in 2007.

- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She is 514 all-time and owns 297 of those wins as the head coach at WKU.
- Pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (162), while Faith Hegh is second in the league in batting average (.398) and Taylor Sanders is third with home runs (9) and first in RBIs per game (1.18). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are second in conference in batting average (.290).
- Faith Hegh leads the nation in doubles this season with 18. She is one double away from tying the single-season record in program history.
- WKU is back on the road for the final time in regular season with a three-game series in Miami to take on FIU.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the tops with a .398 batting average off of 53 hits and 30 RBIs, while Taylor Davis is collecting 49 hits and 17 stolen bases on the season. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 39 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with nine home runs. Senior Katie Gardner boasts a 3.69 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 32 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .290 batting average, 330 hits off the bats with 199 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Apr. 23, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
TOPS TAKE FAU SERIES; DROP THIRD GAME SUNDAY**

PDF box score is attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – While dropping the series finale, 5-1, against Florida Atlantic Sunday afternoon, WKU still took two-of-three ballgames to take the series and their third of C-USA this season.

“We had our chances and prepared really well for them”, said head coach Amy Tudor. “We played hard and it just didn’t go our way today. We still took the series and I’m proud of them”.

Katie Gardner and Kelsie Houchens combined for eight strikeouts, giving up eight hits for a five-run day. On the Hilltopper offense, Taylor Davis had a perfect two-for-two afternoon at the plate, while Brylee Hage also picked up an infield hit with a bunt.

WKU 1, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 5

The Owls moved on the board first with a two-run double into right-center field in the top of the fourth inning.

WKU made it a 2-1 game as second baseman Abby Newman drew a bases-loaded walk, and outfielder Taylor Davis crossed the plate.

The Owls plated three more in the fifth inning with a sacrifice-fly and RBI single down the left field line for the 5-1 final box.

In the circle, Katie Gardner is now 12-13, picking up five strikeouts and walking two, while giving up four runs off of six hits. Kelsie Houchens came in for relief in the middle of four, giving up a run, two hits, walking four, and taking care of three at the plate.

The Tops are back for their final midweek of the season, playing host to No. 12 Arkansas at the WKU Softball Complex, tomorrow evening at 6 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers are inching towards an all-time series tie with the Owls, now standing at 28-26, FAU.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 513 all-time, while 296 as WKU’s head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is leading the Tops with a .398 batting average, while also owning 53 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 49 hits and stolen 17 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 330 hits, 183 RBIs, a .290 batting average with 20 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
 Florida Atlantic at Western Kentucky
 Apr 23, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Florida Atlantic 5 (30-15)

Western Kentucky 1 (25-19)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
PRESUTTI, Cammeo cf/dh	3	0	0	0
PETERSON, O c	3	0	1	0
MORA, Jesiana 3b	4	1	1	0
ENNIS, Riley dh	4	1	1	0
CUNNINGHAM, Kaitlyn p	0	1	0	0
OLSON, Riley rf	2	2	1	0
JONES, Becca 2b	2	0	1	1
AMM, Maya 2b	1	0	0	0
ORLAND, Caryssa lf	2	0	0	0
OTA, Abby ph/lf	1	0	1	2
BAKER, Sommer ss	3	0	1	2
JONES, Zoey 1b	4	0	1	0
SACCO, Gabby p	0	0	0	0
LAMBERT, Ainsley p	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	5	8	5

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	3	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	2	1	2	0
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	1	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	2	0	0	0
Jessica Bush c	3	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	2	0	0	1
Kennedy Foote 3b	3	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	1	3	1

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Florida Atlantic	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	5	8	0
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	1

E - K. Foote(13). LOB - FAU 10; WKU 4. 2B - OLSON, Riley(6); JONES, Becca(5); BAKER, S(5); T. Davis(2). SH - K. Schmidt(3). SF - JONES, Becca(3). CS - T. Davis(1).
 Strikeouts - PRESUTTI, C; PETERSON, O; MORA, J; ENNIS, Riley; OLSON, Riley; AMM, Maya; ORLAND, C; BAKER, S; F. Hegh. Walks - PRESUTTI, C; PETERSON, O; OLSON, Riley 2; OTA, Abby; BAKER, S; T. Davis; K. Kemp; A. Newman.

Florida Atlantic	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
SACCO, Gabby W,18-4	4.0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	17	8	3	72
LAMBERT, Ainsley	3.0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	9	6	2	30

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner L,12-13	4.0	6	4	4	2	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	21	4	3	79
Kelsie Houchens	3.0	2	1	1	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	15	2	4	66

WP - K. Gardner(9); K. Houchens(4). Pitches/strikes: SACCO, Gabby 72/46; LAMBERT, A 30/19; K. Gardner 79/53; K. Houchens 66/32.

Umpires - HP: Matt Leisure 1B: Jeffery Blanken 3B: Aaron Golden

Start: 1:00pm Time: 2:08 Attendance: 137

Weather: 50 degrees, cloudy, 7 mph E

K. Gardner faced 2 batters in the 5th.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Monday, Apr. ,24 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HILLTOPPERS DROP TO NO. 12 RAZORBACKS
PDF box score is attached**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – In WKU’s final non-conference match up of the season, along with the last midweek of 2023, the Hilltoppers were blanked, 7-0, off of Arkansas’ offense at the WKU Softball Complex Monday night. In front of the largest crowd seen at the Complex this season, Katie Gardner and Kelsie Houchens combined for seven strikeouts, while TJ Webster marked a 2-for-3 evening at the plate – her 11th multi-hit game of the season.

“They [Arkansas] capitalized on a couple of our errors”, said head coach Amy Tudor. “Credit to them, they took advantage. I hope we learn from this game and get back to work tomorrow.”

WKU 0, ARKANSAS 7

After three scoreless innings from both sides, the Razorbacks took advantage of two on base for a three-run shot over the center field wall on the 1-1 pitch for a 3-0 lead. Another solo home run from the next Razorback up and an RBI double led to a 5-0 ballgame after the top of four.

In the fifth inning, Arkansas made way with a bases-loaded RBI fielder’s choice: getting their nine-spot batter out at second, while six-spot headed across the plate.

The final run of the game was a an RBI single into left field in the sixth inning to cap off the shutout in Bowling Green.

Four different Tops picked up hits in the seven-inning match up. Kaytlan Kemp and Kelsey Schmidt made way with base hits, as Taylor Davis hit for a double, her third of the season, while TJ Webster gained the only multi-hit night for the Red and White.

Katie Gardner got the go in the circle, giving up only four earned runs and striking out two in 3.1 innings of work. In relief, Kelsie Houchens gave up an earned run and collected five K’s in the circle for WKU.

The Tops are back for their final road trip of the season, heading to Miami to take on FIU for a three-game weekend series, April 28-30.

TOP STORYLINES

- Arkansas leads the all-time series at 3-1 against WKU.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 513 all-time, while 296 as WKU’s head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .387 batting average, while also owning 53 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 50 hits and stolen 17 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 335 hits, 183 RBIs, a .287 batting average with 20 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Arkansas at Western Kentucky
Apr 24, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Arkansas 7 (35-13)

Western Kentucky 0 (25-20)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Reagan Johnson cf	4	1	2	1
Hannah Camenzind ph	1	0	0	0
Raigan Kramer lf	4	0	0	0
TyMBER Riley ph	1	0	0	0
Cylie Halvorson 1b	2	0	1	1
Rylee Cloud ph	1	0	0	0
Rylin Hedgecock dh	3	0	0	0
Hannah Gammill 3b	3	1	0	0
Lauren Camenzind c	4	2	0	0
Madi Conklin c	0	0	0	0
Kristina Foreman 2b	4	1	2	1
Kacie Hoffmann rf	4	1	2	3
Cally Kildow rf	0	0	0	0
Atalyia Rijo ss	2	1	1	1
Chenise Delce p	0	0	0	0
Nikki McGaffin p	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	7	8	7

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh rf	4	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	1	0
TJ Webster ss	3	0	2	0
Brylee Hage cf	3	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	0	1	0
Abby Newman 2b	3	0	0	0
Jessica Bush c	2	0	0	0
Anniston Bray ph	1	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 3b	2	0	0	0
Payton O'Connor ph	1	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	1	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	0	5	0

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Arkansas	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	7	8	3
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4

E - Foreman; Kildow; Delce; T. Webster; A. Newman 2; K. Foote. LOB - Arkansas 11; WKU 7. 2B - Halvorson; T. Davis. HR - Hoffmann; Rijo. HBP - Gammill. SB - Johnson 2; Foreman. Strikeouts - Kramer; Riley; Cloud; Hedgecock 2; Hoffmann; Rijo; F. Hegh; T. Webster; B. Hage; K. Kemp; A. Newman; A. Bray; K. Foote; P. O'Connor. Walks - Halvorson 2; Hedgecock; Rijo 2.

Arkansas	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Chenise Delce W,18-5	5.0	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	21	5	5	83
Nikki McGaffin	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	1	2	25
Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner L,12-14	3.1	6	5	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	19	1	7	77
Kelsie Houchens	3.2	2	2	1	4	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	20	3	3	80

HBP - by K. Houchens (Gammill). PB - J. Bush 2. Pitches/strikes: Delce 83/54; McGaffin 25/18; K. Gardner 77/43; K. Houchens 80/41.
Umpires - HP: Joseph Salazar 1B: Donnie Whitehead 3B: James Cooper
Start: 6:00pm Time: 2:12 Attendance: 423
Weather: 58 degrees, clear, 7 mph S

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, Apr. 27, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
TOPS SET FOR FINAL REGULAR SEASON ROAD SERIES AT FIU**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. -- In the final road series of the regular season, the WKU Hilltoppers are in Miami to take on the FIU Panthers at Felsburg Field. The three game series is set to begin on Friday, April 29 with first pitch at 4 p.m. CT.

Holding a slight advantage in a long-standing series, WKU is 36-35 all-time against FIU, including nine wins in the last 10 contests between the two. The last game, back on April 3, 2022, resulted in a 8-0 run-rule game in favor of the Hilltoppers back in Bowling Green for the three-game series.

Last weekend on The Hill, The Hilltoppers took their first series outright since the March sweep over North Texas back on The Hill. In a pair of one-run games, WKU defeated Florida Atlantic, 3-2, in Saturday's first doubleheader game, followed by a 1-0 shutout in the second match up. Katie Gardner and Kelsie Houchens both went in for complete games, totaling 12 strikeouts at the plate. With the Hill- toppers' last midweek of the season, WKU hosted their first ranked opponent since Alabama in 2022 with the No. 12 Arkansas Razorbacks in Bowling Green Monday night. Despite a seven-strikeout effort from both Gardner and Houchens, the Tops were shutout, 7-0, on Monday.

This weekend's games will be available to stream on CUSAtv.

GAMES 46-48

Friday

WKU at FIU

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, Apr. 28, 2023 | 4 p.m. CT

Saturday

WKU at FIU

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, Apr. 29, 2023 | 12 p.m. CT

Sunday

WKU at FIU

[CUSAtv](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, Apr. 30, 2023 | 10 a.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- A long-standing series, WKU will see the Panthers for the 72nd, 73rd, and 74th times in program history being conference foes. The Tops have won the last nine of 10, while holding the slight all-time series lead of 36-35.

- Head coach
[Amy Tudor](#) earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 514 all-time, while 297 as WKU's head coach.
- The three-game series with FIU will be the final regular season road series for the Hilltoppers, as they're back home for Senior Weekend against LA Tech, and have clinched a spot in the C-USA Softball Tournament, hosted by LA Tech in Ruston, Louisiana.
- On the stat sheet, [Faith Hegh](#) is leading the Tops with a .387 batting average, while also owning 53 hits. [Taylor Sanders](#) leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while [Taylor Davis](#) has 50 hits and stolen 17 bases. Katie Gardner is leading the Hilltopper bullpen with a 3.83 ERA and 164 strikeouts in 33 appearances.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 335 hits, 156 RBIs, a .287 batting average with 20 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder [Taylor Davis](#) was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, Apr. 28, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HILLTOPPERS FALL AT FIU**

PDF box score is attached

MIAMI, Fla. – The WKU Hilltoppers in the series opener to Florida International, Friday evening at Felsburg Field in Miami. The 7-3 loss recorded a five-strikeout outing for Katie Gardner and Kelsie Houchens and Randi Drinnon's third home run of the season.

The Hilltoppers' leadoff three: TJ Webster, Taylor Davis, and Faith Hegh all collected a multi-hit night. Brylee Hage and Drinnon also saw action at the plate off the bats.

WKU 3, FIU 7

After holding the Panthers hitless through three, FIU gained five on the board in the fifth inning with three RBI singles and an RBI triple to pounce on the Tops.

Not giving in, WKU bounced back with a an RBI single from Faith Hegh into left-center field, scoring two in the top of the fifth inning.

In the sixth, Randi Drinnon collected her sixth career home run with a 1-1 shot into left field, good for one run and leaving a two-run ballgame in tow.

The final pair of runs for the Panthers were a double and single off of Kelsie Houchens, now in relief, as the Hilltoppers couldn't come back in the top frame.

Katie Gardner got the go in the circle, giving up only five runs off of five hits and striking out four in 4.0 innings of work. In relief, Kelsie Houchens gave up two runs and collected a strikeout in the rest.

WKU will play game two of the series against FIU tomorrow, April 29, with first pitch starting at 12 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- In a tight series, WKU and FIU are tied 36-36 all-time, having won the last nine of 11 contests between the two.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 513 all-time, while 296 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .390 batting average, while also owning 55 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 52 hits and stolen 17 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 343 hits, 186 RBIs, a .287 batting average with 21 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

Western Kentucky (25-21, 10-8 CUSA) -vs- FIU (21-24, 7-12 CUSA)
4/28/2023 at Miami, Fla. (Felsberg Field)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	8	0
FIU	0	0	0	5	0	2	X	7	8	0

Western Kentucky 3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
TJ Webster ss	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Faith Hegh rf/cf	4	0	2	2	0	0	2
Brylee Hage cf/rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	1
Kaytlan Kemp dp	4	0	0	0	0	0	4
Randi Drinnon c	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Abby Newman 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jessica Bush 3b	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	8	3	3	2	8

HR: Randi Drinnon (1)
SH: Kelsey Schmidt (1)

FIU 7

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
ROSS, Alexis cf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
MCCANN, Brooke cf	2	0	2	2	0	0	0
PEREZ, Isabella c	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
BROWN, Abigail ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
LEWIS, Madison lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
WHITNEY, Ella 1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
PEREZ, Carmen dp	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
LANSDELL, Ashton ss	2	2	1	0	1	1	0
IZARD, Frankie rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
DOWNING, Kaleena 3b	2	1	1	2	1	1	0
VARELA, Amelia 2b	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
NAVARRO, Makayla ph/2b	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
BIRLING, Sydney p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MCNICHOLS, Brooke p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	26	7	8	7	3	5	4

2B: NAVARRO, Makayla (1)
3B: NAVARRO, Makayla (1)
SB: WHITNEY, Ella (1); LANSDELL, Ashton (1)

Western Kentucky	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Katie Gardner (L, 12-15)	4.0	5	5	5	3	4	0	0	0	0	17	20	4	4	75
Kelsie Houchens	2.0	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	9	1	4	36
Totals		8	7	7	3	5	0	0	0	0	26	29	5	8	111

FIU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
BIRLING, Sydney (W, 6-6)	4.1	6	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	18	21	8	5	79
MCNICHOLS, Brooke	2.2	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	10	11	4	2	34
Totals		8	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	28	32	12	7	113

Win: BIRLING, Sydney (6-6)
Loss: Katie Gardner (12-15)
HBP: None
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Alan Freedman First: Brandon Jacobson Third Base: Johnny Saldivar
Start: 6 pm **Time:** 2:15 **Attendance:** 145 **Weather:** 81 degrees, Sunny

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, Apr. 29, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS EDGE PANTHERS, 4-1, ON SATURDAY

PDF box score is attached

MIAMI, Fla. – WKU and FIU are now tied in the series as the Hilltoppers took care of business with the Panthers in a 4-1 win on Saturday afternoon in Miami. Kelsie Houchens and Katie Gardner combined for a six-strikeout day, while Gardner picked up her first save of the season.

Off the bats, the Tops first four hitters in the lineup all gained a hit on the day, while senior Brylee Hage landed herself another multi-hit game and two RBIs in the field. Second baseman Kasia Parks and designated player Kaytlan Kemp both earned a hit at the plate, as well.

WKU 4, FIU 1

After a scoreless three innings, the Tops came on the board first with an RBI single into right field off the bat of Faith Hegh, who collects RBI no. 33 on the season in four.

In the top of the fifth inning, WKU gained three in the frame. Brylee Hage kicked off with a two-run double off the right field wall, sending TJ Webster and pinch runner Addy Edgmon across the plate. Subbing in at second base, Kasia Parks collects her first hit and RBI of the season with a shot into the six-spot, and scored Brylee Hage from third base.

In the bottom half, the Panthers edged one by with an RBI triple to score.

From the bullpen, Kelsie Houchens started up in the circle for the Red and White. She worked through 4.2 innings, giving up one run off of four hits, walking one and striking out three. Katie Gardner later came in for relief, giving up only three hits and striking out two in the rest of the ballgame.

The Hilltoppers and Panthers are back at Felsburg Field for the series finale, tomorrow, April 30. First pitch is scheduled for 10 a.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- In a tight series, WKU holds the slight lead with 37-36 all-time, having won the last nine of 12 contests between the two.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 515 all-time, while 298 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .389 batting average, while also owning 56 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 53 hits and stolen 18 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 351 hits, 190 RBIs, a .287 batting average with 21 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Western Kentucky at FIU
Apr 29, 2023 at Miami, Fla (Felsberg Field)

Western Kentucky 4 (26-21,11-8 CUSA)

FIU 1 (21-25,7-13 CUSA)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh cf	3	0	1	1	IZARD, Frankie cf	4	0	2	1
Taylor Davis lf	4	0	1	0	PEREZ, Isabella c	2	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	1	1	0	LEWIS, Madison lf	4	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	1	0	JOHANNING, Hanna lf	0	0	0	0
Addy Edgmon pr	0	1	0	0	WHITNEY, Ella 1b	2	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0	PEREZ, Carmen dh	2	0	0	0
Brylee Hage rf	4	2	2	2	BROWN, Abigail ph	1	0	1	0
Jessica Bush 3b	2	0	0	0	NAVARRO, Makayla 2b	3	0	1	0
Payton O'Connor ph	1	0	0	0	MCCANN, Brooke rf	3	0	1	0
Kennedy Foote 3b	0	0	0	0	LANSDELL, Ashton ss	3	0	2	0
Abby Newman 2b	0	0	0	0	DOWNING, Kaleena 3b	3	1	0	0
Kasia Parks pr/2b	2	0	1	1	KRUGER, Megan p	0	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	0	1	0	MCNICHOLS, Brooke p	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	Totals	27	1	7	1
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	26	4	8	4					

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	4	8	0
FIU	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	7	0

LOB - WKU 9; FIU 8. 2B - B. Hage(8). 3B - F. IZARD(2). HBP - A. Newman; E. Whitney. SH - K. Schmidt 2(6); J. Bush(4). SB - T. Davis(18); T. Webster(17); A. Lansdell(25). CS - F. IZARD(2). Strikeouts - K. Schmidt; B. Hage; K. Parks; K. Kemp; F. IZARD; M. Lewis; M. Navarro; B. McCann; A. Lansdell; K. Downing. Walks - F. Hegh; T. Webster; R. Drinnon 2; I. Perez 2.

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Kelsie Houchens W,9-4	4.2	4	1	1	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	17	19	3	7	62
Katie Gardner S,1	2.1	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	11	2	2	40
FIU	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
KRUGER, Megan L,6-6	4.0	4	1	1	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	15	20	5	4	76
MCNICHOLS, Brooke	3.0	4	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	14	4	4	55

HBP - by K. Houchens (E. Whitney); by M. Kruger (A. Newman). Pitches/strikes: K. Houchens 62/41; K. Gardner 40/23; M. Kruger 76/42; B. McNichols 55/36.

Umpires - HP: Brandon Jacobson 1B: Johnny Saldivar 3B: Alan Freedman

Start: 1 pm Time: 2:12 Attendance: 137

Weather: 87 degrees, partly sunny

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Sunday, Apr. 30, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

14-HIT DAY CnAPS 7-4 WIN OVER FIU

PDF box score is attached

MIAMI, Fla. – The Hilltoppers took their fourth Conference USA series of the season with a 7-4 win over FIU to take the series finale on Sunday afternoon. The two hour, 18 minute contest included five multi-hit days from the Hilltopper offense, topped with a three-for-four afternoon for Taylor Davis in the two-spot.

In the top of the fourth inning, Faith Hegh knocked in a double hitting the right field wall – now tied with the program record for most doubles in a single season from the WKU dugout, standing at 19.

WKU 7, FIU 4

Under overcast conditions, the Panthers got moving quickly and plated four on the Hilltoppers in the bottom opening frame with a WKU error and RBI double into right-center.

The Hilltoppers jumped back into the top of the third inning. After loading the bases with no outs, catcher Randi Drinnon stuck a two-run double into left-center field before outfielder Brylee Hage singled to left to make it a one-run game.

In a four-hit inning for the Tops, WKU made their comeback with a Taylor Davis single through the left side to score designated hitter Kaytlan Kemp. With a throw down to second base to catch Davis stealing, Faith Hegh took off from third base to slide into home plate safe for the 5-4 lead.

Bringing in insurance runs, WKU capped off two more over the plate with a sacrifice-fly from Faith Hegh and Davis' third hit of the day with an RBI double down the left field line for the final.

In the circle, Kelsie Houchens got the start and gave up four runs and three hits with a strikeout in the first inning. Coming into relief, Katie Gardner pitched the rest of the ballgame giving up only four hits, recording three strikeouts, and giving up four walks.

WKU is back for senior weekend and the final regular-season series on The Hill against LA Tech, May 5-7 at the WKU Softball Complex. First pitch is scheduled for 6 p.m. CT on Friday.

TOP STORYLINES

- In the series, WKU holds the lead with 38-36 all-time, having won the last 11 of 13 contests between the two.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville. She is 516 all-time, while 299 as WKU's head coach.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .395 batting average, while also owning 58 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 56 hits and stolen 18 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 365 hits, 196 RBIs, a .291 batting average with 21 home runs.

- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 FIU SOFTBALL
Western Kentucky at FIU
Apr 30, 2023 at Miami, Fla (Felsberg Field)

Western Kentucky 7 (27-21,12-8 CUSA)

FIU 4 (21-26,7-14 CUSA)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg
Faith Hegh cf	3	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	.400
Taylor Davis lf	4	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	.381
TJ Webster ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	.359
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	1	2	1	0	6	2	0	.258
Brylee Hage rf	4	0	2	1	0	0	4	0	2	.322
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	6	1	2	.200
Jessica Bush 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	.207
Kasia Parks 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	2	.278
Kaytlan Kemp dp	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	.278
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-
Totals	34	7	14	6	1	1	21	11	9	

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg
IZARD, Frankie cf	4	0	3	0	0	0	5	0	0	.304
PEREZ, Isabella c	3	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	0	.319
LEWIS, Madison rf	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	.227
JOHANNING, Hanna pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
WHITNEY, Ella dp	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	.337
MCCANN, Brooke lf	3	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	.255
LANSDELL, Ashton ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	.297
BROWN, Abigail 1b	3	0	1	2	1	1	4	0	0	.225
DOWNING, Kaleena 3b	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	1	.205
NAVARRO, Makayla 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	3	.248
BIRLING, Sydney p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
KRUGER, Megan p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
MCNICHOLS, Brooke p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	-
Totals	28	4	7	2	5	5	21	7	9	

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	2	2	0	0	7	14	1
FIU	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	1

E - T. Webster(6); A. Lansdell(8). LOB - WKU 9; FIU 9. 2B - F. Hegh(19); T. Davis(4); R. Drinnon(8); B. Hage(9); K. Parks(1); A. Brown(3). HBP - F. Hegh. SH - M. Lewis(1). SF - F. Hegh(4). SB - K. Kemp(7); F. IZARD(10); E. Whitney(3). CS - T. Davis(2).

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era
Kelsie Houchens	1.0	3	4	0	1	1	6	8	33	2.94
Katie Gardner	6.0	4	0	0	4	4	22	26	99	2.88

FIU	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era
BIRLING, Sydney	2.0	6	3	3	0	0	13	14	46	3.97
WHITNEY, Ella	1.2	4	2	2	1	1	8	9	34	4.77
KRUGER, Megan	1.1	3	2	2	0	0	6	7	17	2.52
MCNICHOLS, Brooke	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	7	7	22	4.47

Win - K. Gardner (13-15). Loss - E. Whitney (2-10). Save - None.

HBP - by S. Birling (F. Hegh). Inherited runners/scored: E. Whitney 2/0; M. Kruger 2/0. Pitches/strikes: K.

Houchens 33/18; K. Gardner 99/57; S. Birling 46/33; E. Whitney 34/22; M. Kruger 17/10; B. McNichols 22/14.

Umpires - HP: Johnny Saldivar 1B: Alan Freedman 3B: Brandon Jacobson

Start: 11 am Time: 2:18 Attendance: 105

Weather: 82 degrees,mostly cloudy

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, May 4, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TOPS PLAY HOST TO LA TECH FOR FINAL HOME SERIES

LA Tech Series // May 5-7 // WKU Softball Complex

Game 49: LA Tech Friday, Apr. 21 | 6 p.m. CT | [Behind the Mic](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 50: LA Tech Saturday, Apr. 22 | 1 p.m. CT | [Behind the Mic](#) | [Livestats](#)

Game 51: LA Tech Sunday, Apr. 23 | 1 p.m. CT | [HSSN on Facebook](#) | [Livestats](#)

-Military Appreciation Weekend: all military members active or retired receive free admission all weekend

[Promotions](#)

-Bark in the Park (Saturday): Hills Pet Nutrition dog tag giveaway to the first 115 fans

-Katie Gardner (Friday), Faith Hegh (Saturday), and Taylor Davis (Sunday) Trading Card giveaways

Game Notes WKU | [LA Tech](#)

Series History LA Tech Leads, 8-6; [Full History](#)

Social Media [@WKUSoftball](#)  | [@WKU Softball](#)  | [Facebook](#)  | [YouTube](#)  | [Tik Tok](#)

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – The WKU Hilltoppers are back for their final Conference USA regular series at home, playing host to Louisiana Tech for three games. Action starts Friday at 6 p.m. CT at the WKU Softball Complex in Bowling Green.

In anyone's game in the league, LA Tech comes to town for the first three-game series in both program's history in Bowling Green. The Lady Techsters lead the all-time series, 8-6, while WKU took the last contest over the no. 1 seed LA Tech in semifinal round of the 2022 C-USA Softball Tournament, 5-1, in Denton. The last win for the Red and White over LA Tech was back in 2011.

On the road for the final time in the regular season, WKU took their fourth C-USA series of the season with two wins down in Miami against FIU. While dropping Friday's series opener, 7-3, that included Randi Drinnon's third home run of the season, the Hilltoppers bounced back for a 4-1 effort on Saturday. Kelsie Houchens kept them scoreless for near four innings, as Faith Hegh, Brylee Hage, and Kasia Parks notched RBIs on offense for the Red and White. In Sunday's series finale, the Hilltoppers came back from a 0-4 first inning for their fifth come-from-behind win of the season that featured Hegh tying the program record with 19 doubles this season.

Streaming will be available on the secondary network, [Behind the Mic](#), for Friday and Saturday's games. The Hilltopper Sports Satellite Network via [Facebook Live](#) is the stream for Sunday's home finale. Scott Thompson will be on the call for all three contests.

Due to the construction for the new WKU Soccer/Softball Complex, the south entrance via Creason Street is closed. Fans can enter and purchase tickets on the north end, down the sidewalk via the Creason lot in between left field and PS3. Concessions and restrooms will be open, but space is constrained due to construction fencing.

GAMES 49-51

Friday

WKU vs. LA Tech

Watch: [BTM](#) | [Livestats](#)

Friday, May 5, 2023 | 6 p.m. CT

Saturday

WKU vs. LA Tech

Watch: [BTM](#) | [Livestats](#)

Saturday, May 6, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

Sunday

WKU vs. LA Tech

Watch: [HSSN](#) | [Livestats](#)

Sunday, May 7, 2023 | 1 p.m. CT

TOP STORYLINES

- WKU has won the last eight of 10 match ups to the Owls, and FAU leads the all-time series 27-24 since first meeting back in 2007.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her career 500-win mark in the Hilltoppers 9-0 shutout over Evansville. She is 516 all-time and she is one shy of win no. 300 at the helm as WKU's head coach.
- Pitcher Katie Gardner is ranked first in C-USA in strikeouts this season (175), while Faith Hegg is second in the league in batting average (.395). As a unit, the Hilltoppers are second in conference in batting average (.297).
- Faith Hegg is tied leading the nation in doubles this season with 19. She is tied with the WKU program record, only one away from this weekend in breaking it.
- WKU is set to host three games with LA Tech Friday-Sunday before taking off for the Conference USA Softball Tournament, down in Ruston, Louisiana and hosted by the Lady Techsters.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is leading the tops with a .395 batting average off of 58 hits and 34 RBIs, while Taylor Davis is collecting 56 hits on the season and 18 stolen bases. The Tops' Taylor Sanders holds 39 RBIs for 2023, while leading WKU with nine home runs. Senior Katie Gardner boasts a 3.82 ERA from the Hilltopper bullpen in 36 appearances.
- As a team, the Hilltoppers are holding with a .291 batting average, 365 hits off the bats with 213 runs scored so far this season.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, May 5, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS WALK-OFF LA TECH, 7-6, IN SERIES OPENER

PDF box score is attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – To cap off the final regular season series and homestand, the WKU Hilltopper Softball team walked off Louisiana Tech in the bottom of the seventh inning, 7-6, to take the series opener. A nine-hit night off the Tops' bats concluded strong offense from the home team.

Katie Gardner and Kelsie Houchens combined work in the circle for a four-strikeout ballgame, while Faith Hegh secured her sixth home run of the year to tie the game. Senior Brylee Hage, who graduated earlier in the day, was hailed the hero with the game-winning shot to second base, ruled as a fielding error to score TJ Webster.

WKU 7, LA TECH 6

Playing the first Friday at the WKU Softball Complex in over two months, the Lady Techsters got in front in the leadoff frame with an RBI single into right field.

Third baseman Jessica Bush came through for WKU, popping a stand-up double into center field to score Brylee Hage and Randi Drinnon and take the lead in the second.

In the bottom of the third, Hage picked an insurance run with a shot up the middle, good for an RBI and a 3-1 lead for the Hilltoppers.

LA Tech found the gap up the middle in the fourth inning, tying the ballgame with two more runs on a single advancement with the throw. The Lady Techsters capped off their scoring with a two-run single through the right side in the fifth inning for a 6-3 lead.

Not giving up through six, the Tops got going on offense with a Kelsey Schmidt double into right-center field to score one, before second baseman Kasia Parks sacrifice-flied into right field to mark a one-run contest, 6-5.

Playing a bottom of seven, Faith Hegh collected the ninth home run of her college career with a 1-2 shot into right-center field to tie the game. After TJ Webster took a four-ball walk, Drinnon shot a single into right field sending Webster to third base in scoring position. Hage now at the plate, she took a clean count ball down the middle to the four-hole, just missing the second baseman's glove for a fielding error to send Webster across the plate for the final walk-off run.

In the circle, Katie Gardner got the start and gave up three runs and six hits with a strikeout in the first four innings. Coming into relief for the win, Kelsie Houchens pitched the rest of the ballgame giving up only three runs, two hits, recording three strikeouts, and giving up two walks for her 10th win of the season.

Game two of the series is scheduled for tomorrow, May 6 at the WKU Softball Complex. First pitch

between the Hilltoppers and Lady Techsters is set for 1 p.m. CT.

TOP STORYLINES

- Inching towards a more even series, WKU trails 6-9 all-time, having won the last two meetings.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her 300th win as WKU's leader with tonight's win. She earned career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville in March, while posting 517 all-time.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .391 batting average, while also owning 59 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 57 hits and stolen 18 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 374 hits, 203 RBIs, a .292 batting average with 22 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, May 5, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
GARDNER NAMED TO C-USA ALL-ACADEMIC TEAM**

DALLAS, Texas – WKU Softball pitcher Katie Gardner was selected to the Conference USA Softball All-Academic Team, the league announced Friday. The Hilltoppers' primary pitcher was honored for her hard work in the classroom and on the field as the award is voted on by each academic advisors from around the conference.

Gardner, a Bowling Green product, have has helped the Hilltoppers to another successful season in program history. The squad enters the final weekend of the regular season with a 27-21 record, which included a 12-8 reading in C-USA action.

Receiving the second All-Academic tab of her career, Gardner just completed her first year of graduate school for speech-language pathology after earning her bachelor's degree in communication disorders in just three years with a 3.75 GPA. The Hilltopper senior balanced her work in the classroom and on the field with time spent interning on campus and volunteering with WKU Best Buddies. Gardner is a three-time Conference USA Commissioner's Honor Roll honoree, two-time C-USA Academic Medal recipient, NFCA All-American Scholar Athlete and has spent seven semesters on the WKU Dean's/President's List.

The senior owns a 3.28 ERA with a 13-15 record. She's recorded a save along with 32 starts in 36 appearances. Gardner has tossed 188 innings of work while striking out 175 batters, leading Conference USA. and holding opposing batters to a .231 average.

Gardner will look to help the Hilltoppers in their final regular season series against LA Tech, then the Conference USA Tournament in Ruston, La. next weekend.

2023 WKU Softball
Louisiana Tech at Western Kentucky
May 05, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Louisiana Tech 6 (31-22)

Western Kentucky 7 (28-21)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
SACCO, Sierra cf	4	0	1	0
GONZALEZ, Amanda ss	4	1	1	0
COOPER, Katelin lf	3	0	0	0
BRILEY, KB dh	3	1	1	1
EASOM, Caroline 2b	3	2	1	0
DIAZ, Brooke c	3	1	1	1
MANNING, Jordyn 1b	3	1	2	2
WRIGHT, Bailey 3b	2	0	0	0
ENDRIS, Paris ph	1	0	0	0
ROGERS, Alannah rf	3	0	1	2
MARTINEZ, Mary p	0	0	0	0
FLOYD, Allie p	0	0	0	0
Totals	29	6	8	6

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh cf	4	1	1	1
Taylor Davis lf	3	1	1	0
TJ Webster ss	2	1	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	4	1	2	0
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0
Brylee Hage rf	3	2	2	2
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	1	1	1
Jessica Bush 3b	3	0	1	2
Kasia Parks 2b	2	0	1	1
Kaytlan Kemp dh	3	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	7	9	7

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Louisiana Tech	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	6	8	1
Western Kentucky	0	2	1	0	0	2	2	7	9	0

Note: 1 out, 2 runners LOB when the game ended.

E - EASOM, Carol. LOB - LA Tech 5; WKU 6. 2B - MANNING, Jor 2; B. Hage(10); K. Schmidt(4); J. Bush(4). HR - F. Hegh(6). HBP - COOPER, Kate. SH - T. Webster(4). SF - K. Parks(1). SB - A. Bray(2); B. Hage(12); K. Parks(3).

Strikeouts - SACCO, Sierr; WRIGHT, Bail; ENDRIS, Pari; ROGERS, Alan; J. Bush; K. Kemp. Walks - BRILEY, KB; EASOM, Carol; T. Davis; T. Webster; B. Hage.

Louisiana Tech	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
MARTINEZ, Mary	3.0	6	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	15	3	6	49
FLOYD, Allie L,8-9	3.1	3	4	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	17	5	3	65

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner	4.0	6	3	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	18	19	7	4	60
Kelsie Houchens W,10-4	3.0	2	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	13	1	5	57

WP - MARTINEZ, Ma. HBP - by K. Gardner (COOPER, Kate). Pitches/strikes: MARTINEZ, Ma 49/32; FLOYD, Allie 65/36; K. Gardner 60/37; K. Houchens 57/32.

Umpires - HP: John West 1B: Derek Wilkins 3B: Ken Cato

Start: 6:00pm Time: 2:06 Attendance: 124

Weather: 75 degrees, overcast

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Saturday, May 6, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
WKU SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER IN 20-INNINGS WITH LA TECH**

PDF box scores are attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – In the final home series of the season for WKU on The Hill, the Tops split the Saturday action with a 5-3 breeze over Louisiana Tech in the first match up, while going head-to-head in 13 innings for the series finale and falling short 6-3.

In a 12-hit day, Faith Hegh picked up her second home run of the season, while Taylor Davis went 3-for-4 at the plate in the first ballgame. Freshman right-hander Maddy Wood saw action for the first time since March, pitching a solid 6.0 innings only giving up three runs with two strikeouts in extras.

Game 1: WKU 5, LA TECH 3

Making their mark on the board before their opponent, the Tops moved in the bottom of the third inning with a bases-loaded walk, advancing on a wild pitch, and bases-loaded hit-by-pitch to gain a three-run advantage into the next frame.

In the fourth, the Lady Techsters gained a run on the board with an RBI single up the middle for a 3-1 game.

TJ Webster later sacrifice-flied out to center field to score Kennedy Foote from third base in the sixth inning, before catcher Randi Drinnon advanced Hegh across the plate with an RBI single.

LA Tech fought back in their last inning, senior Katie Gardner gave up a bases-loaded walk, while a sacrifice-fly plated another, as the series was the Tops, 5-3.

Senior Katie Gardner picked up her 15th complete game of the season, with a three runs off of eight hits outing that she walked three and struck out three at the plate.

Game 2: WKU 3, LA TECH 6

WKU got going first as Davis reached on base by a fielder's choice and second baseman Kasia Parks landed home off of a LA Tech error in the third inning. Later in the frame, Drinnon reached on another error while Hegh went for the plate and an early, 2-0 lead.

Giving up the first of two LA Tech home runs in the 13-inning match up, the Lady Techster's five-spot hitter came in on a 2-2 pitch to left field that tied the ballgame.

Giving the Tops the best shot, fifth-year Faith Hegh clinched home run number seven on the year with a solo shot to right-center field for the 3-2 lead.

In the bottom of six, LA Tech came back for the tie with an RBI double down the left field line for a three-piece between both teams.

Going into extras, the Hilltoppers and Lady Techsters went five scoreless innings, tying the longest game of the season with a 13-inning outing as the match up with Eastern Kentucky back in March. LA Tech got moving in the top of the 13th with a solo home run from Katelyn Cooper. An RBI triple down the right field line and fielder's choice sent three runs on the board for the opponent and ended the three-game winning streak for WKU.

From the pitcher's circle, Kelsie Houchens earned a career-high eight strikeouts, with three runs off of five hits in six innings of work. Freshman Maddy Wood later came in for relief, pitching a high seven innings into extras while producing two strikeouts at the plate while giving up six hits.

The Hilltoppers are preparing for the Conference USA Softball Tournament next weekend in Ruston, hosted by LA Tech. The Tops' seeding will be announced tomorrow after all the regular-season games are completed.

TOP STORYLINES

- Inching towards a more even series, WKU trails 7-10 all-time.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her 300th win as WKU's leader with last night's series opening win. She earned career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville in March, while posting 518 all-time.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .384 batting average, while also owning 61 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 60 hits and stolen 19 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 386 hits, 210 RBIs, a .286 batting average with 23 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Louisiana Tech at Western Kentucky (Game 1)
May 06, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Louisiana Tech 3 (31-23)

Western Kentucky 5 (29-21)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
SACCO, Sierra cf	3	0	0	0
GONZALEZ, Amanda ss	4	0	0	0
COOPER, Katelin lf	3	1	1	1
BRILEY, KB dh	3	0	0	1
EASOM, Caroline 2b	3	0	0	0
MANNING, Jordyn 1b	3	0	2	1
DIAZ, Brooke c	3	0	0	0
WRIGHT, Bailey 3b	3	1	3	0
ROGERS, Alannah rf	3	1	2	0
MELNYCHUK, Brook p	0	0	0	0
MARTIN, Alyssa p	0	0	0	0
HUTCHINSON, Emma p	0	0	0	0
MENZINA, Lauren p	0	0	0	0
Totals	28	3	8	3

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh cf	2	1	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	4	1	3	0
TJ Webster ss	2	1	1	1
Randi Drinnon c	3	1	1	1
Payton O'Connor pr	0	0	0	0
Brylee Hage rf	3	0	0	1
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 3b	1	0	0	0
Kasia Parks 2b	2	0	0	1
Kaytlan Kemp dh	1	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote ph/dh	2	1	1	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	5	6	4

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Louisiana Tech	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	8	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	3	0	0	2	X	5	6	1

E - GONZALEZ, Am(12); K. Parks(2). DP - WKU 1. LOB - LA Tech 8; WKU 9. 2B - COOPER, Kate(7); WRIGHT, Bail(9). HBP - K. Parks. SH - T. Webster(5). SF - BRILEY, KB(4); T. Webster(2).
Strikeouts - SACCO, Sierr; BRILEY, KB; EASOM, Carol; K. Schmidt; K. Parks. Walks - SACCO, Sierr; COOPER, Kate; EASOM, Carol; F. Hegh 2; R. Drinnon; B. Hage; J. Bush 2.

Louisiana Tech	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
MELNYCHUK, Brook L,5-8	2.0	3	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	12	0	6	46
MARTIN, Alyssa	0.2	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	1	27
HUTCHINSON, Emma	3.0	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	14	8	0	48
MENZINA, Lauren	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner W,14-15	7.0	8	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	28	32	12	5	123

WP - MARTIN, Alys(3). HBP - by MARTIN, Alys (K. Parks). PB - R. Drinnon(8). Pitches/strikes:
MELNYCHUK, B 46/26; MARTIN, Alys 27/17; HUTCHINSON, 48/28; MENZINA, Lau 1/1; K. Gardner 123/73.
Umpires - HP: Derek Wilkins 1B: Ken Cato 3B: John West
Start: 1:00pm Time: 2:17 Attendance: 146
Weather: 74 degrees, cloudy
MELNYCHUK, B faced 3 batters in the 3rd.

2023 WKU Softball
Louisiana Tech at Western Kentucky (Game 2)
May 06, 2023 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)

Louisiana Tech 6 (32-23)

Western Kentucky 3 (29-22)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
SACCO, Sierra cf	4	0	1	0
GONZALEZ, Amanda ss	5	0	0	0
COOPER, Katelin lf	5	1	2	1
BRILEY, KB dh	6	1	2	0
BAFFUTO, Jina pr	0	0	0	0
EASOM, Caroline 2b	5	2	3	2
DEAN, Alyssa pr	0	1	0	0
MANNING, Jordyn 1b	5	1	2	2
ELLINGSON, Olivia pr	0	0	0	0
WRIGHT, Ella Rose c	2	0	0	0
ENDRIS, Paris ph	1	0	0	0
DIAZ, Brooke ph/c	3	0	0	1
WRIGHT, Bailey 3b	5	0	1	0
ROGERS, Alannah rf	5	0	0	0
MENZINA, Lauren p	0	0	0	0
MARTINEZ, Mary p	0	0	0	0
FLOYD, Allie p	0	0	0	0
MELNYCHUK, Brook p	0	0	0	0
Totals	46	6	11	6

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh cf	6	2	2	1
Taylor Davis lf	5	0	0	1
TJ Webster ss	6	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	4	0	1	1
Anniston Bray pr	0	0	0	0
Brylee Hage rf	4	0	2	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	4	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 3b	5	0	0	0
Kasia Parks 2b	5	1	1	0
Kennedy Foote dh	1	0	0	0
Payton O'Connor ph	2	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp ph	2	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0
Totals	44	3	6	3

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	R	H	E
Louisiana Tech	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	11	3
Western Kentucky	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	1

E - GONZALEZ, Am; EASOM, Carol; WRIGHT, Bail; J. Bush. DP - LA Tech 1; WKU 3. LOB - LA Tech 9; WKU 6. 2B - EASOM, Carol; MANNING, Jor. 3B - MANNING, Jor. HR - COOPER, Kate; EASOM, Carol; F. Hegh. SH - GONZALEZ, Am; MANNING, Jor; R. Drinnon; B. Hage; K. Schmidt. SB - SACCO, Sierr; F. Hegh; T. Davis; B. Hage; K. Parks.

Strikeouts - SACCO, Sierr; COOPER, Kate; BRILEY, KB 2; MANNING, Jor; WRIGHT, Ella 2; ENDRIS, Pari; DIAZ, Brooke; WRIGHT, Bail; F. Hegh; K. Parks; K. Foote. Walks - SACCO, Sierr 2; COOPER, Kate; EASOM, Carol; WRIGHT, Bail; ROGERS, Alan; T. Davis.

Louisiana Tech	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
MENZINA, Lauren	3.0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	14	4	4	47
MARTINEZ, Mary	1.1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	3	1	14
FLOYD, Allie	0.2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	2	12
MELNYCHUK, Brook W,6-	8.0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	23	27	10	11	92

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Kelsie Houchens	6.0	5	3	3	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	21	25	5	4	113
Maddy Wood L,5-3	7.0	6	3	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	25	29	10	6	104

WP - M. Wood. Pitches/strikes: MENZINA, Lau 47/32; MARTINEZ, Ma 14/10; FLOYD, Allie 12/7; MELNYCHUK, B 92/55; K. Houchens 113/70; M. Wood 104/62.

Umpires - HP: Ken Cato 1B: John West 3B: Derek Wilkins

Start: 4:00pm Time: 3:56 Attendance: 262

Weather: 80 degrees, cloudy

HILLTOPPERS EARN FIFTH SEED; SLATED TO FACE FIU IN 2023 C-USA TOURNAMENT

DALLAS, Texas – WKU Softball earned the No. 5 seed in this week's 2023 C-USA Tournament. The eight-team event is slated for Wednesday – Saturday, May 10-13 and will be hosted by LA Tech at Dr. Billy Bundrick Field in Ruston, Louisiana. All games up to the championship will stream on ESPN+ before Saturday's championship airs on CBS Sports Network.

The Hilltoppers will face (8) FIU at 2:30 p.m. CT on Wednesday for the second contest of the tournament. If they advance, the Hilltoppers are slated to meet (4) Florida Atlantic later at 7:30 p.m. CT.

The four-day, eight-team tournament utilizes both single and double-elimination formats. Wednesday's first round (games between seeds 5-8) will be single elimination for competing teams, with second round games (seeds 3-4) will now be double elimination. The quarterfinals and semifinals are set up for double-elimination play before the championship returns to single elimination.

WKU Softball was the No. 3 seed in the 2022 C-USA Tournament, making their third consecutive tournament appearance since a seven-year drought. The Hilltoppers would then become the first team to win the event in the 2021 Championship, they hosted since East Carolina in 2011.

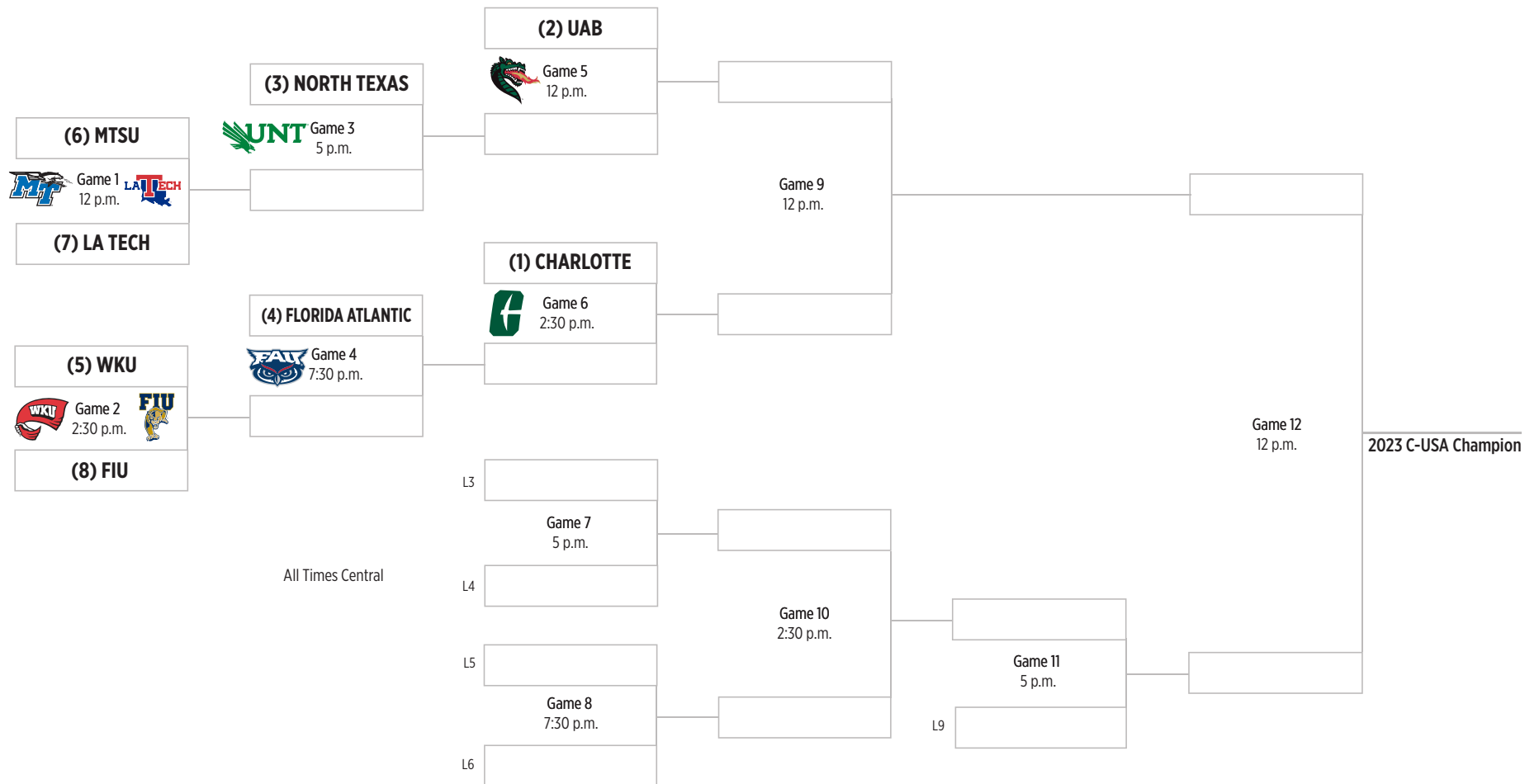
Wednesday, May 10 - Noon	Game 1: (6) MTSU vs. (7) LA Tech (ESPN+)
Wednesday, May 10 - 2:30 pm	Game 2: (5) WKU vs. (8) FIU (ESPN+)
Wednesday, May 10 - 5 pm	Game 3: (3) North Texas vs. Game 1 Winner (ESPN+)
Wednesday, May 10 - 7:30 pm	Game 4: (4) Florida Atlantic vs. Game 2 Winner (ESPN+)
Thursday, May 11 – Noon	Game 5: (2) UAB vs. Winner Game 3 (ESPN+)
Thursday, May 11 – 2:30 pm	Game 6: (1) Charlotte vs. Winner Game 4 (ESPN+)
Thursday, May 11 – 5 pm	Game 7: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4 (ESPN+)
Thursday, May 11 – 7:30 pm	Game 8: Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 (ESPN+)
Friday, May 12 – Noon	Game 9: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 (ESPN+)
Friday, May 12 – 2:30 pm	Game 10: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (ESPN+)
Friday, May 12 – 5 pm	Game 11: Winner Game 10 vs. Loser Game 9 (ESPN+)
Saturday, May 13 – Noon	Game 12: Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 11 (CBS Sports Network)

2023 CONFERENCE USA SOFTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

MAY 10-13 // HOSTED BY LA TECH



WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 THURSDAY, MAY 11 FRIDAY, MAY 12 SATURDAY, MAY 13



**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, May 10, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
FOUR NAMED WITH ALL-CONFERENCE USA HONORS**

DALLAS, Texas – WKU Softball saw four student-athletes recognized with awards as Conference USA announced its All-Conference and All-Freshman Teams. Faith Hegh, Taylor Davis, and TJ Webster were named to the All-Conference First Team, while Kaytlan Kemp landed a spot on the All-Freshman Team.

Leading the NCAA with 19 doubles this season. graduate transfer from UAB, Faith Hegh started and played in all 51 games this season. She leads the Tops with a .384/.472/.635 line and never swung below .375 all season long. Owing 19 multi-hit and eight multi-RBI games this season, she broke the WKU single-game record with seven RBIs against Miami (OH) back on March 11. Her 19 doubles ties the program single-season record while on defense, the outfielder boasts a perfect 1.000 fielding percentage with 50 putouts and an assist. Batting in both the leadoff and clean up spots in the lineup, Hegh led the Red and White in both hitting streaks (16 games) and on-base streaks (25 games) in 2023.

The only Preseason All-Conference selection for the Hilltoppers was Davis. The left fielder owns a .368 batting average to go along with 60 hits, 38 runs scored, 18 RBIs, 15 walks, 12 sac-hits, and 19 stolen bases, leading WKU. With a .980 fielding percentage, .422 on-base percentage, and .405 slugging rate, Davis has played in all 51 games continuing an 82-game start streak in her fifth and final year of eligibility. With a perfect 4-for-4 day at the plate against UTEP on March 19, the Madison, Ala native has 17 multi-hit games on the year as well as four doubles and a triple. She was tabbed C-USA Second Team All-Conference and All-Tournament Team and NFCA Third Team All-Region in 2022.

Joining Hegh with the first All-Conference honors of her career is the Tops' shortstop, TJ Webster. The Huntsville, Ala. native owns WKU's third-best batting average at .343 while starting in every game this season. Sanders has racked up 47 hits, 32 runs scored, 3 doubles, a triple, and six RBIs. In game three of the series at home against Charlotte on April 2, Webster hit against the outfield shift for her first ever inside-the-park home run and scoring three runs in the process. She's picked up the least amount of strikeouts at the plate of any Hilltopper, while picking up 19 free bases and 17 stolen bases to operate at a .421 on-base percentage. The senior ran a perfect 3-for-3 in stolen bases against George Washington in February, leading the Red and White's dugout in a single game in 2023. Quick on the left side, the right-hander owns a .973 fielding clip with 88 putouts and 132 assists, initiating 15 double plays for the WKU infield.

In her first true season on The Hill, primarily as the designated player, Kaytlan Kemp was deemed a spot on the All-Freshman team for her offensive performance in 2023. The Henderson, Ky. native owns a .247 batting average along with 20 hits and scoring 12 runs at home plate. A quick runner around the bases, Kemp leads WKU with three triples this season, compiling seven RBIs in her first year, including three against the Miners at UTEP on March 18. She notched four multi-hit games in 2023, while running 7-for-8 in stolen bases.

These four athletes and the rest of the Hilltopper squad will kick off postseason play Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from Ruston, Louisiana in the Conference USA Tournament.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, May 9, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

OPENING C-USA TOURNAMENT GAME WITH FIU MOVED TO 12:30 P.M. START

RUSTON, La. – Due to the impending weather and forecasts in Ruston, Conference USA has moved up all Wednesday games up roughly two hours than originally scheduled. The No. 5 Hilltoppers are now slated to face eight-seed FIU at 12:30 p.m. CT. With a win and advancement, WKU will then play No. 4 Florida Atlantic at 5:30 p.m. CT now.

The rest of the tournament games have remained the same as of now. Check [C-USA's Softball Championship Central](#) for the latest updates.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, May9 , 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
HILLTOPPERS SET FOR OPENING GAME AGAINST FIU IN C-USA TOURNAMENT**

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – WKU Softball is set to open the 2023 Conference USA Tournament on Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. vs. eighth-seed FIU. All tournament games up to the championship (CBS Sports Network) will be available to stream on ESPN+. The Hilltoppers are headed to LA Tech's Dr. Billy Bundrick Field looking to come back to the Championship game for the third straight year.

As the No. 5 seed in the tournament, a win on Wednesday will put the Tops into double-elimination and set for No. 4 FAU at 7:30 p.m. CT on Wednesday. Another win will take them to the match up with No. 1 Charlotte on Thursday, while a loss will place the Tops in the 5 p.m. games in the consolation bracket.

Charlotte earned the top seed in the eight-team postseason event after winning the league's regular season title. UAB is the No. 2 seed, North Texas placed third, while Florida Atlantic rounded out the top four seeds. Middle Tennessee, host Louisiana Tech, and FIU also made the field.

The Hilltoppers enter the weekend with an overall record of 29-22, which included a 12-8 mark in C-USA action. During the regular season, the Tops did not cross paths with UAB. WKU claimed series wins over UTEP (2-1), Florida Atlantic (2-1), Louisiana Tech (2-1), and a sweep over preseason favorite North Texas (3-0), while falling to Charlotte, 1-2, and split with UTSA (1-1) in a two-game series.

In the six Conference USA Tournaments that WKU Softball has competed in, the Hilltoppers have won two – 2021's event and the program's first event during the 2015 campaign. Overall, the Red and White own a 13-7 record in C-USA Tournament games. They competed in the 2022 Championship game with host North Texas, eventually falling 9-0.

In 2021, WKU became the first C-USA Tournament host to make the event field since Florida Atlantic in 2014. WKU became the first host to win the tournament since East Carolina in 2011.

In WKU's 15-7 non-conference win over Miami (OH) back in March, Faith Hegh broke the single-game program record with drawing in for seven RBIs across the plate. Also back in the series finale against FIU down in Miami, the fifth-year senior hit her last double -- now tied with the single-season record of 19 doubles and leads the NCAA.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, May 10 - Noon Game 1: (6) MTSU vs. (7) LA Tech (ESPN+)

Wednesday, May 10 - 2:30 pm Game 2: (5) WKU vs. (8) FIU (ESPN+)

Wednesday, May 10 - 5 pm Game 3: (3) North Texas vs. Game 1 Winner (ESPN+)

Wednesday, May 10 - 7:30 pm Game 4: (4) Florida Atlantic vs. Game 2 Winner (ESPN+)

Thursday, May 11 – Noon Game 5: (2) UAB vs. Winner Game 3 (ESPN+)

Thursday, May 11 – 2:30 pm	Game 6: (1) Charlotte vs. Winner Game 4 (ESPN+)
Thursday, May 11 – 5 pm	Game 7: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4 (ESPN+)
Thursday, May 11 – 7:30 pm	Game 8: Loser Game 5 vs. Loser Game 6 (ESPN+)
Friday, May 12 – Noon	Game 9: Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6 (ESPN+)
Friday, May 12 – 2:30 pm	Game 10: Winner Game 7 vs. Winner Game 8 (ESPN+)
Friday, May 12 – 5 pm	Game 11: Winner Game 10 vs. Loser Game 9 (ESPN+)
Saturday, May 13 – Noon	Game 12: Winner Game 9 vs. Winner Game 11 (CBS Sports Network)

TOP STORYLINES

- The 2023 Conference USA Tournament marks the seventh league postseason event WKU has qualified for since joining C-USA prior to the 2014-15 season. WKU is 13-7 in previous C-USA Tournaments.
- Coach Tudor is now 518-399-2 in her career. Since coming to the Hill ahead of the 2014 campaign, Tudor boasts an overall record of 301-193-1.
- WKU has never played a game down in Ruston, the last three-game series set at LA Tech back in 2019, the Lady Techsters field was destroyed by a tornado and the contests were played at Louisiana-Monroe.
- After taking the series to end April, FIU and WKU are 38-36 all-time in the Tops favor. WKU has won the last eight of 10 meetings.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegg is leading the Tops with a .384 batting average, while also owning 61 hits. Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 60 hits and stolen 19 bases. Katie Gardner hails the WKU bullpen with a 3.88 ERA.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 386 hits, 210 RBIs, a .286 batting average with 23 home runs.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, May 10, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

HILLTOPPERS MOVE INTO CONSOLATION BRACKET AFTER LOSS TO FLORIDA ATLANTIC

PDF box score is attached

RUSTON, La. – In the first double-elimination game for WKU, the Hilltoppers fell, 5-0, to [4] Florida Atlantic, falling into the consolation bracket. Tomorrow, the Tops are set to play [6] Middle Tennessee, in a win-or-go-home situation.

A tough night in both pitching and hitting, WKU only came out with two hits on the board, while Kelsie Houchens started off the night, throwing a strikeout, before freshman Maddy Wood came in for relief retiring three at the plate.

WKU 0, FLORIDA ATLANTIC 6

WKU held the Owls off until a solo shot over the right-center field wall on the first pitch of the bottom of the second inning, drove in an early 1-0 lead for FAU.

Florida Atlantic continued their run in the third: a two-run single into right field gained leverage in on the board for the named home team.

The game was paused for 80 minutes as a stormfront came through Dr. Billy Bundrick Field, causing a rain delay in Ruston in the top of the fourth.

Back in action, the Owls came away with three more runs with an RBI single in the fifth and a single advancement that plated two more in the bottom of the sixth inning.

Outfielder Brylee Hage and catcher Randi Drinnon were the lone Tops to record hits on the night.

Right-hander Kelsie Houchens now moves to 10-5 on the year, as she gave up three runs on five hits with a strikeout. Freshman Maddy Wood pitched the last four in the circle, giving up the same runs and hits with three strikeouts recorded against the Owls' offense.

Now in a win-or-go-home-game, the Hilltoppers are set for [6] Middle Tennessee tomorrow evening at 5 p.m. CT at the Dr. Billy Bundrick Field in Ruston.

TOP STORYLINES

- In a tilted series, WKU is now 26-29 against Florida Atlantic all-time. The Tops are 14-7 in Conference USA Tournament games.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her 300th win as WKU's leader in the series opening win over LA Tech. She earned career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville in March, while posting 519 all-time.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hegh is leading the Tops with a .372 batting average, as Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 62 hits and stolen 19 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 393 hits, 211 RBIs, a .282 batting average with 23 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, May 10, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
WKU TAKES CARE OF FIU IN SINGLE ELIMINATION PITCHER'S DUAL
PDF box score is attached**

RUSTON, La. – The Western Kentucky Hilltoppers survive the single-elimination round in the second game of the 2023 Conference USA Softball Tournament, as they defeated FIU, 2-1, in Ruston, Louisiana. A showcase for both pitchers, Katie Gardner got the go for the Tops, throwing a eight-strikeout, three-walk performance to the plate.

Garnering their third consecutive 30-win season, on offense, Taylor Davis and TJ Webster went two-for-two at the plate, while third baseman Jessica Bush drove in the eventual go-ahead run with an RBI single into left field.

WKU 2, FIU 1

A quiet start on both sides of the ball, Gardner retired three at the plate before a fourth inning to cap off the runs for WKU. Reaching on an FIU fielding error back to the circle, Brylee Hage made it to first base safely, while Taylor Davis landed home after reaching on a single up the middle.

Capping off the bottom of the fourth, Jessica Bush drove in Hage with an RBI single into left field, giving the Red and White a 2-0 lead into the back half of the ballgame.

After escaping a bases-loaded jam scoreless in the fifth, Gardner and the Hilltoppers gave up two back-to-back two-out singles than plated one for the Panthers in the sixth inning. Loading them again, FIU was unable to score after a fly-out to Davis in left field.

Finishing the game in the top of the seventh, Gardner retired her eighth batter at the plate swinging. Quick moves from catcher Randi Drinnon behind the plate, she caught FIU's Alexis Ross stealing second before Faith Hage grabbed the game-winning putout with a shallow pop-up in center field.

Senior Katie Gardner picked up her 17th complete game of the season, with one run off of eight hits outing that she walked three and struck out eight at the plate.

With the advancement, WKU is now slated to play [4] Florida Atlantic in now double elimination. First pitch is slated for 5:30 p.m. CT on ESPN+.

TOP STORYLINES

- The Hilltoppers are now 39-36 all-time against FIU, meeting them for the first time in the C-USA Tournament. The Tops are 14-6 in Conference USA Tournament games.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her 300th win as WKU's leader in the series opening win over LA Tech. She earned career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville in March, while posting 519 all-time.
- On the stat sheet, Faith Hage is leading the Tops with a .379 batting average, as Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs and while Taylor Davis has 62 hits and stolen 19 bases.
- The Hilltoppers collectively hold 391 hits, 211 RBIs, a .285 batting average with 23 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
 FIU vs Western Kentucky
 May 10, 2023 at Ruston, La. (Billy Bundrick Field)

FIU 1 (24-27,10-15 CUSA)

Western Kentucky 2 (29-22,15-9 CUSA)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
IZARD, Frankie rf	2	0	0	0
ROSS, Alexis cf/pr	3	0	1	0
BROWN, Abigail ph	0	0	0	0
LANSDHELL, Ashton ss	4	0	0	0
LEWIS, Madison dh	4	0	1	0
WHITNEY, Ella 1b	4	0	0	0
NAVARRO, Makayla 2b	3	1	1	0
PEREZ, Isabella c	3	0	2	0
JOHANNING, Hanna pr	0	0	0	0
MCCANN, Brooke lf	2	0	1	1
DOWNING, Kaleena 3b/pr	1	0	1	0
PEREZ, Carmen ph	1	0	1	0
BIRLING, Sydney p	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	1	8	1

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh cf	2	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	2	1	2	0
TJ Webster ss	2	0	2	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	0	0
Brylee Hage rf	3	1	0	0
Kasia Parks 2b	2	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 3b	3	0	1	1
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	2	0	0	0
Kaytlan Kemp dh	2	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	2	5	1

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
FIU	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	1
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	2	0	0	X	2	5	0

E - S. Birling(5). DP - FIU 1. LOB - FIU 10; WKU 5. 2B - M. Lewis(4). HBP - A. Brown; K. Parks.
 SH - F. Izard(1); T. Davis(13); T. Webster(6). CS - A. Ross(1).
 Strikeouts - A. Ross; A. Lansdell 3; M. Lewis 2; M. Navarro; B. McCann; B. Hage; K. Parks; J.
 Bush; K. Kemp 2. Walks - F. Izard; B. McCann; K. Downing; F. Hegh.

FIU	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
BIRLING, Sydney L,7-7	6.0	5	2	1	1	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	21	25	7	5	102

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner W,15-15	7.0	8	1	1	3	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	27	32	5	7	112

HBP - by S. Birling (K. Parks); by K. Gardner (A. Brown). Pitches/strikes: S. Birling 102/61; K.
 Gardner 112/71.

Umpires - HP: Aaron Golden 1B: Craig Hyde 3B: Jonathan Dewhirst

Start: 12:50 PM Time: 2:19 Attendance:

Weather: 72 cloudy

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

MEDIA ADVISORY / SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz

Due to the rainstorms in Ruston, La. impending field and playing conditions, all scheduled second round C-USA Tournament games have been pushed back two hours. The scheduled game between [5] WKU and [6] Middle Tennessee will now take place at the 7 p.m. CT at Dr. Billy Bundrick Field. Streaming is available on ESPN+.

2023 WKU Softball
Western Kentucky vs Florida Atlantic
May 10, 2023 at Ruston, La. (Billy Bundrick Field)

Western Kentucky 0 (30-23,15-10 CUSA)

Florida Atlantic 6 (34-18,16-9 CUSA)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
Faith Hegh cf	3	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	0	0
TJ Webster ss	3	0	0	0
Brylee Hage rf	3	0	1	0
Randi Drinnon c	3	0	1	0
Addy Edgmon pr	0	0	0	0
Jessica Bush 3b	2	0	0	0
Kennedy Foote 3b	1	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	0	0	0
Kasia Parks 2b	2	0	0	0
Abby Newman dh	1	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Maddy Wood p	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	0	2	0

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
BERTHIAUME, Sara lf	3	0	0	0
PRESUTTI, Cammeo cf/dh	4	2	2	0
MORA, Jesiana 3b	4	1	2	2
PETERSON, O c	4	1	1	1
ENNIS, Riley dh/ph	3	0	2	0
CUNNINGHAM, Kaitlyn p	0	1	0	0
AMM, Maya 2b	2	0	2	3
ORLAND, Caryssa rf	2	0	0	0
OTA, Abby rf	0	0	0	0
JONES, Zoey 1b	3	0	1	0
BAKER, Sommer ss	2	0	0	0
JONES, Becca ph	0	0	0	0
PELUSO, Holley pr	0	1	0	0
SACCO, Gabby p	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	6	10	6

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Kentucky	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Florida Atlantic	0	1	2	0	1	2	X	6	10	1

E - BAKER, S(9). LOB - WKU 6; FAU 8. 2B - ENNIS, Riley(9). HR - PETERSON, O(8). SH - AMM, Maya(3).

Strikeouts - F. Hegh; J. Bush; K. Foote; K. Parks; BERTHIAUME,; PRESUTTI, C; PETERSON, O; BAKER, S. Walks - K. Parks; A. Newman 2; BERTHIAUME,; ENNIS, Riley; ORLAND, C; JONES, Becca.

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Kelsie Houchens L,10-5	2.0	5	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	12	3	2	49
Maddy Wood	4.0	5	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	20	3	6	63

Florida Atlantic	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
SACCO, Gabby W,19-6	7.0	2	0	0	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	27	11	6	96

WP - M. Wood 3(4); SACCO, Gabby 2(8). Pitches/strikes: K. Houchens 49/28; M. Wood 63/33; SACCO, Gabby 96/63.

Umpires - HP: Craig Hyde 1B: Jonathan Dewhirst 3B: Aaron Golden

Start: 6:15 PM Time: 3:20 Attendance: 648

Weather: 76 degrees

K. Houchens faced 2 batters in the 3rd.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, May 11, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

WKU FALLS IN ELIMINATION GAME TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE

****PDF box score is attached****

RUSTON, La. – The WKU Hilltoppers were ousted in the 2023 Conference USA Tournament, 7-1, by Middle Tennessee in Thursday evening's elimination game in the quarterfinals. With a 9:35 p.m. first pitch, the Tops gathered for only two hits off the bats, while Katie Gardner and Kelsie Houchens rallied together in the circle for seven strikeouts in a ballgame that ended just after midnight.

At the plate, only Faith Hegh and Kelsey Schmidt pulled together for singles against MTSU's Gretchen Mead.

WKU 1, MIDDLE TENNESSEE 7

After a stellar double play that consisted of Katie Gardner striking out the league's batting average leader at the plate and catcher Randi Drinnon throwing down to second to catch a runner stealing, the Blue Raiders struck the board first with a two-run home run over the left-center field wall for a 2-0 lead after the opening frame.

Middle continued with a big five-run second inning that picked up an advancing on a wild pitch, two RBI doubles, and an RBI single for a hefty start to the game.

The lone run for the Hilltoppers was a bases-loaded hit-by-pitch off the forearm of Taylor Davis, sending Kelsey Schmidt across home plate for the final 7-1 game in the second inning.

Giving up no more runs in the rest of the contest, redshirt-sophomore Kelsie Houchens came in for relief in the middle of the second, pitching a stellar back half of the ballgame with five strikeouts and a walk.

Wrapping her senior season, Katie Gardner was credited with the loss and closes 2023 at 15-16 as she lead C-USA in strikeouts this year. She went 2.1 innings, giving up six runs off of four hits, retiring two at the plate. Houchens carried the rest of the work in the circle, giving up one run and six hits to the Middle Tennessee offense.

Capping a 30-24 record this year, the Hilltoppers graduate two fifth-year seniors, Taylor Davis and Faith Hegh, who played their last year of eligibility in the Red and White jersey.

TOP STORYLINES

- Holding their own in the "100 Miles of Hate" series, WKU still leads 47-34 all-time against the Blue Raiders. Going 1-2 this season, the Tops are 14-8 in Conference USA Tournament games.
- Head coach Amy Tudor earned her 300th win as WKU's leader in the series opening win over LA Tech. She earned career 500-win mark in the Tops 9-0 win over Evansville in March, while posting 519 all-time.
- Ending the year on the stat sheet, Faith Hegh led the Tops with a .371 batting average and tying with Taylor Davis with 62 hits on the season. Davis also owns 19 stolen bases, as Taylor Sanders leads with 39 RBIs and nine home runs. From the bullpen, Katie Gardner paved the way with a 4.02 ERA and 189 strikeouts.
- The Hilltoppers collectively held 395 hits, 212 RBIs, a .279 batting average with 23 home runs.
- In the Conference USA Preseason Coaches Poll, the Hilltoppers were predicted to finish second in C-USA, while fifth-year outfielder Taylor Davis was named to the Preseason All-Conference team.

2023 WKU Softball
Middle Tennessee vs Western Kentucky
May 11, 2023 at Ruston, La. (Billy Bundrick Field)

Middle Tennessee 7 (36-18,15-11 CUSA)

Western Kentucky 1 (30-24,14-10 CUSA)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
ECHOLS, Shelby 2b	3	1	1	1
MEALER, Laura ss	4	1	1	2
HARRIS, Amaya rf	4	1	1	0
HARVEY, Anyce dh	4	1	2	3
GARCIA, Julia 3b	3	0	0	0
GILMORE, Riley ph	1	0	0	0
SARGENT, Shelby cf	4	1	2	0
BLEVINS, Ansley 1b	2	1	1	0
BEHABETZ, Savannah lf	4	0	2	0
TEPE, Ava c	1	1	0	0
MEAD, Gretchen p	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	7	10	6

Player	ab	r	h	rbi
TJ Webster ss	3	0	0	0
Taylor Davis lf	3	0	0	1
Faith Hegh cf	3	0	1	0
Brylee Hage rf	2	0	0	0
Randi Drinnon c	2	0	0	0
Kelsey Schmidt 1b	3	1	1	0
Jessica Bush 3b	2	0	0	0
Addy Edgmon ph	1	0	0	0
Abby Newman dh/2b	2	0	0	0
Kasia Parks 2b	1	0	0	0
Anniston Bray ph/dh	2	0	0	0
Katie Gardner p	0	0	0	0
Kelsie Houchens p	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	2	1

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Middle Tennessee	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	1
Western Kentucky	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1

E - MEAD(3); T. Webster(7). LOB - MTSU 7; WKU 7. 2B - ECHOLS(10); MEALER(18); SARGENT(6). 3B - SARGENT(5). HR - HARVEY(1). HBP - TEPE; T. Davis. SH - TEPE(11). CS - ECHOLS(5).
Strikeouts - MEALER 2; HARVEY; GARCIA 2; GILMORE; SARGENT; J. Bush; K. Parks. Walks - ECHOLS; BLEVINS 2; T. Webster; B. Hage; R. Drinnon; A. Newman.

Middle Tennessee	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
MEAD, Gretchen W,16-5	7.0	2	1	1	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	24	29	9	10	95

Western Kentucky	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	wp	bk	hbp	ibb	sfa	sha	cia	ab	bf	fo	go	np
Katie Gardner L,15-16	1.1	4	6	6	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	10	0	1	46
Kelsie Houchens	5.2	6	1	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	23	25	5	7	106

WP - MEAD(2); K. Gardner(10). HBP - by K. Gardner (TEPE); by MEAD (T. Davis). Pitches/strikes: MEAD 95/51; K. Gardner 46/24; K. Houchens 106/65.

Umpires - HP: Aaron Golden 1B: John West Jr. 3B: Jose' Travis

Start: 9:30 PM Time: 2:30 Attendance: 614

Weather: 71 degrees cloudy

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, May 18, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations
FAITH HEGH NAMED NFCA SECOND TEAM ALL-REGION**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – WKU Softball saw fifth-year utility player Faith Hegh named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) All-Region Team, the organization announced Thursday. Hegh landed a second team spot after a successful graduate season campaign for the Red and White.

The New Jersey native helped WKU to a 30-24 overall record and 14-9 mark in Conference USA games, marking the third consecutive 30-win season for the Hilltoppers that included a series sweep over preseason favorite, North Texas on The Hill.

Going along with her First Team All-Conference accolade, Hegh owned WKU's best batting average at .371 while starting in every game this season. Hegh racked up 62 hits, 34 runs scored, seven homers and 36 RBIs. She ended the 2023 regular-season campaign leading the nation in doubles this season, tying the single-season record of 19 doubles at the plate. Operating at a .460 on-base percentage, she also leads the program in career hitting streak: recording a hit in 16 games straight. Playing both right and center field, Hegh worked with a perfect 1.000 fielding clip to go along with a .611 slugging percentage. Across the season, Hegh racked up 19 multi-hit games along with eight multi-RBI games.

The All-Region nod marks the first in Hegh's five-year softball career and bring WKU Softball's program total to 17.

WKU SOFTBALL ALL-TIME ALL-REGION HONOREES

2003 – Shelly Floyd – First Team – Second Base
2009 – Ryan Rogge – First Team – Pitcher
2013 – Olivia Watkins – First Team – Second Base
2013 – Emily Rousseau – Second Team – Pitcher
2014 – Olivia Watkins – Third Team – Second Base
2015 – Miranda Kramer – First Team – Pitcher
2015 – Larissa Franklin – First Team – Outfielder
2016 – Brooke Holloway – Third Team – Shortstop
2018 – Jordan Thomas – Third Team – Outfielder
2019 – Kennedy Sullivan – Second Team – Utility/Pitcher
2019 – Kendall Smith – Third Team – Catcher
2021 – Paige Carter – Second Team – Outfielder
2021 – Kennedy Sullivan – Third Team – Utility/Pitcher
2022 – Taylor Davis – Third Team – Outfielder
2022 – Shelby Nunn – Third Team – Pitcher
2022 – Taylor Sanders – Third Team – Third Base
2023 – Faith Hegh – Second Team – Utility

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Wednesday, July 5, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

FORMER HILLTOPPER MADDIE BOWLDS ADDED TO STAFF

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Head softball coach Amy Tudor announced Wednesday that former All-Conference first baseman and graduate assistant, Maddie Bowlds has been added full-time to the 2024 coaching staff as an assistant coach.

"What a great day for WKU softball", said head coach Amy Tudor. "I am excited to add a former player to our staff and looking forward to Maddie's continued impact on the program."

Across her five seasons playing in the Red and White, Bowlds is the all-time leader in career putouts (1,380) as a starter at first base. In 211 games played, she worked with a career .283 batting average, picking up 172 hits with 72 RBIs and six home runs – four in her final year of eligibility. The Daviess County H.S. graduate operated with a .989 fielding percentage on defense, including a perfect error-free season in 2019.

Bowlds was a 2019 Conference USA All-Freshman team member, earned Second Team All-Conference nods in WKU's 2021 Conference USA Tournament Championship season, and Preseason All-Conference and C-USA All-Tournament Team accolades in her final season on The Hill.

As a coaching graduate assistant in 2023, Bowlds assisted the Hilltoppers to their third consecutive 30-win season, three All-Conference players, and a series sweep over preseason favorite, North Texas. She has also coached club with the Tennessee Fury, coached little league with the Louisville Sluggers, and assisted camps with WKU and Ashley Academy in Evansville, Ind.

"I am so thankful for this opportunity. The mentorship I received while playing at WKU and being the grad assistant, enhanced my knowledge and skills of the game", noted Bowlds. "I can't wait to get back on The Hill and continue to build a winning culture! Go Tops!"

The Utica, Ky. native was a regular on the WKU Dean's and President's List, earning her bachelor's degree in sports management in 2021, while earning her master's degree from The Hill in 2022.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, July 6, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

TUDOR ADDS TRANSFER CHEYANNE SALES TO 2024 ROSTER

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Head softball coach Amy Tudor announced Thursday the signing of Kennesaw State transfer Cheyanne Sales to join the Hilltoppers as a fifth-year. Sales joins The Hill after four seasons in Kennesaw, Ga., playing as a catcher and designated player in 103 games for the Owls. After a medical-redshirt used during her senior campaign, she will have two seasons of eligibility remaining with WKU.

"We are thrilled to add an experienced player to our current roster and incoming freshmen", said head coach Amy Tudor. "Cheyanne will add power to our line-up -- which was an area of focus with losing two of our biggest offensive players to graduation. She has a great presence and will be a powerful bat, who can also catch, and we are excited to add a strong woman to our team."

As a Senior (2023)

Medically redshirted.

As a Junior (2022)

Sales started and played in 29 games for the Owls in 2022... She finished the year with a .301 batting average, 25 hits, 16 runs scored and second on the team with six home runs... She posted her first career grand slam against Kansas City on Mar. 6... Sales recorded 18 RBI with 50 total bases... Her slugging percentage was second-best on the team at .602.

As a Sophomore (2021)

ASUN Preseason All-Conference...Appeared in 50 games as the catcher or designated player ... Recorded a .231 batting average and a .371 slugging percentage ... Logged 11 extra base hits including six doubles, one triple and four home runs ... The sophomore recorded 17 RBIs including a season high four RBIs against North Alabama (5/7) where she went 3-for-2 at the plate ... Sales logged 184 put outs and 29 assists to finish the season with a .973 fielding percentage.

As a Freshman (2020)

Started 24 games as a freshman as the primary catcher ... tallied 24 hits in 70 at-bats ... tied for the team-lead with eight doubles and 22 RBI ... second with three homers, a .614 slugging mark, and 11 walks ... fielded .975 and threw out five stolen base attempts ... had a huge Dr. Bobbie Bailey tournament with a 9-16, nine-RBI effort ... had three doubles, a triple, and a homer ... her three hits against ETSU (2/23) were a season-high ... in the season finale, went 2-3 with 2 RBI and a homer in a win over Idaho State (3/8) ... in just her first four games for the Owls, Cheyanne put in such impressive performances she was awarded ASUN Softball Player of the Week ... had a batting average of .600 and a 1.200 slugging percentage ... She also added three doubles and a home run to her eight RBIs and three runs ... her efforts at and behind the plate helped secure an undefeated weekend for the Owls, only allowing one run over the weekend.

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, July 7, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

SOFTBALL INKS BOWLING GREEN TRANSFER SOPHIE WEBER

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Bowling Green transfer Sophie Weber has been added to the 2024 roster, Head softball coach Amy Tudor announced, using her fifth-year of playing eligibility. Weber comes to Bowling Green, Kentucky after four seasons with the Falcons, hitting a career-batting average of .274 and 48 RBIs.

“We are thrilled to add an experienced player to our current roster and incoming freshmen”, said head coach Amy Tudor. “Sophie will add power to our line-up which was an area of focus with losing two of our biggest offensive players to graduation. Sophie is an infielder who is a leader and will bring power. We are excited to add a strong woman to our team.”

As a Senior (2023)

Named to the Academic All-MAC Team... one of just two Falcons to play in all 50 games on the season... started 49 of those 50 games, all at third base... hit a team-leading .329, and also led the Falcons in hits (46), extra-base hits (18), doubles (13), homers (four), RBI (21), on-base percentage (.390) and slugging pct. (.521)...Tied for the team lead in both multiple-hit games, with 11, and multi-RBI games, with three... batted a team-high .289 in MAC games, and also led the team in hits, doubles, homers, RBI and slugging pct. in conference play

As a Junior (2022)

Named MAC All-Tournament Team...Academic All-MAC...Played in 48 games, making 34 starts...Hit .282 on the year to rank third on the club... Had six doubles and a homer among her 31 total hits, and drove in 19 runs to rank fifth on the club in RBI...Hit .346 with runners in base, going 18-of-52, and hit .444 (4-of-9) with the bases loaded...Had six multiple-hit games and four multi-RBI contests, including BG's lone five-RBI game of 2022...Led the Falcons in hitting in neutral-site games, batting .447...Hit .273 in the MAC Tournament, leading BGSU with five RBI and a .636 slugging pct. in the four games...Batted .455 in the NISC, with her five hits including a pair of doubles

As a Sophomore (2021)

Named to Academic All-MAC ...Played in 39 games, making 31 starts...Had a .189 batting average, and ranked fourth on the team with an on-base pct. of .381...Drew a total of 23 walks on the season, tied for the 14th-highest total in school history...Had five extra-base hits, including a pair of homers...Scored six runs and drove in seven, and had a .983 fielding pct., with just two errors in 117 total chances

As a Freshman (2020)

Played in 10 games, making seven starts...Started six games at first base and one at third base...Hit .174 with a double among her four hits...Was perfect in 31 chances in the field.

High School

Earned four letters and was team captain at Springboro H.S. under coach Whitney Hartman...hit .499 in her career, and had 174 hits and 117 RBI in 106 games...also had 14 career homers... A three-time All-Greater Western Ohio Conference (GWOC) First-Team selection... As a senior, hit .576 and led the GWOC in homers (seven) and RBI (39), earned honorable-mention All-Ohio accolades... three-time team MVP... Named a Scholar-Athlete in all four years... Went 4-for-4 with a homer and two doubles in High School Senior All-Star Game

Personal

Born in Heinsburg, Germany to Adam and Nikki...has one brother, Andrew...played travel ball for the Ohio Hawks...earned her degree in Marketing from BGSU in 2023.

GREENWOOD NAMED ASSISTANT COACH

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Former NFCA All-American, two-time All-Region, and two-time All-ACC selection, Carmyn Greenwood joins WKU Softball on The Hill as an assistant coach.

"We are extremely excited to add Carmyn to our staff", said head coach Amy Tudor. "She excelled at a high level as a collegiate player and now currently is excelling as a professional player. Her passion, desire to impact, and work ethic will fit nicely with our current staff and team culture."

Now playing professional softball in the summer with the Florida Vibe, Greenwood was a standout left fielder at both Auburn and Louisville, spending her final season with the Cardinals batting .400 with 54 runs, 14 home runs, and 52 RBIs. She left the program with a school record, .408 lifetime batting average, second on the program's all-time list with a .657 career slugging percentage and is fourth with a .453 on base percentage. Greenwood also stood among Louisville's top five leaders in single season batting average, hits, runs, home runs and total bases.

Greenwood was a 2021 All-ACC Second Team Honoree and NFCA All-Southeast Region First Team Member, ending her true senior season with a .430 batting average. In her fifth and final year in Louisville, Greenwood garnered All-ACC First Team, NFCA All-Southeast Region First Team, and NFCA All-America Third Team recognition.

Greenwood's coaching resume includes Louisville Softball camps, Florida Vibe camps, NFCA camps, and Softball Prep camps. She was a travel ball coach with the Birmingham Thunderbolts, and 14U and 18U coach with the Indiana Fusion.

"I'm super excited to get this opportunity to coach with Coach Tudor and this great staff!" said Greenwood. "I'm thankful to be here at WKU with this talented group of players and look forward to being part of the future success!"

The Birmingham, Ala. native was an NFCA scholar-athlete, member of the ACC Academic Honor Roll and Academic Team. She graduated from Louisville in 2021 with a degree in marketing.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Friday, September 15, 2023
VOLLEYBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

WKU SOFTBALL ANNOUNCES FALL BALL SCHEDULE

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – Western Kentucky softball head coach Amy Tudor has announced the program's 2023 fall schedule with eight chances to catch the Hilltoppers in action on The Hill.

The Tops will start off their fall schedule inside the WKU Softball Complex on Friday, Oct. 13th to face off Lindsey Wilson College in a doubleheader starting at 5 p.m.

Under a week later on Wednesday, Oct. 18th the WKU Hilltoppers will welcome Lakeland Community College for a midweek doubleheader at 5 p.m.

More Wednesday night action, Volunteer State Community College will come to The Hill Oct. 25th for two games starting at 4 p.m. at the Complex. The Tops will wrap up the weekend with a Red and White scrimmage open to the public on Sunday, Oct. 29th at 1 p.m.

WKU's fall slate will close with a Red and White scrimmage Friday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. which will also include welcoming back WKU Softball alumni to The Hill.

Admission to all fall softball contests at the WKU Softball Complex is free.

**WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Thursday, September 21, 2023
SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations**

WKU SOFTBALL SET TO OPEN SEASON AT 2024 NFCA LEADOFF CLASSIC

Tournament schedule attached

LOUISVILLE, Ky. -- The Hilltopper Softball program is set to open its season at the 21st edition of the NFCA Division I Leadoff Classic that will take place Feb 8-11 at the Eddie C. Moore Complex in Clearwater, Fla. The four-day showcase of collegiate softball features 17 programs from 12 different conferences.

The Tops are scheduled to open their season against Missouri State on Friday, Feb. 9 at 12 p.m. CT. They will then split the Friday doubleheader to face 2023 NISC (National Invitational Softball Championship) winner Iowa at 3 p.m. CT. On Saturday, Feb. 10, WKU will start out a doubleheader facing Army-West Point at 9 a.m. CT, then the Wolfpack of NC State at 12 p.m. CT.

The Hilltoppers will cap off the opening classic facing Kansas at 12 p.m. CT at the Eddie C. Moore Complex in Clearwater.

This marks the sixth consecutive tournament in Clearwater (2012-14, 2020, 2023, 2024). The first 15 tournaments were held in Columbus, Ga., from 1996 through 2010. Michigan has captured the most Leadoff titles with three, while Louisiana and Washington (won the inaugural in 1996) have each won twice.

2024 participating teams: Army West Point, Central Arkansas, Clemson, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Liberty, Missouri, Missouri State, North Carolina Central, North Carolina State, Notre Dame, Oregon, South Alabama, St. John's, Utah, Western Kentucky



2024 NFCA Division I Leadoff Classic February 8-11 | Clearwater, FL



Thursday, February 8th		
	Field 8	Field 9
7:00 PM	Clemson Missouri State	Indiana Oregon

Friday, February 9th							
	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3	Field 4		Field 8	Field 9
10:00 AM	Notre Dame Central Arkansas	South Alabama North Carolina Central					
1:00 PM	Notre Dame South Alabama	North Carolina State Iowa	Army West Point Utah	Missouri State Western Kentucky			
4:00 PM	North Carolina Central Central Arkansas	Western Kentucky Iowa	Missouri Utah	Missouri State Army West Point	5:00 PM	Kansas Oregon	St. John's Liberty
7:00 PM	Clemson Indiana			Missouri North Carolina State	8:00 PM	Liberty Oregon	St. John's Kansas

Saturday, Feb. 10							
	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3	Field 4		Field 8	Field 9
10:00 AM	Missouri State North Carolina State	Army West Point Western Kentucky					
1:00 PM	Western Kentucky North Carolina State	Central Arkansas St. John's	Army West Point Indiana	Missouri South Alabama	Utah Notre Dame		Iowa North Carolina Central
4:00 PM	Oregon Missouri State	Indiana Kansas	Liberty Clemson	St. John's South Alabama	Utah North Carolina Central		Iowa Notre Dame
7:00 PM	Oregon Clemson	Central Arkansas Kansas	Liberty Missouri				

Sunday, Feb. 11							
	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3	Field 4		Field 8	Field 9
10:00 AM	North Carolina Central Indiana	Iowa Utah	Notre Dame Liberty	North Carolina State St. John's	Clemson Missouri		Oregon Army West Point
1:00 PM	Kansas Western Kentucky	South Alabama Central Arkansas					

As of 9/21/23

First team listed is visitor, second team is home; Home team will occupy third-base dugout; In the event of a DH, no team is required to change dugouts

WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Tuesday, November 21, 2023

SOFTBALL / Contact: Cassie Buchholz, Assistant Director of Media Relations

WKU SOFTBALL RELEASES 2024 SCHEDULE

PDF schedule is attached

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. – With the 2024 season quickly approaching, WKU Softball head coach Amy Tudor and her staff are excited to announce the program's upcoming [2024 schedule](#). The team returns 13 players last year's 30-win season squad, along with welcoming two transfers and six freshmen to The Hill. Hosting a heavy veteran team, the Tops have five fifth-years and three seniors. Looking ahead at the season, WKU will be competing against a strong schedule of 53 games ultimately hoping to secure a spot in the CUSA tournament – hosted by NM State May 8-11.

The regular season slate starts for the Tops with a trip to Clearwater, Florida for the NFCA Leadoff Classic hosted by the coaches' organization. The season starts Friday, Feb. 9, as WKU faces off against Missouri State and Iowa. Day two for the Tops in the Sunshine State includes games with Army and NC State. On Sunday, action closes as WKU faces up against Kansas for the final match up of the weekend.

Opponent (2023 record)	Date	Time (CT)	Conference
Missouri State (31-20)	Friday, Feb. 9	12 p.m.	Missouri Valley
Iowa (35-27)	Friday, Feb. 9	3 p.m.	Big Ten
Army (22-37)	Saturday, Feb. 10	9 a.m.	Patriot
NC State (18-35)	Saturday, Feb. 10	12 p.m.	ACC
Kansas (25-27)	Sunday, Feb. 11	12 p.m.	Big 12

On the road the following weekend, WKU heads to Chattanooga, Tenn. as the Mocs are hosting the Chattanooga Challenge, featuring a slate of three different teams to compete against the Red and White.

Opponent (2023 record)	Date	Time (CT)	Conference
North Alabama (34-17-1)	Friday, Feb. 16	11:30 a.m.	ASUN
Chattanooga (25-27)	Friday, Feb. 16	4:30 p.m.	SoCon
North Alabama (34-17-1)	Saturday, Feb. 17	9 a.m.	ASUN
Murray State (33-21)	Sunday, Feb. 17	11:30 a.m.	Missouri Valley
Ball State (27-26)	Sunday, Feb. 18	10 a.m.	MAC

The next weekend of the 2022 season opens the Hilltoppers' quick five-game homestand as the Red and White host the annual Hilltopper Classic on The Hill. Detroit Mercy, Saint Louis, and Eastern Illinois all visit the WKU Softball Complex.

Opponent (2023 record)	Date	Time (CT)	Conference
Detroit Mercy (4-34)	Friday, Feb. 23	3 p.m.	Horizon
Saint Louis (30-25)	Friday, Feb. 23	5:30 p.m.	A10
Eastern Illinois (34-21)	Saturday, Feb. 24	12:30 p.m.	Ohio Valley
Detroit Mercy (4-34)	Saturday, Feb. 24	3 p.m.	Horizon
Saint Louis (30-25)	Sunday, Feb. 25	12:30 p.m.	A10

In between both WKU-hosted tournaments, the Tops will head up I-65 to face Louisville (36-20 in 2023) in Ulmer Stadium on Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. CT. The final tournament of the season is the annual WKU Spring Fling,

hosted at the WKU Softball Complex. The Tops welcome Dayton, Northern Illinois, and Southern Illinois to The Hill for five more games.

Opponent (2023 record)	Date	Time (CT)	Conference
Dayton (35-20)	Friday, March 1	3 p.m.	A10
Northern Illinois (26-25)	Friday, March 1	5:30 p.m.	MAC
Southern Illinois (36-20)	Saturday, March 2	12:30 p.m.	Missouri Valley
Northern Illinois (26-25)	Saturday, March 2	3 p.m.	MAC
Dayton (35-20)	Sunday, March 3	12:30 p.m.	A10

Following the Tops' month-long span of weekend tournaments, WKU will play a slate of non-conference, before wrapping up the non-conference schedule with a weekend series at Ole Miss during the Tops' conference bye week.

Remaining Non-Conference Games

Opponent (Conference)	Date	Time (CT)	Location
Indiana (Big Ten)	Tuesday, March 5	4 p.m.	Bloomington, Ind.
Eastern Kentucky (ASUN)	Wednesday, March 20	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Morehead State (OVC)	Monday, March 13	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Lipscomb (ASUN)	Wednesday, April 3	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Ole Miss (SEC)	April 12-14	5 p.m./1 p.m./12 p.m.	Oxford, Miss.
Kentucky (SEC)	Wednesday, April 17	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.

The 22 non-conference squads the Tops will play in 2023 represent 12 different leagues, including four "Power Fives".

WKU's conference schedule includes traveling to NM State, LA Tech, Liberty, and Jax State, while the Hilltoppers will host FIU, Sam Houston, Middle Tennessee, and UTEP.

Conference USA Series

Opponent (2023 Record)	Date	Time (CT)	Location
NM State (21-25)	March 8-10	7 p.m./5 p.m./1 p.m.	Las Cruces, N.M.
FIU (24-27)	March 15-17	6 p.m./ 1 p.m./1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
LA Tech (32-24)	Mar 22-24	6 p.m./2 p.m./1 p.m.	Ruston, La.
Sam Houston (22-35)	Mar 28-30	6 p.m./ 1 p.m./1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Liberty (40-22)	April 5-7	5 p.m./ 12 p.m./12 p.m.	Lynchburg, Va.
Middle Tennessee (42-20)	April 19-21	6 p.m./ 1 p.m./1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Jax State (31-22)	April 26-28	6 p.m./ 1 p.m./1 p.m.	Jacksonville, Ala.
UTEP (11-34)	May 3-5	6 p.m./ 1 p.m./12 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.

Looking to add their fourth Conference USA Tournament title in program history, WKU has now made the event for six-straight seasons and has its eyes set on May 8-11 in Las Cruces, N.M. as New Mexico State hosts.

Over the span of the season, WKU is slated to host 26 games and will match up against 14 different teams at the WKU Softball Complex. [Flexible season ticket packages](#) are now on sale for \$50 that will give fans 25

tickets to use however they'd like -- the only game this season that requires a separate ticket purchase aside from the season ticket package, is when the Hilltoppers host Kentucky on Wednesday, April 17.

ESPN+ streaming will be available for most games and live stats will always be available at WKUSports.com. A streaming schedule for spring sports is expected to be released soon.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

SOFTBALL



2024 SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (CT)	LOCATION
Fri	Feb. 9	Missouri State	12 p.m.	Clearwater, Fla.
		Iowa	3 p.m.	Clearwater, Fla.
Sat	Feb. 10	Army	9 a.m.	Clearwater, Fla.
		NC State	12 p.m.	Clearwater, Fla.
Sun	Feb. 11	Kansas	12 p.m.	Clearwater, Fla.
Fri	Feb. 16	North Alabama	11:30 a.m.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
		Chattanooga	4:30 p.m.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Sat	Feb. 17	North Alabama	9 a.m.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
		Murray State	11:30 a.m.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Sun	Feb. 18	Ball State	10 a.m.	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Fri	Feb. 23	Detroit Mercy	3 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
		Saint Louis	5:30 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sat	Feb. 24	Eastern Illinois	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
		Detroit Mercy	3 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sun	Feb. 25	Saint Louis	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
<i>Tues</i>	<i>Feb. 27</i>	<i>Louisville</i>	<i>5 p.m.</i>	<i>Louisville, Ky.</i>
Fri	Mar. 1	Dayton	3 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
		Northern Illinois	5:30 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sat	Mar. 2	Southern Illinois	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
		Northern Illinois	3 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sun	Mar. 3	Dayton	12:30 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
<i>Tues</i>	<i>Mar. 5</i>	<i>Indiana</i>	<i>4 p.m.</i>	<i>Bloomington, Ind.</i>
Fri	Mar. 8	NM State*	7 p.m.	Las Cruces, N.M.
Sat	Mar. 9	NM State*	5 p.m.	Las Cruces, N.M.
Sun	Mar. 10	NM State*	1 p.m.	Las Cruces, N.M.
Wed	Mar. 13	EKU	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Fri	Mar. 15	FIU*	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sat	Mar. 16	FIU*	1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

SOFTBALL



2024 SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (CT)	LOCATION
Sun	Mar. 17	FIU*	1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Wed	Mar. 20	Morehead State	5:30 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Fri	Mar. 22	LA Tech*	6 p.m.	Ruston, La.
Sat	Mar. 23	LA Tech*	2 p.m.	Ruston, La.
Sun	Mar. 24	LA Tech*	1 p.m.	Ruston, La.
Thurs	Mar. 28	Sam Houston*	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Fri	Mar. 29	Sam Houston*	1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sat	Mar. 30	Sam Houston*	1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Wed	Apr. 3	Lipscomb	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Fri	Apr. 5	Liberty*	5 p.m.	Lynchburg, Va.
Sat	Apr. 6	Liberty*	12 p.m.	Lynchburg, Va.
Sun	Apr. 7	Liberty*	12 p.m.	Lynchburg, Va.
Fri	Apr. 12	Ole Miss	5 p.m.	Oxford, Miss.
Sat	Apr. 13	Ole Miss	1 p.m.	Oxford, Miss.
Sun	Apr. 14	Ole Miss	12 p.m.	Oxford, Miss.
Wed	Apr. 17	Kentucky	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Fri	Apr. 19	Middle Tennessee*	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sat	Apr. 20	Middle Tennessee*	1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sun	Apr. 21	Middle Tennessee*	1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Fri	Apr. 26	Jax State*	6 p.m.	Jacksonville, Ala.
Sat	Apr. 27	Jax State*	1 p.m.	Jacksonville, Ala.
Sun	Apr. 28	Jax State*	1 p.m.	Jacksonville, Ala.
Fri	May 3	UTEP*	6 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sat	May 4	UTEP*	1 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Sun	May 5	UTEP*	12 p.m.	Bowling Green, Ky.
Wed-Sat	May 8-11	CUSA Tournament*		Las Cruces, N.M.