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# 1971 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE
March 13	Vanderbilt (2)	Nashville, Tenn.
March 26	Louisville (2)	Louisville, Ky.
March 27	Akron (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
March 29	Middle Tennessee (2)	Murfreesboro, Tenn.
March 30	Tennessee Tech (2)	Cookeville, Tenn.
March 31	Austin Peay (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 1	Louisville (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 2	Eastern Kentucky (1)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 3	Eastern Kentucky (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 5	Morehead State (2)	Morehead, Ky.
April 10	AUSTIN PEAY INVITATIONAL (Western, Austin Peay, Tennessee Tech, Bradley)	Clarksville, Tenn.
April 12	Vanderbilt (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 15	Tennessee Tech (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 16	Morehead State (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 17	Morehead State (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 19	David Lipscomb (2)	Nashville, Tenn.
April 22-24	OVC PLAYOFFS	Johnson City, Tenn.
April 26	Centre (2)	Danville, Ky.
April 27	David Lipscomb (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
April 30	Southern Illinois (1)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 1	Southern Illinois (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.
May 5	Middle Tennessee (2)	Bowling Green, Ky.

## 1970 RESULTS

Overall Record: 18-16-1      OVC Record: 7-4-1

WKU	OPP.	WKU	OPP.
3	Bellarmino	4	*Murray State
11	Bellarmino	9	Southern Illinois
0	Tennessee Tech	4	Southern Illinois
4	Tennessee Tech	11	*Middle Tennessee
2	*Murray State	9	*Middle Tennessee
7	*Murray State	6	*Austin Peay
2	Louisville	1	*Austin Peay
7	Louisville	4	*Austin Peay
21	Centre	5	*Austin Peay
6	Centre	5	Belmont
7	*Middle Tennessee	3	Belmont
7	*Middle Tennessee	5	David Lipscomb
3	David Lipscomb	10	David Lipscomb
9	David Lipscomb	4	Evansville
2	St. Louis	17	Evansville
1	Campbellsville	2	Vanderbilt
7	Campbellsville	0	Vanderbilt
5	*Murray State	3	

\*OVC Western Division games

## WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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# HILLTOPPER



# BASEBALL



OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

1952

1953

WESTERN DIVISION CHAMPIONS

1969

## Coach JIM PICKENS



Jim Pickens is in his sixth season as head coach of the Hilltoppers. Both his background and experience fit him ably for the assignment.

The Princeton, Kentucky, native was a star pitcher, as well as an outstanding football quarterback, for Western Kentucky in his collegiate playing days. He later pitched professionally as a member of the Detroit Tigers' organization.

Pickens came to Western in the fall of 1965 after a sparkling coaching career in the high school ranks, where he fashioned championship teams in both baseball and football. In six seasons at Bowling Green High School, his baseball teams won 118 games while losing only 20, a percentage of .855. He climaxed his coaching stint there by guiding the Purples to the State Championship in 1965.

Before coaching at Bowling Green, Pickens held similar positions at Danville and Elizabethtown High Schools. Over a 15-year span, his high school teams won 221 victories against just 59 losses, a .789 percentage.

After suffering through three rather lean seasons in rebuilding Western's baseball fortunes, Pickens' last three Hilltopper clubs have been among the most respected in the OVC. His 1969 team won the Western Division championship and last year's team had an overall 18-16-1 record.

Pickens' overall record, going into the current campaign, showed 70 wins, 65 losses and three ties.

In addition to his coaching duties, Pickens is Director of University Centers. He received the B. S. and M. A. degrees from Western in 1951 and 1962, respectively.

Pickens is assisted by Lee Murray, who also serves as assistant football coach and who was a former star for the Hilltoppers in both sports.

## 1971 OUTLOOK

Graduation and other losses from the 1970 squad meant the departure of some extremely gifted individuals from Western's baseball crew, although Coach Jim Pickens feels he has solid nucleus around which to build.

Gone are outfielder Harry Jones, who hit .368 a year ago; infielder Mike Coberly, a .346 hitter; and pitcher Don Durham, who signed a professional contract with the St. Louis Cardinals after compiling a 6-2 record, a 2.78 ERA and ranking among the nation's top strikeout artists with 80 in 55 innings. He also hit .418 as a pitcher and first baseman.

Leading the returnees are outfielder Jim Zweisler (.345), catcher Jack Glasser (.300), experienced infielders Jay Hickman (.239) and Barrett Bernard (.118), and pitchers Leonard Mullins (3-1, 0.87 ERA), Phil Van Meter (3-4, 4.60) and Ron Brosnon (3-4, 4.50).

The mound corps will be strengthened overall by the addition of newcomers like Greg Stahl.

Overall, Pickens feels his club can be stronger defensively this season, almost comparable to last year's team in pitching, but with hitting something of a question mark.

"Our hitting potential looks fairly solid," Pickens explained, "but much of it is relatively inexperienced and it remains to be seen if we can put together the offensive punch when we need it."

## UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Location: Bowling Green, Kentucky  
 Conference: Ohio Valley, NCAA  
 Nickname: Hilltoppers Colors: Red and White  
 President: Dero G. Downing Enrollment: 10,906  
 Chairman, Faculty Athletic Committee: Dr. John D. Minton  
 Athletic Director: Ted Hornback  
 Baseball Coach: Jim Pickens  
 Athletic Office Phone: Area 502, 745-3542 or 745-3348

—FOR INFORMATION ON ALL SPORTS—  
 Assistant Public Relations Director: Ed Given  
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## 1970 STATISTICS

### BATTING

NAME, POS.	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	BB	SO	AVG.
Don Durham, P-1B	27	79	17	33	4	6	1	52	19	9	13	.418
Harry Jones, OF	33	114	35	42	7	1	3	57	19	13	7	.368
Mike Coberly, 3B	28	78	10	27	3	0	2	36	29	7	8	.346
JIM ZWIESLER, OF	35	113	30	39	3	3	1	51	13	11	10	.345
Ken Gray, C	7	15	1	5	1	0	0	7	0	0	3	.333
JACK GLASSER, C	22	60	7	18	3	0	0	21	6	9	9	.300
Phil Allen, SS-3B	15	27	11	8	1	0	1	11	8	9	9	.296
Marty Braun, SS	35	113	28	31	5	3	0	44	21	19	21	.274
Neil Lawson, 1B-OF	30	73	18	20	4	0	0	24	23	21	12	.274
FRED JONES, OF	22	47	7	12	0	4	0	20	7	5	15	.255
JAY HICKMAN, 2B	31	71	9	17	1	0	0	18	10	6	9	.239
Jay Davis, OF-1B	18	37	5	7	0	1	0	9	1	3	5	.189
Bob Clark, C-P	13	30	3	4	0	2	0	8	3	7	9	.133
BARRETT BERNARD, SS	11	17	2	2	0	0	0	2	1	3	4	.118
TEAM	35	874	183	265	32	20	8	360	160	122	134	.303

### PITCHING

NAME	G	GS	CG	IP	H	R	ER	HP	SO	BB	W	L	ERA
LEONARD MULLINS	7	3	3	30 2/3	14	4	3	0	22	7	3	1	0.87
Don Durham	9	8	8	54 2/3	31	25	17	2	80	27	6	2	2.78
DAVID CURTIS	2	2	1	12	11	7	4	0	14	9	1	0	3.00
RON BROSNON	9	3	2	41 2/3	49	28	21	0	26	15	3	4	4.60
PHIL VAN METER	11	6	3	42 2/3	39	35	22	2	41	25	3	4	4.60
Larry Young	3	1	0	4 2/3	1	3	3	2	6	4	0	0	5.40
Bob Clark	1	1	1	7	9	5	5	0	2	3	1	0	6.43
Terry Davis	6	2	0	11 1/3	21	19	9	0	4	12	0	1	7.36
Jim Howes	2	1	0	7 1/3	6	9	8	2	7	8	0	1	9.90
Bill Sevedge	6	3	0	18 1/3	24	26	24	1	8	15	1	1	12.00
Jim Hoff	1	1	0	2 2/3	4	7	5	1	1	5	0	0	16.67
TEAM	35	18		233	209	168	121	10	211	130	18	16	4.67

Note: Returnees Capitalized

## EXCITING HILLTOPPER ACTION



## BASEBALL ROSTER

HOME	AWAY	NAME	BIRTH	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	T-B	LTRS.	HOMETOWN
2	2	Jim Zwiesler	6-26-47	OF	5-10	165	Sr.	L-L	3	Dayton, Ohio
3	3	Monte Ward	6-26-52	2B	5-10	165	Fr.	R-L	0	Henderson, Ky.
4	17	Gary Young	1-5-52	OF	5-10	160	Fr.	R-R	0	Campbellsville, Ky.
5	1	Larry Taylor	3-19-51	C	5-10	160	So.	R-R	0	Lexington, Ky.
5	18	Jay Hickman	4-28-49	3B	5-10	160	Sr.	R-R	2	Lakeland, Fla.
6	27	Ron Brosnon	11-5-50	P	6-1	175	Jr.	R-R	1	Louisville, Ky.
7	7	Paul Merrill	2-1-52	OF	5-11	165	Fr.	R-R	0	Valley Station, Ky.
8	16	Leonard Mullins	2-4-50	P	6-1	180	Sr.	R-R	1	Deland, Fla.
9	9	Steve Tate	8-26-52	SS	5-9	160	Fr.	R-R	0	Bowling Green, Ky.
10	19	Bill Strong	12-26-49	2B	5-11	165	So.	R-R	0	Owensboro, Ky.
11	11	Robert Young	3-17-52	OF	5-10	160	Fr.	R-R	0	Owensboro, Ky.
12	25	Bob Elliott	9-28-51	P	6-0	160	Fr.	R-R	0	Louisville, Ky.
14	14	Phil Van Meter	1-23-50	P	5-10	160	Jr.	L-R	2	Bowling Green, Ky.
15	24	Edward Vincent	4-23-51	C	5-11	170	So.	R-R	0	Louisville, Ky.
16	4	Fred Jones	1-12-50	OF	5-11	170	Jr.	R-R	2	Greensburg, Ky.
17	10	Leo Peckenpough	9-17-51	P	6-0	175	So.	R-R	0	Henderson, Ky.
20	20	Tracey Whitaker	12-5-50	3B	5-11	180	Jr.	R-R	0	Twin Oaks, Pa.
21	21	Michael Grubb	7-20-52	P	6-1	190	Fr.	L-L	0	South Lebanon, Ohio
22	6	Jack Glasser	7-12-51	C	5-11	170	So.	R-R	1	Bowling Green, Ky.
23	23	Barrett Bernard	4-3-49	SS	5-11	170	Sr.	R-R	3	Russell Springs, Ky.
24	12	Greg Stahl	8-31-52	P	5-10	165	Fr.	R-R	0	Leitchfield, Ky.
25	8	Mark Johnson	1-21-52	3B	5-11	170	Fr.	R-R	0	Cincinnati, Ohio
26	26	Tony Burkeen	5-29-51	1B	5-11	180	So.	L-R	0	Bowling Green, Ky.
27	29	Jerry Emmons	5-31-50	P	6-1	185	Jr.	R-R	0	Hillsboro, Ky.
28	28	David Curtis	11-28-49	P	6-2	210	Jr.	R-R	1	Uniontown, Ky.