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## **WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / July 21, 2016

Baseball / Contact: Brett Pund, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

### **BASEBALL SHOWCASE CAMPS SET FOR LABOR DAY WEEKEND**

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** – Labor Day weekend is for baseball this year on The Hill as head coach John Pawlowski and his staff welcome campers in grades 9 through 12 to a pair of Showcase Camps set for Sunday, Sept. 4.

Two sessions, a morning and afternoon sessions, are available and include position specific, hitting, and pitching instruction as well as professional-style workouts and live scrimmages organized by Pawlowski and the Hilltopper coaching staff.

Registration for each session is \$150, and each camp should bring their own equipment. Sessions begin at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

After an introduction from Pawlowski, campers will receive direct instruction at their designated primary positions. Campers wishing to receive instruction at a secondary position are encouraged to sign up for both the morning and afternoon sessions. Participants in the Throw90 Showcase Camps will also be among the first players to work out and play on WKU's brand new AstroTurf playing surface, currently being installed at Nick Denes Field.

To register, go to [WKUBaseball.com](http://WKUBaseball.com) and click on "Camps and Showcases."

**How to follow the Hilltoppers:** For more information on WKU Baseball, follow the program via Twitter and Instagram at [@WKUBaseball](https://twitter.com/WKUBaseball) and on Snapchat at [WKUBaseball](https://www.snapchat.com/add/WKUBaseball).

## **WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / July 25, 2016

Baseball / Contact: Brett Pund, WKU Athletic Communications/Media Relations

*Tournament Brochure Attached*

### **WKU BASEBALL INVITES ALUMNI TO WKU BASEBALL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** – WKU head baseball coach John Pawlowski would like to invite alumni, friends and their families to the first WKU Baseball Golf Tournament at Crosswinds Golf Course in Bowling Green on Saturday, October 1.

Those looking to participate in the four-man scramble event can either sign up as a team of up to four players or as an individual, with each player in the tournament playing 18 holes of golf with a golf cart and a box lunch. Each participant will also receive two complimentary tickets to the WKU Football home game that day against Houston Baptist.

Players will check in at Crosswinds Golf Course at 7 a.m. CT, with the shotgun start beginning at 8:30 a.m. CT. To reserve a place for yourself or a team, contact Larry Cash at 270-745-4370 or [Larry.Cash@wku.edu](mailto:Larry.Cash@wku.edu).

For more information on the WKU Baseball Golf Tournament, contact Devin Kelly at 270-745-2493 or [Devin.Kelly351@topper.wku.edu](mailto:Devin.Kelly351@topper.wku.edu).

## **Greetings from the Coach....**

I want to personally invite you to our 1<sup>st</sup> WKU Baseball Golf Tournament. It is our hope to make this an annual event for all Alumni, friends, and their families to come together for a day of golf and fun.

There is a lot to be excited about here at WKU. This summer Nick Denes Field is undergoing a major renovation. The grass playing surface is being removed and a state of the art AstroTurf field is being installed. In addition to the field renovation we are also painting and adding brand new black padding to the outfield walls and behind home plate.

When complete, our baseball facilities will be second to none in all of college baseball!

I encourage you to come and participate in this 1<sup>st</sup> Golf outing. All proceeds for the tournament will go directly to supporting our baseball program.

We expect 2017 to be a great year for WKU Baseball as we continue to grow the program and take it to new heights.

Your support to the program and our fine Student-Athletes is very much appreciated. GO TOPS!!!

John Pawlowski  
Head Baseball Coach

## **Entry Forms:**

Submit either a team (up to 4 players) or an individual entry on the form on the back of this page. Acceptance will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis with the submittal of the entry fee as the confirmation.

## **Team Reservations:**

Team Captains will be responsible for submitting the entire amount of the team entry fee. Four individual checks may be sent.

## **Individual Reservations:**

Individuals wishing to play may do so by filling out an entry form. Combining individual reservation into groups of four will form teams.

We will use a four-man scramble format for this year's tournament. Each player will hit a drive and the team will decide on which drive to use. All players will move their ball within one club length of the spot to hit their second shots. Once a shot reaches the green, place your ball within a club head of the mark and each person putts from there.

## **Every player receives:**

18 holes of golf (with a golf cart) and box lunch.

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**[www.WKUsports.com](http://www.WKUsports.com)**

# **Western Kentucky University Baseball**

## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Golf Tournament**



**Saturday**

**October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**

**at the**

**Crosswinds Golf Course**

**Bowling Green, KY**





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Tournament Sponsor (\$5,000)
Food Sponsor (\$2,500 or Food in lieu of)
Golf Cart Sponsor (\$500)
Putting Green Sponsor (\$300)
Hole Sponsor (\$150)

Method of Payment

Cash Check(s) enclosed with entry form
Visa MasterCard Am. Express

Credit Card #
Exp. Date
Print Name
Phone #

Signature

PLEASE return your payment as indicated above (makes checks payable to WKU Baseball) and mail to:

Western Kentucky University Baseball
C/O Golf Tournament
1605 Ave. of Champions
Bowling Green, KY 42101

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

This outing is being hosted to provide a fun day of golf with WKU Alumni, Friends, & Family. There will be prizes and great food at the end of the day, all to benefit the WKU Baseball Program. You will also receive 2 complimentary tickets to WKU Football home game Saturday, October 1st, 2016.

Date: Saturday, October 1st, 2016

Schedule: 7:00 a.m. Check In
8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

Where: Crosswinds Golf Course
1031 Wilkinson Trace
Bowling Green, KY 42101
(270) 393-3559

Cost: \$125 per golfer - \$400 per Foursome (includes Greens Fee, Cart Rental, & Lunch)

RSVP to:

Larry Cash

270.745.4370

Larry.cash@wku.edu

Tournament information:

Devin Kelly

270.745.2493

devin.kelly351@topper.wku.edu

Tournament Individual Entry Form:

Name:

Company:

Address:

City/ State/ Zip:

Phone (W):

Phone (C):

E-mail:

Team Entry:

(Team Captain Player 1)

Name:

Company:

Address:

City/ State/ Zip:

Phone (W):

Phone (C):

E-mail:

Teammates:

Player 2 Name:

E-mail:

Player 3 Name:

E-mail:

Player 4 Name:

E-mail:

Total Golfers x \$125 =

Foursome: = \$400

## **WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Oct. 17, 2016  
BASEBALL / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

[2017 Schedule \(Online\)](#)

### **HILLTOPPERS RELEASE FULL 2017 BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** — WKU Baseball announced its 2017 schedule Monday, featuring the first four non-conference series of the season at newly-renovated Nick Denes Field. Those series are against Valparaiso (Feb. 17-19), Jacksonville State (Feb. 24-26), Ohio (March 3-5) and Illinois State (March 10-12).

Head coach John Pawlowski and the Toppers look forward to playing at home as much as possible early in the season to take advantage of the significant investment put into Nick Denes Field over the summer.

“With a \$1.3 million installation of a new AstroTurf playing surface and other upgrades underway, we felt like it was important to play a challenging home slate early on,” Pawlowski explained.

Some of the premier matchups for the Hilltoppers include games at Kentucky (March 1), Vanderbilt (March 14) and Louisville (March 28). In addition, WKU will host the Wildcats (March 21) at Bowling Green Ballpark.

Overall, the Hilltoppers have 14 games against teams that were in the 2016 NCAA Regionals, including Conference USA members Southern Miss (March 31-April 2), Rice (April 22-24) and Florida Atlantic (May 12-14) at home, as well as Louisiana Tech (April 28-30) on the road.

WKU plays a series against every C-USA team except for Old Dominion, wrapping up league play at FIU (May 18-20) leading into the 2017 Conference USA Tournament from May 24-28 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

“Conference USA had four teams make NCAA Regionals last year and our expectations will remain the same: to compete and win in one of the top-five baseball conferences in the country,” Pawlowski said.

The 13-week regular season begins four months from today and includes 56 games. In total, 33 are at home and 23 are on the road, while 30 are C-USA and 26 are non-conference.

Despite losing All-American and St. Louis Cardinals 10th round draft pick Danny Hudzina, the Hilltoppers return Steven Kraft (.319/.409/.476) and Kaleb Duckworth (.329/.421/.473) to the lineup. WKU also brings back Ryan Thurston (4.20 ERA with 79 strikeouts in 79.1 innings across 14 starts) and Jackson Sowell (2.36 ERA with 35 strikeouts in 26.2 innings across 21 appearances) to the rubber.

# HILLTOPPER

## B A S E B A L L

### 2017 SEASON SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME (CT)
FRI	Feb. 17	Valparaiso	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.
SAT	Feb. 18	Valparaiso	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SUN	Feb. 19	Valparaiso	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
TUE	Feb. 21	at Belmont	Nashville, Tenn.	4 p.m.
FRI	Feb. 24	Jacksonville State	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.
SAT	Feb. 25	Jacksonville State	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SUN	Feb. 26	Jacksonville State	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
TUE	Feb. 28	at Lipscomb	Nashville, Tenn.	4 p.m.
WED	March 1	at Kentucky	Lexington, Ky.	3 p.m.
FRI	March 3	Ohio	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.
SAT	March 4	Ohio	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SUN	March 5	Ohio	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
TUE	March 7	Belmont	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.
WED	March 8	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky.	3 p.m.
FRI	March 10	Illinois State	Nick Denes Field	3 p.m.
SAT	March 11	Illinois State	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SUN	March 12	Illinois State	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
TUE	March 14	at Vanderbilt	Nashville, Tenn.	TBA
FRI	March 17	UAB*	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.
SAT	March 18	UAB*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SUN	March 19	UAB*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
TUE	March 21	Kentucky	Bowling Green Ballpark	6 p.m.
FRI	March 24	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	TBA
SAT	March 25	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	TBA
SUN	March 26	at Middle Tennessee*	Murfreesboro, Tenn.	TBA
TUE	March 28	at Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	5 p.m.
FRI	March 31	Southern Miss*	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.
SAT	April 1	Southern Miss*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SUN	April 2	Southern Miss*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
TUE	April 4	Murray State	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.
FRI	April 7	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	TBA
SAT	April 8	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	TBA
SUN	April 9	at UTSA*	San Antonio, Texas	12 p.m.
TUE	April 11	Lipscomb	Nick Denes Field	4 p.m.
THU	April 13	Charlotte*	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.
FRI	April 14	Charlotte*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SAT	April 15	Charlotte*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
TUE	April 18	at Murray State	Murray, Ky.	6 p.m.
WED	April 19	Austin Peay	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.
FRI	April 21	Rice*	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.
SAT	April 22	Rice*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SUN	April 23	Rice*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
TUE	April 25	at Austin Peay	Clarksville, Tenn.	TBA
FRI	April 28	at Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	6 p.m.
SAT	April 29	at Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	2 p.m.
SUN	April 30	at Louisiana Tech*	Ruston, La.	1 p.m.
TUE	May 2	Eastern Kentucky	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.
FRI	May 5	at Marshall*	TBA, W.Va.	TBA
SAT	May 6	at Marshall*	TBA, W.Va.	TBA
SUN	May 7	at Marshall*	TBA, W.Va.	TBA
FRI	May 12	Florida Atlantic*	Nick Denes Field	5 p.m.
SAT	May 13	Florida Atlantic*	Nick Denes Field	1 p.m.
SUN	May 14	Florida Atlantic*	Nick Denes Field	TBA
THU	May 18	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	TBA
FRI	May 19	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	TBA
SAT	May 20	at FIU*	Miami, Fla.	TBA
WED-SUN	May 24-28	2017 C-USA Tournament	Biloxi, Miss.	TBD

(\*) denotes Conference USA game

- Media relations contact: Bryan Fyalkowski - (bryan.fyalkowski@wku.edu) -

**Bold** denotes home game

*Italic* denotes neutral site event

(Dates & times subject to change)

## **WKU ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS / MEDIA RELATIONS**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE / Oct. 19, 2016  
BASEBALL / Contact: Bryan Fyalkowski

### **TOPPERS 2016 FALL WORLD SERIES BEGINS THURSDAY**

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.** — WKU Baseball will put the cherry on top of its fall season this week, as the team's annual Fall World Series gets underway Thursday, Oct. 20 at Nick Denes Field, with first pitch slated for 4 p.m. CT.

The Hilltoppers are scheduled to take part in a five-game intrasquad series, with Game 2 on Friday, Oct. 21 at 4 p.m. CT and Game 3 on Sunday, Oct. 23 with the starting time TBA. Games 4 and 5 will take place Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 26-27, if necessary. All games will be open to the public with free admission.

This is WKU fans' first official opportunity to see the Hilltoppers compete at Nick Denes Field following a \$1.3 million investment that included a complete AstroTurf playing surface, dugouts, outfield walls and bullpens installed over the summer.

Returning left-handed pitcher Ryan Thurston (4.20 ERA with 79 strikeouts in 79.1 innings across 14 starts) and newcomer right-handed pitcher Paul Kirkpatrick (pitched for Great Britain in WBC qualifying) lead the Easton (Red) Team to face outfielders Steven Kraft (.319/.409/.476) and Kaleb Duckworth (.329/.421/.473) of the Black Team. Be sure to keep an eye on @WKUBaseball over the next few days, as starting pitchers and lineups are TBA.





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## 2016 @WKUBASEBALL FALL WORLD SERIES

### TEAM WKU EASTON (RED)

#	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
<b>POSITION PLAYERS</b>					
2	Leiff Clarkson	OF	r-Sr.	Union, Ky.	Ryle HS
3	Colie Currie	OF	Jr.	Jackson, Tenn.	Walters State CC (Tenn.)
5	Stevie DiPuglia	IF	So.	Cooper City, Fla.	Cooper City HS
6	Paul Murray	OF	Sr.	San Bruno, Calif.	Junipero Serra HS
16	Tyler Robertson	IF	r-Jr.	Russel Springs, Ky.	John A. Logan College (Ill.)
17	Ty Hogan	C	r-Sr.	Lisle, Ill.	Naperville North HS
22	Grayson Ivey	1B/3B	r-Jr.	Winder, Ga.	Chattahoochee Valley CC (Tenn.)
23	Cody Cooper	C	Jr.	Hernando, Miss.	Northwest Mississippi CC
32	Harry Scanlon	1B	r-Jr.	Louisville, Ky.	Dupont Manual HS
35	Marshall Smith	IF	r-So.	Naples, Fla.	Brunswick CC (N.C.)
50	Aiden Elias	OF	Fr.	Lexington, Ky.	Sayre School
<b>PITCHERS</b>					
10	Ben Morrison	RHP	r-Jr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	Bowling Green HS
11	Devon Loomis	RHP	Jr.	Colfax, Calif.	Cabrillo College (Calif.)
15	Cody Coll	RHP	Sr.	Naperville, Ill.	Neuqua Valley HS
20	Ryan Thurston	LHP	r-Jr.	Madison, Ind.	Madison HS
28	Paul Kirkpatrick	RHP	Jr.	Austin, Texas	McLennan CC (Texas)
31	Evan Acosta	LHP	So.	Batavia, Ill.	Batavia HS
34	Jeff Ciocco	RHP	Fr.	Blue Anchor, N.J.	Neumann-Goretti Catholic HS
45	Brett Vansant	RHP	Fr.	Redlands, Calif.	Redlands East Valley HS
47	Ethan Cleary	RHP	r-Fr.	Prospect, Ky.	North Oldham HS
48	Connor Boyd	RHP	Jr.	Smyrna, Tenn.	Motlow State CC (Tenn.)
49	Lucas Gross	LHP	Fr.	Hendersonville, Tenn.	Station Camp HS

### TEAM WKU BLACK

#	PLAYER	POS.	CLASS	HOMETOWN	PREVIOUS SCHOOL
<b>POSITION PLAYERS</b>					
1	Steven Kraft	OF	Jr.	Gainesville, Va.	Battlefield HS
7	Thomas Peter	3B	g-Sr.	San Ramon, Calif.	California HS
9	Hunter Wood	C	Sr.	Mt. Washington, Ky.	Bullitt East HS
13	Kaleb Duckworth	OF	Jr.	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
18	Nathan Methvin	1B	Jr.	Longview, Texas	Tyler JC (Texas)
21	Chris Rogers	OF	Sr.	Issaquah, Wash.	Lower Columbia College (Wash.)
24	Kevin Lambert	IF	Fr.	Palm Harbor, Fla.	East Lake HS
26	Bryson Smith	IF	Fr.	Naples, Fla.	San Marino HS
27	Ray Zuberer	IF	Fr.	Owensboro, Ky.	Owensboro Catholic HS
33	Wyatt Featherston	OF	Fr.	Lakewood, Colo.	Green Mountain HS
37	Seaton Sheldon	C	r-So.	Bowling Green, Ky.	Lincoln Trail College (Ill.)
<b>PITCHERS</b>					
19	Sam Higgs	RHP	Sr.	Henderson, Ky.	Henderson County HS
29	Jackson Sowell	RHP	g-Sr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	Bowling Green HS
30	Logan Haner	RHP	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga.	Chattahoochee Valley CC (Tenn.)
38	Kevin Elder	RHP	r-Sr.	Hampshire, Ill.	Iowa Western CC (Iowa)
39	J.D. Barr	RHP	Jr.	South Sioux City, Neb.	Marshalltown CC (Iowa)
40	Caleb Bruner	RHP	r-Fr.	Russellville, Ky.	Logan County HS
41	Logan Weins	LHP	Jr.	Frankton, Ind.	Frankton HS
42	Bailey Sutton	RHP	Fr.	Louisville, Ky.	Eastern HS
43	Zack Barker	LHP	Jr.	Frankfort, Ky.	Lincoln Trail College (Ill.)
44	Michael Hicks	RHP	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky.	South Warrenn HS