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1974 SPRING SCHEDULE

Date Opponent (Games) Site
March 19 Union (Tenn.) (2) Home
March 22 Morehead State (2) Morehead, Ky.
March 23 Vanderbilt (2) Home
March 26 David Lipscomb (2) Home
March 27 Louisville (2) Louisville, Ky.
March 30 Middle Tennessee State (2) Home
March 31 Louisville (2) Louisville, Ky.
April 1 Bellarmine (2) Home
April 2 David Lipscomb (2) Nashville, Tenn.
April 6 Murray State (2) Home
April 8 Kentucky Wesleyan (2) Lexington, Ky.
April 10 Centre (2) Danville, Ky.
April 13 Austin Peay (2) Clarksville, Tenn.
April 16 Kentucky Wesleyan (2) Owensboro, Ky.
April 22 Kentucky Wesleyan (2) Louisville, Ky.
April 23 Bellarmine (2) Louisville, Ky.
April 24 Southern Illinois (2) Home

West Kentucky University

1974 OUTLOOK

After coming off a good 12-7-1 record in the fall, Baseball Coach Jim Pickens feels that he has a much improved team this spring. He is fairly optimistic about his team's chances at the Ohio Valley Conference spring championship.

"The success of our team will rest squarely on the shoulders of our experienced pitchers, namely Mike Cobb, Marty Matsuiiuk, Greg Stahl and Jeff Ralph," explained Pickens. "We must continue to get strong relief from Rick and Rob Parent and Greg Sheldon. If Ray Ford and Bill Schecken come to improve, we can play with anyone."

Pickens added, "Our overall outlook, both offensively and defensively, is sound. We may make some early position changes, but our club will be primarily the same as in the fall."

One of the major position changes will be the shift of first baseman Noel Mills to second base. Pickens will try to find a new first baseman in early drills.

He will also be looking for a new third baseman. Seniors Ken Justak and Phil Allen have decided not to play baseball this spring. Last fall, both shared the job of playing the hot corner. Justak is hitting the books, and Allen did not return to school.

At the catching position, Pickens has two candidates for the starting job. Freshman Wally Moss and battle sophomore Jim Fox for the job behind the plate. Both players are outstanding receivers. Hitting may determine who starts.

There is a good crop of outfielders on this year's squad. Terry Mitchell and Bob Rieman will contend for the job in leftfield; Steve Klock will be in centerfield; and Steve Tate and Mike Parker will be the candidates in rightfield.

Pickens indicated that Steve Carter, a multi-talented transfer, will help in both pitching and in the infield. Football player David Carter is trying his hand at catching and could be a help to the squad.

With a little stronger pitching and a better overall offensive attack," explained Pickens, "we can be a contender. We are looking forward to the challenge.

Pickens' overall record, going into the 1974 campaign, shows 130 wins, 133 losses and four 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 1961 and 1965, respectively.

BUCK SYDNOR Assistant Coach

Buck Sydnor is starting his third season as assistant baseball coach. He became Jim Pickens' assistant coach in the spring of 1972 after spending six seasons as a basketball assistant coach under John Oldham.

Sydnor, a star on Western's first two National Invitation Tournament basketball teams in 1942 and 1943, joined the Western staff in 1964.

Buck was a veteran of 13 years of school basketball coaching at Daviess County, Hopkinsville, and Bowling Green High Schools when he came to Western.

His Hilltopper basketball for over six seasons (1965-71), won 62 and lost 50 while playing some of the toughest schedules ever faced by the Western Freshmans.

Sydnor received his B.S. and M.A. degrees from Western Kentucky in 1948 and 1949, respectively.
### 1973 FALL STATISTICS

**PLAYER**
- Greg Shelton
- Gary Laramore
- Steve Keck
- Ken Juskait
- Dee Deemer
- Jimmy Fees
- Marty Mutzak
- Mike Hurst
- Jack Bush
- Keith Skaggs
- Mike Parker
- Wally Moss
- Dirk Knight

**TEAM TOTALS**
20 503 143 98 75

**BATTING**
- Player: Mike Grubb, HR: 12
- Player: Steve Terry, HR: 9
- Player: Marty Mutzak, HR: 6
- Player: Mike Hurst, HR: 5
- Player: Jack Bush, HR: 2
- Player: Dirk Knight, HR: 1

**PITCHING**
- Player: Mike Grubb, ERA: 2.77
- Player: Steve Terry, ERA: 2.95
- Player: Marty Mutzak, ERA: 3.23
- Player: Mike Hurst, ERA: 4.14
- Player: Jack Bush, ERA: 4.22
- Player: Dirk Knight, ERA: 4.23

### 1974 SPRING BASEBALL ROSTER

**Name, Pos.**
- Marty Mutzak, INF
- Dave Carter, OF
- Steve Terry, INF
- Mike Grubb, P
- Mike Hurst, OF
- Mike Parker, OF
- Dirk Knight, INF
- Gary Laramore, INF
- John Leonard, OF

**Ht.**
- 6-4
- 6-3
- 5-10
- 6-2
- 6-2
- 6-0
- 5-10
- 5-11
- 6-3

**Wt.**
- 180
- 235
- 160
- 200
- 180
- 165
- 175
- 175
- 195

**Bat**
- R
- L
- L
- L
- L
- L
- L
- L
- R

**Throw**
- R
- L
- R
- R
- R
- L
- R
- R
- R

**Hometown**
- Shepherdsville, Ky.
- Lincoln, Ky.
- Bowling Green, Ky.
- Bowling Green, Ky.
- Bowling Green, Ky.
- Symsonia, Ky.
- Williamsport, Ky.
- Williamsport, Ky.
- Bowling Green, Ky.

**Team**
- Bob Byrnes, INF
- Joey Bunch, OF
- Steve Carter, P
- Dee Deemer, INF
- Jim Fees, OF
- Ray Ford, P
- Mike Grubb, P
- Mike Hurst, OF
- Ricky Johnson, P
- Steve Keck, INF
- Bill Kiesling, OF
- Dirk Knight, INF
- Gary Laramore, INF
- John Leonard, OF

### 1973 ALL-AMERICAN

**JACK GLASSER**

1973 Academic All-American

**STEVE TATE**

1973 All-OVC Shortstop