



## SCHEDULE/RESULTS

### FEBRUARY

14	at TCU	L, 1-5
15	at TCU	L, 1-7
16	at TCU	L, 5-10
18	SOUTHEAST MISSOURI	W, 9-4
21	APPALACHIAN STATE	W, 7-3
22	APPALACHIAN STATE	W, 21-4
23	APPALACHIAN STATE	W, 8-7 (15)
25	TENNESSEE TECH	W, 13-3 (7)
26	EASTERN KENTUCKY	Canceled
28	UNC WILMINGTON	1 p.m.
29	UNC WILMINGTON	1 p.m.

### MARCH

1	UNC WILMINGTON	1 p.m.
3	CINCINNATI	4 p.m.
4	MURRAY STATE	4 p.m.
6	BRADLEY	4 p.m.
7	BRADLEY	1 p.m.
8	BRADLEY	1 p.m.
10	WESTERN KENTUCKY	4 p.m.
13	at Vanderbilt*	7:30 p.m.
14	at Vanderbilt*	3 p.m.
15	at Vanderbilt*	2 p.m.
17	at Indiana	6:05 p.m.
20	FLORIDA*	6:30 p.m.
21	FLORIDA*	2 p.m.
22	FLORIDA*	1 p.m.
24	MOREHEAD STATE	6:30 p.m.
27	at Mississippi State*	7:30 p.m.
28	at Mississippi State*	3 p.m.
29	at Mississippi State*	2 p.m.

### APRIL

1	XAVIER	6:30 p.m.
3	ALABAMA*	6:30 p.m.
4	ALABAMA*	Noon
5	ALABAMA*	1 p.m.
7	LOUISVILLE	7 p.m.
9	LSU*	6:30 p.m.
10	LSU*	6:30 p.m.
11	LSU*	2 p.m.
14	UT MARTIN	6:30 p.m.
16	at Auburn*	7 p.m.
17	at Auburn*	9 p.m.
18	at Auburn*	3 p.m.
21	at Louisville	7 p.m.
23	MISSOURI*	7:30 p.m.
24	MISSOURI*	6:30 p.m.
25	MISSOURI*	Noon

### MAY

1	at Tennessee*	6:30 p.m.
2	at Tennessee*	6 p.m.
3	at Tennessee*	2 p.m.
5	WRIGHT STATE	6:30 p.m.
8	SOUTH CAROLINA*	6:30 p.m.
9	SOUTH CAROLINA*	2 p.m.
10	SOUTH CAROLINA*	Noon
12	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	6:30 p.m.
14	at Georgia*	7 p.m.
15	at Georgia*	7 p.m.
16	at Georgia*	Noon
19-24	SEC Tournament	TBD

All times EST; \*SEC game  
+Baseball America; ~D1Baseball; %Coaches Poll; !Perfect Game

## AT THE BALLPARK



### KENTUCKY vs UNC WILMINGTON FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 1 • 1 PM ET / 1 PM / 1 PM KENTUCKY PROUD PARK • LEXINGTON, KY



#### KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2020 RECORD: 5-3  
COACH: NICK MINGIONE  
OVERALL RECORD: 108-77 (.584) - 4TH YEAR  
AT UK: SAME

#### UNC WILMINGTON SEAHAWKS

2020 RECORD: 6-3  
COACH: RANDY HOOD  
OVERALL RECORD: 6-3 (.667) - 1ST YEAR  
AT UNCW: SAME

DATE/TIME: FRI., FEB. 28 (1 PM ET) / SAT., FEB. 29 (1 PM) / SUN., MAR. 1 (1 PM)  
LOCATION (FACILITY): LEXINGTON, KY. (KENTUCKY PROUD PARK)  
ALL-TIME SERIES: UK LEADS 2-0  
LAST MEETING: FEB. 15, 2014 - UK 10, AT UNC WILMINGTON 4  
RADIO: UK SPORTS NETWORK; UKATHLETICS.COM  
TV/ONLINE: SECN+

## PROBABLE PITCHING ROTATIONS

FRIDAY	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
UK - JIMMY RAMSEY (JR., RHP)	1-1	2.89	2/2	9.1	6	5	3	9	6
UNCW - ZARION SHARPE (JR., LHP)	1-0	1.54	2/2	11.2	6	4	2	2	14
SATURDAY	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
UK - MASON HAZELWOOD (JR., LHP)	1-0	3.38	2/2	8.0	3	5	3	5	9
UNCW - LANDEN ROUPP (JR., RHP)	2-0	0.75	2/2	12.0	11	3	1	1	18
SUNDAY	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
UK - TBD									
UNCW - LUKE GESELL (SR., RHP)	1-1	5.40	2/2	10.0	15	6	6	2	4

## UK LOOKS TO EXTEND STREAKS DURING UNCW SERIES

- Kentucky is 5-3 overall, but 5-0 so far on its 15-game homestand.
- The Cats have won 27 straight games against non-Power Five conference opponents - the longest streak in the SEC - and are 57-5 overall against those schools under Mingione.
- The Cats are riding a 127-game streak without being shutout and have scored in 203 of the last 204 games (the lone shutout was a seven-inning game) dating to April 2016. The current streak is a school-record (see page seven for list) and third-longest active streak in Division I-A.
- The Cats swept Appalachian State last weekend, capped with an 8-7, 15-inning win on Sunday. It was UK's longest game since 2013. The 21 runs they scored on Saturday were the most since 2014 and a 10-run third inning was first double-digit inning since 2007.
- The Cats run-ruled Tennessee Tech, 13-3, in seven innings on Tuesday night.
- Sophomore INF **Austin Schultz** posted a 27-game reached base streak last season, just the eighth time a UK player has had streak of at least 25 games since the start of 2012. He has reached in 48 of the past 50 games he's played and 21 straight. He has 11 RBI in his past five games.
- Sophomore 1B/OF **Trae Harmon** has been the breakout star so far with four home runs on the season, including one in three of the past four games. His OPS is an obscene 1.353 through 22 at bats.
- Freshman INF/OF **John Rhodes** has five extra-base hits and seven RBI in 27 at bats.
- Senior 1B **T.J. Collett** needs nine hits to join the program's 100 career hits club.
- The Cats have lost two key components of their lineup in the past two games: Redshirt sophomore OF **Cam Hill** is out indefinitely after suffering a broken wrist in an outfield collision, while senior INF/OF **Elliott Curtis** is out for the season with a severe ankle injury.



# KENTUCKY



## 2020 ROSTER

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
1	John Rhodes	IF/OF	R/R	6-0	200	FR	Soddy Daisy, Tenn./Chattanooga Christian HS
2	Austin Schultz	IF	R/R	5-9	190	SO	Adams, Neb./Norris HS
3	Ben Jordan	RHP	L/R	6-9	250	R-SO	Olive Hill, Ky./West Carter HS
4	Zeke Lewis	IF	S/R	5-9	165	R-SR	Atlanta, Ga./Mays HS
5	T.J. Collett	1B	L/R	6-1	220	SR	Terre Haute, Ind./Terre Haute North Vigo HS
6	Jaden Brown	IF	R/R	6-1	190	FR	Mississauga, Ontario, Canada/St. Marcellinus S.S.
7	Drew Grace	IF	R/R	6-0	185	FR	Orwigsburg, Pa./Blue Mountain HS
8	Tanner Holen	C	R/R	6-0	190	SR	Manhattan, Kan./Iowa Western CC
9	Breydon Daniel	IF/OF	S/R	6-1	210	SR	Bixby, Okla./Seminole State College
10	Matt Golda	IF	R/R	6-0	190	JR	Acushnet, Mass./Western Oklahoma State
11	Trip Lockhart	RHP	R/R	6-3	190	JR	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic HS
12	Chase Estep	IF	L/R	6-0	190	FR	Corbin, Ky./Corbin HS
13	Brendan Hord	C	R/R	5-10	210	R-FR	Lexington, Ky./Paul Dunbar HS
16	Will Gambino	RHP	R/R	6-2	215	R-FR	Westmont, N.J./Paul VI Catholic HS
20	Braxton Cottongame	LHP	L/L	6-3	205	SO	Hazard, Ky./Perry County Central HS
22	Dillon Marsh	LHP	L/L	6-1	220	SO	Elizabethtown, Pa./Lancaster Catholic HS
25	Coltyn Kessler	C/IF	L/R	6-2	220	JR	High Ridge, Mo./Rockwood Summit HS
28	Oraj Anu	OF	S/R	6-1	235	JR	Orlando, Fla./Wallace-Dothan CC
30	Jaren Shelby	OF	R/R	5-11	200	SR	Lexington, Ky./State College of Florida
31	Alex Degen	RHP	R/R	6-8	200	SO	Readington Township, N.J./Hunterdon Central HS
33	Trae Harmon	1B/OF	R/R	6-4	245	SO	Somerset, Ky./Somerset HS
34	Carson Coleman	RHP	R/R	6-2	190	R-JR	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic HS
35	Cole Daniels	LHP	L/L	6-1	240	SO	Ann Arbor, Mich./Saline HS
36	Ron Cole	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	FR	Neptune City, N.J./Neptune HS
37	Cam Hill	OF	L/R	5-10	185	R-SO	Georgetown, Ky./Scott County HS
38	Jimmy Ramsey	RHP	L/R	6-9	250	JR	Tonka Bay, Minn./Minnetonka HS
39	Hunter Rigsby	RHP	R/R	6-4	220	SO	Mount Vernon, Ky./Rockcastle County HS
41	Alex Margot	LHP	L/L	6-4	200	FR	Collingswood, N.J./Collingswood HS
42	Elliott Curtis	IF	L/R	6-0	205	SR	Waterloo, Ontario, Canada/Columbia State CC
44	Jared Payne	C	R/R	6-0	195	FR	New Cumberland, Pa./Red Land HS
46	Sam Wibbels	RHP	R/R	6-1	205	FR	Hastings, Neb./Hastings Senior HS
48	Zack Lee	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	FR	Effingham, Ill./Effingham HS
49	Cole Stupp	RHP	R/R	6-4	195	FR	Milton, Ga./Milton HS
50	Mason Hazelwood	LHP	L/L	6-5	205	JR	Salvisa, Ky./Mercer County HS
54	Daniel Harper	RHP	R/R	6-4	225	JR	Fairway, Kan./Bishop Miege HS

### ALPHABETICAL

28	Oraj Anu	OF
6	Jaden Brown	IF
36	Ron Cole	RHP
34	Carson Coleman	RHP
5	T.J. Collett	1B
20	Braxton Cottongame	LHP
42	Elliott Curtis	IF
9	Breydon Daniel	IF/OF
35	Cole Daniels	LHP
31	Alex Degen	RHP
12	Chase Estep	IF
16	Will Gambino	RHP
10	Matt Golda	IF
7	Drew Grace	IF
33	Trae Harmon	1B/DH
54	Daniel Harper	RHP
50	Mason Hazelwood	LHP
37	Cam Hill	OF
8	Tanner Holen	C
13	Brendan Hord	C
3	Ben Jordan	RHP
25	Coltyn Kessler	C/IF
48	Zack Lee	RHP
4	Zeke Lewis	IF
11	Trip Lockhart	RHP
41	Alex Margot	LHP
22	Dillon Marsh	LHP
44	Jared Payne	C
38	Jimmy Ramsey	RHP
1	John Rhodes	IF/OF
39	Hunter Rigsby	RHP
2	Austin Schultz	IF
30	Jaren Shelby	OF
49	Cole Stupp	RHP
46	Sam Wibbels	RHP

### COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** ..... Nick Mingione (Embry-Riddle, 2000)  
**Career Record (all at Kentucky):** ..... 108-77 (.584); 4th season

**Assistant Coach/Pitching:** Dan Roszel, #15 (North Florida, 2000)  
**Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator:** Will Coggin, #17 (Mississippi State, 2010)  
**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Todd Guilliams, #29 (Eastern Kentucky, 1988)  
**Director of Operations:** Brock Doud

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Oraj Anu ..... O-raj Uh-new  
Collett ..... Caw-LET  
Degen ..... Deeg-in  
Estep ..... E-step  
Guilliams ..... GWILL-yums  
Jaren ..... Jare-in  
Holen ..... HOLE-in  
Margot ..... Mar-got  
Mingione ..... Min-G-own  
Stupp ..... Stuhp  
Zeke ..... Zeek



## 2020 RADIO/TV SPOT CHART



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**JOHN RHODES**



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**AUSTIN SCHULTZ**



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**BEN JORDAN**



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**ZEKE LEWIS**



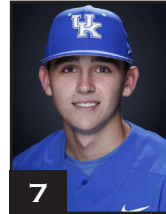
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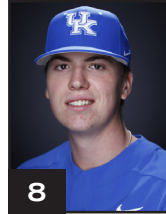
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**DREW GRACE**



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**TANNER HOLEN**



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**BREYDON DANIEL**



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**MATT GOLDA**



11

**TRIP LOCKHART**



12

**CHASE ESTEP**



13

**BRENDAN HORD**



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**DILLON MARSH**



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**COLTYN KESSLER**



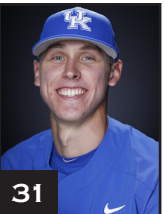
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**ORAJ ANU**



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**TRAE HARMON**



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**CARSON COLEMAN**



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**COLE DANIELS**



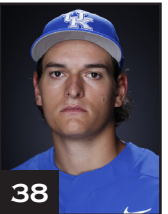
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**RON COLE**



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**CAM HILL**



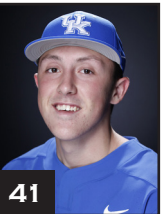
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**JIMMY RAMSEY**



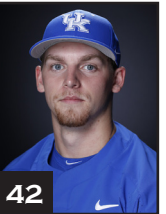
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**HUNTER RIGBSBY**



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**ALEX MARGOT**



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**ELLIOTT CURTIS**



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**SAM WIBBELS**



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**JARED PAYNE**



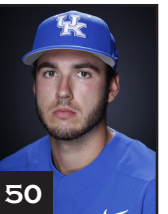
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**ZACK LEE**



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**COLE STUPP**



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**MASON HAZELWOOD**



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**DANIEL HARPER**



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**NICK MINGIONE**  
HEAD COACH



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**DAN ROSZEL**  
ASSISTANT COACH



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**WILL COGGIN**  
ASSISTANT COACH



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**TODD GUILLIAMS**  
ASSISTANT COACH



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## 2020 QUICK FACTS

### University of Kentucky

Location: Lexington, Ky.  
 Founded: 1865  
 Enrollment: 30,277  
 Nickname: Wildcats  
 Colors: Blue (PMS 286) and White  
 Conference: Southeastern (Eastern Division)  
 President: Dr. Eli Capilouto (Alabama, 1971)  
 Faculty Representative: Joseph L. Fink  
 (Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, 1970)

### Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Nick Mingione (Embry-Riddle, 2000)  
 Career Record: 108-77 (.584); 4th season  
 Record at UK: 108-77 (.584); 4th season  
 Best Time to Call: Contact SID  
 Assistant Coach: Dan Roszel, 1st season (North Florida, 2000)  
 Assistant Coach: Will Coggin, 1st season (Mississippi State, 2010)  
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Todd Guilliams, 4th season (E. Kentucky, 1988)  
 Director of Operations: Brock Doud  
 Director of Communications/PR: Matt May  
 matt.may@uky.edu; (859) 806-7463 (cell); (859) 257-8504 (office)

### 2019 Review

Overall Record: 26-29  
 Home: 16-15  
 Away: 10-14  
 Neutral: 0-0  
 Conference Record: 7-23  
 Home: 2-13  
 Away: 5-10  
 Conference Finish: Seventh in SEC East

### History

All-Time Record: 1,942-1,850-25 (.512)  
 All-Time Conference Record: 729-973-8 (.446)  
 All-Time Conference Tournament Record: 22-36 (.379)  
 Conference Tournament Titles: none  
 Conference Titles: one (2006)  
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: nine  
 NCAA Tournament Record: 18-19 (.486)  
 Super Regional Appearances: one (2017)  
 College World Series Appearances: none

### Facility

Stadium: Kentucky Proud Park  
 First Year: 2019  
 Capacity: 5,000  
 Dimensions: 335-375-400-365-320  
 Record: 16-15 (.516)

### 2020 Outlook

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 22/11  
 Redshirts Eligible: 3  
 Starters Returning/Lost: 8 (6 positional, 2 pitchers) / 6 (5 positional, 1 pitcher)  
 Newcomers: 15 (12 freshmen, 3 junior college)

### Top Returning Position Players (2019 stats)

1B T.J. Collett (Sr.): .259, 26 R, 8 2B, 10 HR, 40 RBI, .834 OPS  
 C/IF Coltyn Kessler (Jr.): .297, 28 R, 12 2B, 5 HR, 29 RBI, .857 OPS  
 IF Austin Schultz (So.): .265, 25 R, 7 2B, 2 HR, 27 BB, 10 SB, .769 OPS  
 OF Jaren Shelby (Sr.): .273, 22 R, 10 2B, 6 HR, 35 RBI, 13 SB, .822 OPS

### Top Returning Pitchers (2019 stats)

RHP Carson Coleman\* (R-Jr.): 2-5, 5.14, 5 SV, 23 app., 28.0 IP, 24 H, 36 K  
 LHP Cole Daniels (So.): 3-0, 2.57, 28 app., 14.0 IP, 9 H, 21 K  
 LHP Mason Hazelwood (Jr.): 2-3, 3.92, 13 app., 39.0 IP, 27 H, 39 K  
 RHP Trip Lockhart (Jr.): 1-1, 4.55, 19 app., 1 SV, 29.2 IP, 30 H, 25 K  
 \*Drafted in 33rd round by Tampa Bay

### Players Lost to MLB Draft (2019 stats)

LHP Zack Thompson\* (1st Rd.): 6-1, 2.40, 90.0 IP, 59 H, 130 K  
 OF Ryan Shinn (34th Rd.): .286, 49 R, 17 2B, 13 HR, 31 RBI, .967 OPS  
 \*2019 All-American

### Redshirts Eligible

RHP Will Gambino (RFr.)  
 C Brendan Hord (RFr.)  
 1B/OF Justin Olson (RFr.), expected to miss 2020 season due to injury

### Newcomers Selected in 2019 MLB Draft

OF Oraj Anu (16th Round, Boston), Junior, Orlando, Florida  
 RHP Sam Wibbels (36th Round, Washington), Freshman, Hastings, Nebraska  
 IF Jaden Brown (40th Round, Washington), Freshman, Mississauga, Ontario

### Additional Newcomers

OF Chase Bryan, Junior (White Hall, Arkansas)  
 RHP Ron Cole, Freshman (Neptune City, New Jersey)  
 RHP Harrison Cook, Freshman (Solon, Iowa)  
 IF Chase Estep, Freshman (Corbin, Kentucky)  
 IF Matt Golda, Junior (Bradenton, Florida)  
 IF Drew Grace, Freshman (Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania)  
 RHP Zack Lee, Freshman (Effingham, Illinois)  
 LHP Alex Margot, Freshman (Collingswood, New Jersey)  
 C Jared Payne, Freshman (New Cumberland, Pennsylvania)  
 IF/OF John Rhodes, Freshman (Soddy Daisy, Tennessee)  
 RHP Cole Stupp, Freshman (Milton, Georgia)  
 LHP Jake Tate, Freshman (Louisville, Tennessee)



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## Support Staff

Mitch Barnhart, Athletics Director  
Jason Cummins, AD for Baseball

Nicole Bianco, Nutrition  
Tricia Brooks, Administrative Assistant  
Ryan DeVriendt, Strength & Conditioning Coach  
Dick Gabriel, UK Sports Network  
Scott Geisinger, Game Operations  
Greg Gorham, UK Sports Video  
Matt Hall, Videoboard  
Darren Headrick, Voice of UK Baseball  
Greg Herbert, Marketing  
Elliott Hess, UK Photo  
Aaron Hogue, FCA  
Dr. Robert Hosey, M.D., Team Physician  
Matthew Huether, Student Manager  
Brandon Kolditz, Creative Services  
Tim Letcher, UKAthletics.com  
Brad Link, Kentucky Proud Park PA Announcer  
Dr. Scott Mair, M.D., Team Physician  
Cliff Matekovich, SEC Network/UK Video  
Bryan Minrovic, Tickets  
Jeff Poole, Head Equipment Manager  
Kendall Roller, Student Manager  
Connor Scheitzach, Student Manager  
Tyler Schwalbach, Student Manager  
Jake Scott, Director of Player Development  
Kevin Sergent, Compliance  
Nick Simone, Student Manager  
Rob Slowik, Graduate Athletic Trainer  
Robbie Spagnola, Student Manager  
Troy Squires, Graduate Student Manager  
Michael Stone, Director of Academic Services  
Jason Thompson, Facility Operations  
Josh Walker, Athletic Trainer  
Chet White, UK Photo  
Brandon Wickey, SEC Network

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### CREDENTIALS

If you have a 2019-20 football or men's basketball season credential it is valid for home baseball games. All other media credential requests should be submitted at least 24 hours prior to home games. Credentials can be picked up the day of a game at the Will Call window at Kentucky Proud Park. Requests should be made through the athletics communications and public relations office by contacting Matt May.

Media may enter the ballpark via the left field gate or main gate behind home plate. Parking is available in the Purple Lot adjacent to the softball/soccer complex at the end of Wildcat Court.

### PRESS BOX/RADIO/TV

The Kentucky Proud Park press box sits above the grandstand on level two. You must display credential for entry. There is limited seating in the Press Box with the majority of media seats available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Radio and TV booths are on this level as well. There is a media/photo work room adjacent to the press box.

### MEDIA SERVICES

Final box scores will be available shortly following each game. UK ACPR will send postgame summaries, notes, photos (when available) and box scores via email and via UKathletics.com. Season stats will be updated online as quickly as possible.

### POSTGAME INTERVIEWS

Interviews with players and coaches are conducted on the field following each game. Please let Matt May or a member of the UK ACPR staff know of any postgame interview requests and we will coordinate for you. For assistance in locating any member of the Kentucky team, find Matt May for help. For assistance with opposing players and coaches, please see the visiting team SID.

### PRACTICE/INTERVIEWS

Practices are typically in the afternoon with the exception of Mondays (off day). Head coach Nick Mingione is available for interviews weekday mornings except Mondays, as well as before/after practice and postgame. Players are available for interviews before practice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. **DUE TO NCAA TIME MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, PLAYER INTERVIEW REQUESTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY AT 5 P.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.** Please arrange all interviews through the UK ACPR office and baseball contact Matt May. PLEASE DO NOT REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO PLAYERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs and headshots are made available to the media for publication use. To obtain photos of any Wildcat player, please contact Matt May in the UK ACPR office. Please credit "UK Athletics" in any usage.

During games, photographers and videographers may shoot from anywhere on the Kentucky Proud Park concourse, terraces and grass berms, provided **NO SPECTATOR'S SIGHTLINE IS BLOCKED**. Dedicated photo/video areas have been established on each side of the concourse level near where the terrace and berm meet. **NEW FOR 2020, THE PHOTO WELLS AT THE END OF EACH DUGOUT WILL BE RESTRICTED TO INSTITUTION STAFF AND TELEVISION.** A photo/video stadium map will be available in the press box for reference.

### INTERNET ACCESS (\*NEW FOR 2019\*)

- There are several options for wireless internet access. Anyone can self-register and connect to ATH-GUEST, which is good for 90 days.
- You also can connect to the ATHMEDIA network at KPP, which requires a unique username and password. This username and password will be valid for the entire season (also, if you have already completed this process for another UK sport, you will not need to do so again), so you should only have to connect once. In order to receive a username and password to access wifi, please provide the following information for yourself to matt.may@uky.edu.
  - Info Needed: First Name, Last Name, email address, cell phone number.
  - How to log in with your username and password: When you arrive at KPP, connect to the ATHMEDIA network. If your Internet browser does not open automatically, open your preferred Internet browser, go to www.uky.edu and type in your unique username and password to connect. This username and password can connect up to three devices. For more information, see a member of UK ACPR.

### LIVE STATS

Live, in-game statistics and play-by-play is available via StatBroadcast. To access live game stats go to: kentucky.statbroadcast.com. There is a passcode to view games this season, which will be posted in the press box.

### ON THE WEB

Updated results, statistics, game notes, 2020 Record Book and 2020 Season Guide are available 24 hours a day on the official website of Kentucky athletics, www.UKathletics.com. Player bios and additional information on the program also is available online.



## WEEK 3 SCHEDULE FOR KENTUCKY BASEBALL

MONDAY - 24	TUESDAY - 25	WEDNESDAY - 26	THURSDAY - 27	FRIDAY - 28	SATURDAY - 29	SUNDAY - 1
Off	<b>UK 13, Tenn. Tech 3 (7 inn.)</b>	<b>vs EKU Canceled</b>	Practice	<b>vs UNC Wilmington 1 p.m. SECN+</b>	<b>vs UNC Wilmington 1 p.m. SECN+</b>	<b>vs UNC Wilmington 1 p.m. SECN+</b>

### KEEPIN' IT 100

Kentucky fans have quickly created a bond with **Nick Mingione**, whose infectious and unrelenting enthusiasm and down-to-earth personality has earned legions of new fans. Although it is certainly an ingredient in Mingione's on-field success, getting the best out of his players has been the biggest factor in the success he's achieved everywhere he's been. In 17 years of coaching the teams he's been involved with have averaged 38 victories a year and advanced to the postseason 10 times with two national runner-up finishes.

Mingione had a brilliant playing career at Embry-Riddle - he ranks 10th on its career hits list - where he helped lead the program to 154 victories and three NAIA World Series appearances in three seasons as an assistant. When he arrived at Kentucky in 2006 he was immediately part of what is still the Cats' only SEC championship club, then smelled success at Mississippi State before returning to the one place he had always wanted to be a head coach - UK. First season, first Super Regional appearance for the Cats.

With 103 career wins and 39 in SEC play, Mingione is the winnigest UK coach during the first three seasons of his tenure:

HEAD COACH	WINS	SEC
<b>NICK MINGIONE (2017-19)</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>39</b>
John Cohen (2004-06)	97	34
Keith Madison (1979-81)	92	34

### COGGIN, ROSZEL JOIN COACHING STAFF

The UK coaching staff has a new look to it this season with the additions of Will Coggin and Dan Roszel as assistant coaches, the first changes to Mingione's staff during his tenure in Lexington. Coggin will work in concert with volunteer assistant coach Todd Williams on the hitting side of things, as well as serve as the recruiting coordinator, while Roszel is the pitching coordinator.

Roszel has a long-established track record of excellence, which includes mentoring 30 pitchers who have signed professional contracts, 11 who have made the major leagues and a pair of Top 15 overall MLB draft picks in Jeff Hoffman and Boston Red Sox star Chris Sale. He spent the past nine seasons at East Carolina, where the Pirates finished in the nation's top 50 in ERA seven times.

Coggin spent time with Mingione at Mississippi State and has proven to be a winner at every stop of his playing and coaching career. The Mississippi native has worked with 2017 SEC Player of the Year Brent Rooker, SEC all-time hits leader Jake Mangum, and current big-leaguers Nate Lowe and Myles Straw as part of 38 draft picks in relatively short coaching career that began as a student assistant with the Bulldogs in 2009.

### BIGGIE BOX

One of the pillars of UK's offense is working its game goals in search of the big inning - "Biggie Box" - which is defined as any inning where the Cats put four or more runs on the scoreboard. The approach has been so effective the lineup has opened its "Biggie Box" 94 times since Mingione took over (37 in 2017 and 31 in 2018) and recorded 20 such innings last season. The Cats also are 81-16 under Mingione when scoring six or more runs. (See page 10 for chart on 2020 big innings)

### MINGIONE VS. ALL OPPONENTS

OPPONENT	RECORD
Alabama.....	1-2
Appalachian State .....	3-0
Arkansas.....	1-5
Auburn.....	2-2
Austin Peay.....	3-0
Boston College.....	0-1
Canisius.....	3-0
Cincinnati.....	1-1
Delaware.....	0-1
Eastern Kentucky.....	3-0
Evansville.....	1-0
Florida.....	3-6
Georgia.....	4-5
Houston.....	1-0
Indiana.....	4-0
Liberty.....	0-1
Lipscomb.....	1-0
Louisiana.....	1-0
Louisville.....	2-6
LSU.....	2-5
Miami (Ohio).....	4-0
Michigan.....	1-0
Middle Tennessee.....	3-0
Mississippi State.....	3-3
Missouri.....	5-4
Morehead State.....	2-0
Murray State.....	2-0
North Carolina.....	0-3
North Carolina State.....	2-1
Northern Kentucky.....	2-1
Oakland.....	3-0
Ohio.....	1-0
Old Dominion.....	1-0
Ole Miss.....	4-2
Sam Houston State.....	1-0
South Carolina.....	6-5
Southeast Missouri.....	1-0
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville.....	1-0
St. Joseph's.....	1-0
TCU.....	0-3
Tennessee.....	4-5
Tennessee-Martin.....	1-0
Tennessee Tech.....	1-0
Texas A&M.....	3-3
Texas Tech.....	2-4
UC-Santa Barbara.....	3-0
USC Upstate.....	2-0
Vanderbilt.....	2-7
Western Carolina.....	1-0
Western Kentucky.....	5-0
Wofford.....	1-0
Wright State.....	1-0
Xavier.....	3-1
<b>TOTALS:</b> .....	<b>108-77</b>
(*2020 opponents in bold)	



# KENTUCKY®



## WILDCATS RECORD WHEN...

	2020	MINGIONE
Record .....	5-3	108-77
Home .....	5-0	70-30
Away .....	0-3	31-43
Neutral .....	0-0	7-4
SEC .....	0-0	39-51
Home .....	0-0	21-24
Road .....	0-0	18-27
Non-Conference.....	5-3	68-23
Home .....	5-0	49-6
Road .....	0-3	13-16
Neutral.....	0-0	6-1
Non-Power Five.....	5-0	57-5
Postseason .....	0-0	5-6
Day games .....	5-2	69-44
Night games.....	0-1	39-33
One-run games .....	1-0	17-14
Two-run games .....	0-0	10-16
Five+-run games.....	3-2	55-29
Extra-inning games .....	1-0	3-5
In shutouts .....	0-0	9-1
Scoring first .....	2-1	72-34
Opponent scores first.....	3-2	36-45
Scoring 10 or more runs.....	2-0	46-2
Allowing 10 or more runs .....	0-1	1-24
Scoring six runs or more.....	5-0	81-16
Scoring four runs or less .....	0-2	16-58
Allowing four runs or less.....	4-0	80-12
Hitting home run(s) .....	5-1	79-48
Allowing home run(s) .....	0-1	46-57
Out-hitting an opponent .....	3-0	92-20
Out-hit by opponent.....	1-3	12-56
Matching opponents hits.....	1-0	4-1
vs. LHP .....	3-1	40-21
vs. RHP .....	2-2	68-56
Leading after seventh inning .....	5-0	90-8
Trailing after seventh inning .....	0-3	11-64
Tied after the seventh inning .....	0-0	4-4
Decided in the last at bat.....	1-0	11-9
Not committing an error .....	1-0	44-16
Committing two or more errors .....	3-2	20-34
vs. Top 25 .....	0-0	32-46
vs. Top 10 .....	0-0	13-27
On Sunday .....	1-1	24-16
On Monday.....	0-0	1-0
On Tuesday.....	2-0	24-6
On Wednesday .....	0-0	9-4
On Thursday.....	0-0	2-6
On Friday.....	1-1	27-21
On Saturday .....	1-1	21-24
In February.....	5-3	21-12
In March .....	0-0	38-19
In April .....	0-0	28-24
In May .....	0-0	21-21
In June.....	0-0	4-3
In 1st Base Dugout.....	0-3	73-40
In 3rd Base Dugout .....	5-0	35-36

### UNI WATCH

HOME		
White top/White pants/Blue cap.....	1-0	19-6
Blue top/White pants/Blue cap.....	1-0	20-6
Blue top/Pinstripe pants/Blue cap... 0-0.....	0-0	2-2
Blue top/White pants/Black cap.....	0-0	1-0
Black top/White pants/Black cap.....	0-0	8-5
Black top/White pants/Blue cap.....	0-0	1-0
Black top/Pinstripe pants/Black cap ..	1-0	3-0
Creams/Blue cap .....	1-0	9-1
Pinstripes/Blue cap .....	0-0	8-7
ROAD		
Gray top/Gray pants/Blue cap.....	0-0	12-14
Gray top/Gray pants/Black cap.....	0-1	2-3
Blue top/Gray pants/Blue cap .....	0-1	12-17
Black top/Gray pants/Black cap .....	0-1	6-13
Black top/Gray pants/Blue cap .....	0-0	1-0

## PRODUCTION AT THE PLATE

Kentucky's offense has been one of the nation's elite the past three seasons under Mingione and his staff, in particular renowned hitting guru Todd Guiliams. The Cats have been a devastating offensive club under Guiliams' direction, leading the SEC in a total of 14 offensive statistical categories, while also producing five All-Americans.

CATEGORY	THREE-YEAR TOTAL
Batting Average	.290
Runs per game	6.7
On-Base Percentage	.394
Slugging Percentage	.466
OPS	.860
Extra-Base Hits	596

In 2018, UK led the SEC in home runs per game, slugging percentage, on-base percentage, scoring, doubles per game and sacrifice bunts, while ranking in the nation's top 20 in five of those six categories - and top 10 in three. In 2017, the Cats registered the most hits in a single-season (706) in UK history and ranking near the top of the single-season charts in numerous other categories. The offense also ranked in the top 12 nationally in doubles (2nd), hits (4th), hit by pitches (4th), on-base percentage (7th), walks (10th), sacrifice bunts (10th), slugging percentage (11th) and batting average (12th).

## YOU CAN PUT IT ON THE BOARD

UK has a streak of 127 consecutive games without being shutout, setting a new school record. In fact, the Cats have scored in 203 consecutive nine-inning games, the lone exception being a loss to LSU in the 2017 SEC Tournament that was halted after seven innings.

### CONSECUTIVE GAMES STREAKS W/O BEING SHUTOUT

GAMES	YEARS
<b>127*</b>	<b>2017-</b>
124	1997-99
105	2003-05
94	1958-62
94	1993-95

\* 202 of the past 203 games

### LONGEST ACTIVE SCORING STREAKS IN DIVISION I

The 127-game streak currently is the third-longest in Division I (*through Feb. 26*):

1. Eastern Kentucky - 166
2. Oklahoma State - 144
- 3. KENTUCKY - 127**

## CATS LEAD THE SEC IN WEEKLY HONORS

Although the strength of our TEAM is our TEAM, the Cats have had standout individual performances that have caught the attention of observers across the country and in the SEC offices. Since the beginning of the 2017 season, UK players have been named either SEC Player or Pitcher of the Week **fourteen** times, the most for any school in the conference.

TEAM	HONORS
<b>KENTUCKY</b>	<b>14</b>
LSU	10
Ole Miss	10
Auburn	9



## TRACKING KENTUCKY'S EXTRA-BASE HITS

Player	Doubles 2020 (career)	Triples 2020 (career)	Home Runs 2020 (career)	Totals 2020 (career)
ORAJ ANU	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
T.J. COLLETT	2 (14)	0 (1)	1 (22)	4 (37)
ELLIOTT CURTIS	0 (6)	0 (0)	1 (3)	1 (9)
BREYDON DANIEL	1 (7)	0 (1)	0 (7)	1 (15)
CHASE ESTEP	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)
MATT GOLDA	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)
TRAE HARMON	1 (2)	0 (0)	4 (4)	5 (6)
CAM HILL	0 (10)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (11)
COLTYN KESSLER	2 (15)	0 (1)	0 (5)	2 (21)
ZEKE LEWIS	1 (6)	0 (0)	0 (2)	1 (8)
JOHN RHODES	4 (4)	1 (1)	0 (0)	4 (4)
JAREN SHELBY	0 (10)	0 (0)	1 (7)	1 (17)
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	4 (11)	1 (1)	2 (4)	7 (16)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16 (86)</b>	<b>2 (5)</b>	<b>11 (57)</b>	<b>29 (148)</b>

### ON-BASE MACHINE

Sophomore infielder Austin Schultz was a catalyst at the top of the lineup last season as a rookie, using his combination of hitting ability and patience at the plate to find his way onto the bases. In fact, there have been only eight instances since the beginning of 2012 where a UK player has reached base safely in at least 25 consecutive games. Schultz is the only freshman to have accomplished the feat during that time.

- 44 - Tristan Pompey (2017-18)
- 35 - Luke Becker (2018)
- 32 - AJ Reed (2014)
- 29 - AJ Reed (2013-14)
- 28 - Gunnar McNeill (2016)
- 27 - AUSTIN SCHULTZ (2019)**
- 25 - Kole Cottam (2018)

Schultz has reached base safely in 48 of his past 50 games, including a current 21-game streak. In 2019, he batted .265 with a .409 on-base percentage and 10 stolen bases in 44 games but was even better in SEC play, hitting .297 with team highs in doubles (six), walks (11) and hit by pitch (six).

### COLLETT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE

One of the tenets of Mingione's philosophy for the UK program is that young men in it are students first, people second and players third. Senior 1B T.J. Collett was honored for the person part of that by being named to both the 2018 and 2019 SEC Community Service Teams. He also was recently inducted, along with Carson Coleman, into UK's prestigious Frank G. Ham Society of Character.

Collett, who hails from Terre Haute, Indiana, is heavily involved with the NEGU/Jessie Rees Foundation, whose mission is connecting with families of young cancer patients, bringing awareness to their stories, offering them a network of helpful resources and sending the entire family encouragement throughout their journey. NEGU, which stands for Never Ever Give Up, has worked with Collett on bringing children and their families to UK home baseball games to experience pregame activities on the field and in the dugout, as well as be announced during the game. As part of his work with NEGU, Collett has spearheaded an effort where members of the UK baseball team deliver Joy Jars to young cancer patients. The jars are stuffed with toys, games, and other things to brighten patients' days while fighting the disease. More information on NEGU can be found at [negu.org](http://negu.org).

### MULTI-HIT GAMES

PLAYER	2020	CAREER
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	4	10
TRAE HARMON	3	3
JOHN RHODES	3	3
ELLIOTT CURTIS	2	13
MATT GOLDA	2	2
T.J. COLLETT	1	23
ORAJ ANU	1	1
JAREN SHELBY	0	13
COLTYN KESSLER	0	12
CAM HILL	0	10
BREYDON DANIEL	0	9
ZEKE LEWIS	0	4

### MULTI-RBI GAMES

PLAYER	2020	CAREER
TRAE HARMON	3	4
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	3	4
JOHN RHODES	3	3
MATT GOLDA	2	2
T.J. COLLETT	1	23
JAREN SHELBY	1	11
COLTYN KESSLER	1	7
ELLIOTT CURTIS	1	4
ZEKE LEWIS	1	2
BREYDON DANIEL	0	5
CAM HILL	0	3

### CURRENT HIT/REACH BASE STREAKS

*(listed alphabetically; \*career)*

PLAYER	LONGEST*	CURRENT	REACH SAFE
ANU	2	-	3
COLLETT	13	1	7
CURTIS	5	-	4
DANIEL	4	-	3
GOLDA	2	2	4
GRACE	1	-	-
HARMON	3	-	-
HILL	4	-	7
KESSLER	11	-	5
Z. LEWIS	4	1	1
RHODES	3	3	3
SHELBY	5	-	-
SCHULTZ	8	2	21





# KENTUCKY

## KENTUCKY PROUD PARK

Kentucky baseball moved into a new home for the 2019 season, opening the \$49 million Kentucky Proud Park, a state-of-the-art facility immediately considered one of the top facilities in all of college baseball. The Wildcats won their first game in their new home, defeating Eastern Kentucky, 7-3, on Feb. 26, 2019.

The stadium features permanent seating for nearly 2,500 fans with additional space on grass berms to accommodate 5,000 fans for regular season games. Beyond the outfield wall, temporary bleachers can be installed for NCAA Tournament games to bring the seating capacity to more than 7,000. Fan amenities also include suites and a new club area.

The team areas were a priority and give our players and coaches everything they need to compete at a high level in a single location. The facility features a team lounge, locker room, training area, indoor hitting and pitching areas, and coaching offices, as well as a recruiting room. All spaces are either new to UK baseball or significantly larger than previous ones.

The playing surface is the AstroTurf® Rootzone Diamond Blend, which will allow the team to maximize usage in all weather conditions. The pitcher's mound will remain dirt.

The video board that looms large beyond the right-centerfield wall measures 48 feet wide by 30 feet tall, making it the eighth-largest in college baseball.

The name is a tribute to farmers and businesses of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the Big Blue Nation. Kentucky Farm Bureau secured the rights to name the stadium from JMI Sports, UK Athletics' multimedia rights partner. In turn, Kentucky Farm Bureau elected to name the stadium for Kentucky Proud, the state's official agricultural marketing program housed at the Kentucky Department of Agriculture. No state taxpayer dollars were used in funding the agreement. The Kentucky Proud program is funded through the generosity of the Kentucky Agricultural Development Fund. The fund is directed by the Kentucky Agricultural Development Board and administered by the Governor's Office of Agricultural Policy.





## 2020 SPLITS

	G	AVG.	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
<b>OVERALL</b>	8	.264	65	73	16	2	11	62	35	50	9
<b>SEC</b>											
<b>NON-SEC</b>	8	.264	65	73	16	2	11	62	35	50	9
<b>HOME</b>	5	.302	58	54	13	1	10	55	28	25	8
<b>AWAY</b>	3	.194	7	19	3	1	1	7	7	25	1
<b>NEUTRAL</b>											
<b>DAY</b>	7	.279	64	69	15	1	11	61	30	39	9
<b>NIGHT</b>	1	.133	1	4	1	1	0	1	5	11	0
<b>WINS</b>	5	.302	58	54	13	1	10	55	28	25	8
<b>LOSSES</b>	3	.194	7	19	3	1	1	7	7	25	1
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	8	.264	65	73	16	2	11	62	35	50	9
<b>MARCH</b>											
<b>APRIL</b>											
<b>MAY</b>											

THE BIG INNING		
(*4 or more runs scored)		
OPPONENT	INNING	RUNS
Southeast Missouri	8	4
Appalachian State	3	10
Appalachian State	5	4
Appalachian State	7	4
Appalachian State	5	4
Tennessee Tech	7	6

### ALL RHODES LEAD TO LEXINGTON

UK coach Nick Mingione isn't big on hyperbole so when both he and hitting guru Todd Guilliams talk about the talent of freshman infielder/outfielder John Rhodes you're bound to pay a little closer attention. Rhodes, a 6-foot, 200-pounder from the Chattanooga, Tennessee area is an athletically-built five-tool player with a big future.

"John Rhodes is special," Mingione said. "He's a guy I think we're going to be sitting here looking back one day going, 'Wow, that's one of the better players we've had come through here.'"

Rhodes flashed his prodigious talent last summer when he tore up the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League despite being just weeks removed from high school. He was named the Most Valuable Player of the league's all-star game and the No. 11 overall prospect in the collegiate summer league after hitting .316 with 24 runs, 24 RBI, 15 extra-base hits and six steals in 36 games.

### RUN, CATS, RUN

In the first year of Kentucky Proud Park, a more spacious home venue than Cliff Hagan Stadium, the Cats played to its identity, running at every opportunity on the way to 85 stolen bases for the season. That total is the seventh-highest dating to 1985 and the third-most in the past 23 seasons, with four different Cats swiped at least 10 bags. The coaching staff contends the 2020 team is the fastest team they've been a part of and will continue to heavily incorporate it in the gameplan.

Outfielder Jaren Shelby put his speed tool on display last season when he stole five bases against Eastern Kentucky in the first game ever played at Kentucky Proud Park. The five steals were the most for any SEC player in 25 years, dating back to 1994 when Vanderbilt's Boomer Whipple swiped five against Western Kentucky. Shelby stole second, third and home in the fifth inning against ECU and then second and third again an inning later.

MOST STOLEN BASES (SEASON)		
	STEALS	SEASON
1.	142	1996
2.	135	1995
3.	120	2010
4.	97	2000
5.	93	1988
6.	88	1990
7.	85	2019

QUALITY STARTS		
(*6 IP, 3 OR FEWER EARNED RUNS)		
DATE	PITCHER (#)	IP (H, R-ER, BB, K)

SAVES		
DATE	PITCHER (#)	OPPONENT
2/18	A. Degen (1)	SEMO
2/25	W. Gambino (1)	Tenn. Tech





## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME...

WON A SERIES VS. A No. 1 RANKED FOE:	vs. No. 1 FLORIDA (2016)
WON A SERIES VS. A TOP 5 FOE:	vs. No. 3 TEXAS TECH, 2-1 (MARCH 9-11, 2018)
WON A SERIES VS. TEAM RANKED NO. 6-10:	AT No. 10 OLE MISS, 2-1 (APRIL 12-14, 2019)
WON A ROAD SERIES VS. RANKED OPPONENT:	AT No. 10 OLE MISS, 2-1 (APRIL 12-14, 2019)
<b>SWEPT A HOME SERIES (THREE OR MORE GAMES):</b>	<b>vs. APPALACHIAN STATE (FEBRUARY 21-23, 2020)</b>
SWEPT A ROAD SERIES (THREE OF MORE GAMES):	AT AUSTIN PEAY (FEBRUARY 15-17, 2019)
RECORDED A TRIPLE PLAY:	vs. LOUISVILLE (APRIL 18, 2017; 7-6-2)
<b>PLAYED AN EXTRA-INNING GAME:</b>	<b>15 INNINGS, vs. APPALACHIAN STATE; W, 8-7 (FEB. 23, 2020)</b>
<b>SCORED 20 OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:</b>	<b>21, vs. APPALACHIAN STATE (FEB. 22, 2020)</b>
HIT SIX HOME RUNS IN A GAME:	AT WESTERN KENTUCKY (APRIL 23, 2019; BOWLING GREEN BALLPARK)
HIT SEVEN HOME RUNS IN A GAME:	AT XAVIER (MARCH 20, 2018)
HIT FOUR HOME RUNS IN AN INNING:	8TH, vs. DAYTON (FEB. 21, 2016)
DREW 10 OR MORE WALKS IN A GAME:	10, vs. CANISIUS (MARCH 2, 2019)
GOT HIT BY 10 OR MORE PITCHES IN A GAME:	10, vs. MONMOUTH (MARCH 6, 2010) * TIED NCAA RECORD
<b>HIT BY THREE OR MORE PITCHES IN A GAME (PLAYER):</b>	<b>MATT GOLDA (3, vs. APPALACHIAN STATE, FEB. 22, 2020)</b>
STOLE EIGHT BASES IN A GAME:	AT AUBURN (APRIL 25, 2010)
TIED A GAME:	vs. LSU (MARCH 25, 2007)
LED OFF A GAME WITH A HOME RUN:	AUSTIN SCHULTZ (AT MISSOURI, APRIL 7, 2019)
LED OFF A GAME WITH A TRIPLE:	AUSTIN COUSINO (vs. GEORGIA, MARCH 31, 2013)
HIT A GRAND SLAM:	TRISTAN POMPEY (vs. MURRAY STATE, MAY 15, 2018)
HIT A WALK-OFF HOME RUN:	RYAN SHINN (vs. MIDDLE TENNESSEE, TWO-RUN HR, MARCH 10, 2019)
HIT AN EXTRA-INNING, GAME-WINNING HOME RUN:	DORIAN HAIRSTON (vs. SOUTH CAROLINA, MAY 8, 2016)
HIT TWO HOME RUNS IN A GAME:	RYAN JOHNSON (AT WESTERN KENTUCKY, APRIL 23, 2019)
HIT TWO HOME RUNS IN AN INNING:	AJ REED (vs. St. JOSEPH'S, FEB. 21, 2014)
HIT FIVE HOMERS IN A THREE-GAME SPAN:	AJ REED (FEB. 21-23, 2014)
HIT THREE HOME RUNS IN A GAME:	RYAN JOHNSON (AT WESTERN KENTUCKY, APRIL 23, 2019)
HIT A NINTH-INNING, PINCH-HIT HOMER:	RILEY MAHAN (AT LSU, MARCH 29, 2015)
HIT A HOME RUN ON HIS BIRTHDAY:	LUKE BECKER (vs. SOUTH CAROLINA, APRIL 8, 2018)
<b>HAD A WALK-OFF WIN:</b>	<b>vs. APPALACHIAN STATE, 8-7, 15 INNINGS (FEB. 23, 2020)</b>
HAD A WALK-OFF HIT (NON-HR):	DALTON REED, SINGLE (vs. NORTHERN KENTUCKY, FEB. 27, 2019)
HAD A WALK-OFF GRAND SLAM:	RILEY MAHAN (vs. ALABAMA, APRIL 9, 2016)
<b>HAD A WALK-OFF WALK:</b>	<b>ORAJ ANU (vs. APPALACHIAN STATE, FEB. 23, 2020)</b>
HIT AN INSIDE THE PARK HOMER:	RILEY MAHAN (AT LSU, vs. APRIL 4, 2015)
<b>HOMERED IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES:</b>	<b>TRAE HARMON (vs. APPALACHIAN STATE, FEB. 22-23, 2020)</b>
<b>HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE GAMES:</b>	<b>TJ COLLETT (vs. APPALACHIAN STATE, FEB. 21-23, 2020)</b>
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES:	T.J. COLLETT (AT OLE MISS, APR. 14 (DOUBLEHEADER), vs. TENNESSEE, APR. 18, 2019)
HOMERED IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	T.J. COLLETT (vs. XAVIER, FEB. 20; vs. OAKLAND, FEB. 23-25, 2018)
HOMERED IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES:	RILEY MAHAN (vs. GEORGIA, MAY 6-7, vs. TENNESSEE, MAY 12-13, 2017)
HOMERED IN FIVE CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES:	AJ REED (vs. FLORIDA, APRIL 4-6, vs. MISSOURI, APRIL 11-12, 2014)
HOMERED IN CONSECUTIVE AT BATS:	RYAN JOHNSON (AT WESTERN KENTUCKY, APRIL 23, 2019)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE AT BATS:	RYAN JOHNSON (AT WESTERN KENTUCKY, APRIL 23, 2019)
HOMERED IN FIRST AT-BAT OF THE SEASON:	DALTON REED (AT AUSTIN PEAY, FEB. 15, 2019)
HOMERED FOR FIRST CAREER HIT:	DALTON REED AND JAREN SHELBY (AT AUSTIN PEAY, FEB. 15, 2019)
HOMERED IN FIRST AT-BAT OF THEIR CAREER:	DALTON REED (AT AUSTIN PEAY, FEB. 15, 2019)
HOMERED IN FIRST HOME AT BAT OF THEIR CAREER (GS):	AJ REED (vs. BUFFALO, FEB. 24, 2012)
HOMERED IN FINAL HOME AT BAT OF THEIR CAREER (GS):	MARCUS NIDIFFER (vs. LSU, MAY 16, 2010)
HIT BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (TEAM):	COLTYN KESSLER AND RYAN SHINN (vs. ARKANSAS, MAY 5, 2019)
HIT THREE CONSECUTIVE HOME RUNS (TEAM):	LANCE RAY, BRADEN KAPTEYN AND MARCUS NIDIFFER (AT INDIANA, MAY 11, 2010)
<b>SCORED FOUR OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:</b>	<b>ELLIOTT CURTIS AND TRAE HARMON, 4 (vs. APPALACHIAN STATE, FEB. 22, 2020)</b>
SCORED FIVE OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:	RYAN JOHNSON, 5 (AT WESTERN KENTUCKY, APRIL 23, 2019)
SCORED SIX OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:	ANDY BURNS (vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE, APRIL 19, 2009)
HAD A HIT IN SEVEN CONSECUTIVE OFFICIAL AT BATS:	RYAN SHINN (AT AUSTIN PEAY AND AT TEXAS TECH, FEB. 17-23, 2019)
<b>HAD FOUR OR MORE HITS IN A GAME:</b>	<b>MATT GOLDA, 4 (vs. APPALACHIAN STATE, FEB. 23, 2020)</b>
HAD FIVE OR MORE HITS IN A GAME:	RILEY MAHAN (vs. LSU, APRIL 21, 2017)
HAD SIX HITS IN A GAME:	JT RIDDLE (vs. NIAGARA, FEB. 17, 2013)
HAD FIVE RBI IN A GAME:	KOLE COTTAM (vs. MISSOURI, APRIL 29, 2018)
HAD SIX RBI IN A GAME:	MICHEAL THOMAS (vs. BALL STATE, MARCH 8, 2014)
HAD SEVEN RBI IN A GAME:	JAVON SHELBY (AT GEORGIA, MARCH 20, 2016)
HAD EIGHT RBI IN A GAME:	LUKE BECKER (vs. MIAMI, OH, MARCH 12, 2017)
HIT HOME RUNS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE PLATE:	RYAN WILKES (vs. WRIGHT STATE, MAY 6, 2008)
HIT HR LEFTY/RIGHTY IN A SAME WEEK:	ZEKE LEWIS (vs. TENNESSEE, APR. 20, LEFT; AT WESTERN KENTUCKY, APR. 23, 2019, RIGHT)
STOLE THREE OR MORE BASES IN A GAME:	JAREN SHELBY (5, vs. EASTERN KENTUCKY, FEB. 26, 2019)
WALKED FOUR OR MORE TIMES IN A GAME:	RYAN JOHNSON (vs. INDIANA, MAY 7, 2019)
STRUCK OUT 10 OR MORE IN A GAME:	ZACK THOMPSON (11, vs. ARKANSAS, MAY 5, 2019)
PITCHED A NINE-INNING COMPLETE GAME:	ZACK THOMPSON (AT FLORIDA, APRIL 27, 2019)
PITCHED A NINE-INNING SHUTOUT:	ZACK THOMPSON (vs. GEORGIA, MARCH 29, 2019)
PITCHED A NO-HITTER:	JOHN BOWLING (vs. GEORGIA STATE, APRIL 9, 1974; W, 3-0)



## MLB TRAINING GROUND

Kentucky has made its presence felt in the Major League Baseball Draft the past three years with 24 players selected, including 21 in 2017 and 2018, which was the most of any college program in the country over that span. In Evan White (2017) and Zack Thompson (2019) the Cats have had two first-round selections under coach Nick Mingione. In the last three drafts:

- 13 Wildcats were selected in the first 10 rounds.
- Six were selected in the first five rounds, including first-rounders Evan White (2017) and Zack Thompson (2019).
- The 13 picks in 2018 are the second-most for any school in a single draft since 2006 and tied for an SEC record with Texas A&M (2016) and national champion Vanderbilt (2019).
- The 14 underclassmen drafted during that span earned \$10.435 million in signing bonus money, an average of \$745,358 per player.
- All but one draftee was selected higher than previously selected.
- 15 of the draftees had not previously been drafted.



## SHELBY CONTINUES FAMILY TRADITION

When UK began recruiting Jaren Shelby it had history and location on its side. The senior outfielder hailed from Lexington, played his prep baseball just down the street at Bates Creek High School and had spent much of his childhood watching older brothers John III and JaVon putting up big numbers for the Wildcats. The first family of Lexington baseball, which includes patriarch John Shelby, had a deep connection to the blue and white that proved to be too much for Jaren, the youngest brother, to pass up coming out of State College of Florida last season.

Jaren, a former Kentucky Gatorade Player of the Year in 2016, opted to follow in the footsteps of his brothers, both of whom were all-conference players with the Cats. John III played at UK from 2004-06, was on the program's first SEC championship team and served as a student assistant coach in 2018, while JaVon wore blue from 2014-16.

## STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

The Wildcats again will face one of the most difficult schedules in the country with 31 games slated against teams that made the 2019 NCAA Tournament, including 11 against College World Series participants and 20 against teams ranked in the preseason top 11.

The season opens on the road against perennial power TCU and after a 15-game homestand the Cats hit the road for the eighth straight season to open SEC play, drawing defending national champion Vanderbilt in Nashville on March 13-15. They will return home to host Florida on March 20-22 before traveling to 2019 College World Series participant Mississippi State to close out March. In all, 15 of the first 18 conference games are against teams ranked 11th or higher in the preseason polls, there is a non-conference home-and-home series with Louisville and road game at Indiana as well.

## RANKINGS

OPPONENTS IN THE POLLS					
TEAM	BA	D1	USA	PG	BWA
ALABAMA	-	-	-	-	RV
AUBURN	24	20	9	13	21
FLORIDA	1	1	10	1	1
GEORGIA	10	4	4	9	5
INDIANA	-	-	RV	-	RV
LOUISVILLE	7	3	2	2	9
LSU	14	11	12	22	16
MISSISSIPPI ST.	4	8	6	6	6
S. CAROLINA	-	-	RV	-	RV
TCU	-	-	RV	-	26
TENNESSEE	-	24	RV	19	24
UNCW	-	-	RV	-	RV
VANDERBILT	3	2	1	3	4

KENTUCKY WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS					
TEAM	BA	D1	USA	PG	BWA
PRESEASON	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 1	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 2	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 3	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 4	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 5	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 6	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 7	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 8	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 9	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 10	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 11	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 12	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 13	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 14	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 15	-	-	-	-	-

(BA - Baseball America; D1 - D1Baseball; USA - Coaches Poll; PG - Perfect Game; BWA - Baseball Writers Assoc.)

2020 VS. RANKED OPPONENTS		
TEAM	HIGH RANK	RECORD
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>0-0</b>
	<b>vs. TOP 10</b>	<b>0-0</b>

(\*NCBWA; \*Baseball America; +USA Coaches; %D1 Baseball; !Perfect Game)





## HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

### BY LOCATION

AT HOME	10
ON ROAD	1
NEUTRAL	0

### BY PITCHER

VS. RIGHT	6
VS. LEFT	5

### BY CONFERENCE

VS. SEC	0
VS. NON-SEC	11

### BY OUTS

WITH NO OUT	1
WITH ONE OUT	2
WITH TWO OUT	6

### BY RUNNERS ON

SOLO	7
TWO-RUN	2
THREE-RUN	2
GRAND SLAM	0

### BY COUNT

AHEAD IN COUNT	3
EVEN IN COUNT	6
BEHIND IN COUNT	0
FULL COUNT	0
FIRST PITCH	5
TWO STRIKE	0

### BY TIME OF DAY

(FIRST PITCH BEFORE/AFTER 6 P.M. EST)

DAY GAMES	11
NIGHT GAMES	0

## 2020 HOME RUN TRACKER

NO	PLAYER (#)	OPPONENT	ON	INN.	OUT	COUNT	RHP/LHP
1	T. Harmon (1)	@TCU	0	5	0	2-1	LHP
2	A. Schultz (1)	Southeast Missouri	0	5	2	1-0	RHP
3	T. Harmon (2)	Appalachian St.	0	4	0	0-0	LHP
4	T. Collett (1)	Appalachian St.	0	7	2	0-0	RHP
5	J. Shelby (1)	Appalachian St.	1	2	2	2-0	RHP
6	E. Curtis (1)	Appalachian St.	2	3	1	0-0	RHP
7	T. Harmon (3)	Appalachian St.	2	5	2	0-0	LHP
8	A. Schultz (2)	Appalachian St.	0	4	2	0-0	LHP
9	T. Harmon (4)	Appalachian St.	1	5	2	3-1	LHP
10	M. Golda (1)	Appalachian St.	0	7	0	3-1	RHP
11	C. Estep (1)	Tennessee Tech	0	6	1	1-1	RHP

## HR BY POSITION

C - 0	LF - 1
1B - 1	CF - 1
2B - 2	RF - 1
SS - 1	DH - 3
3B - 1	PH - 0

## HR BY INNING

1ST - 0	6TH - 1
2ND - 1	7TH - 2
3RD - 1	8TH - 0
4TH - 2	9TH - 0
5TH - 4	10+ - 0



# KENTUCKY



## KENTUCKY BATTING ORDER

<b>GAME</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
TCU	CURTIS	DANIEL	COLLETT	ANU	KESSLER	SHELBY	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES
TCU	CURTIS	DANIEL	COLLETT	ANU	KESSLER	SHELBY	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES
TCU	SCHULTZ	DANIEL	COLLETT	HARMON	KESSLER	SHELBY	RHODES	LEWIS	GRACE
SEMO	CURTIS	ANU	COLLETT	KESSLER	SCHULTZ	SHELBY	HILL	RHODES	GRACE
APP. STATE	CURTIS	HARMON	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	KESSLER	RHODES	SHELBY	HILL	GRACE
APP. STATE	CURTIS	ANU	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	HARMON	KESSLER	SHELBY	RHODES	GOLDA
APP. STATE	CURTIS	HARMON	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	SHELBY	DANIEL	HOLEN	ESTEP	GOLDA
TENNESSEE TECH	CURTIS	HARMON	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	ANU	RHODES	DANIEL	HOLEN	GOLDA





# KENTUCKY



## KENTUCKY STARTING LINEUP

<b>GAME</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>LF</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>RF</b>	<b>DH</b>
TCU	KESSLER	COLLETT	CURTIS	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HILL	SHELBY	DANIEL	ANU
TCU	KESSLER	COLLETT	CURTIS	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HILL	SHELBY	DANIEL	ANU
TCU	KESSLER	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	GRACE	RHODES	LEWIS	SHELBY	DANIEL	HARMON
SEMO	KESSLER	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	GRACE	RHODES	HILL	SHELBY	CURTIS	ANU
APP. STATE	KESSLER	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	GRACE	RHODES	HILL	SHELBY	CURTIS	HARMON
APP. STATE	KESSLER	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	GOLDA	RHODES	HARMON	SHELBY	CURTIS	ANU
APP. STATE	HOLEN	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	GOLDA	ESTEP	DANIEL	SHELBY	CURTIS	HARMON
TENNESSEE TECH	HOLEN	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	GOLDA	CURTIS	RHODES	DANIEL	HARMON	ANU



## DID YOU KNOW? WILDCATS TRIVIA ...

- Oraj Anu** - Mother, Oralee Fowler, was member of the 1980 and 1984 Bahamas Olympic track team as a sprinter;  
Father, Linzey, played football at Florida for Steve Spurrier
- Jaden Brown** - Played with the Canadian Junior National Team
- T.J. Collett** - Hit a home run into upper deck at Houston Astros' Minute Maid Park
- Breydon Daniel** - Father, Mike, was All-American at Oklahoma State and played pro ball
- Alex Degen** - Has competed in multiple sprint triathlons
- Chase Estep** - Father, Chad, and uncle, Chris, played baseball at UK
- Will Gambino** - Former prep outfielder making transition to the mound
- Matt Golda** - Mother is native of Dominican Republic
- Cam Hill** - Grew up attending UK games and standing by the Cats' dugout
- Tanner Holen** - Nearly died after internal infection in 2016 that collapsed both lungs
- Ben Jordan** - Member of the 2019-20 Kentucky Basketball team
- Coltyn Kessler** - Both parents were collegiate athletes (father - baseball, mother - soccer)
- Zeke Lewis** - Accomplished musician by stage name of 4\$ound
- Trip Lockhart** - Overcame childhood battle with scoliosis
- Justin Olson** - Tied New York Yankees first baseman Greg Bird's single-season prep home run record in Colorado
- John Rhodes** - Was a catcher until broken back in high school forced him to outfield
- Austin Schultz** - 2017 Nebraska Gatorade Player of the Year
- Jaren Shelby** - Third Shelby to play at UK, joining brothers John III and JaVon
- Cole Stupp** - Self-described "Rock, Paper, Scissors" champion
- Sam Wibbels** - Was diagnosed with and underwent surgery for rare condition called Fibromuscular Dysplasia last August where an artery in pitching shoulder area was deformed and twisted



## TRACKING KENTUCKY CAREER HIGHS

PLAYER	HITS ( <i>most recent</i> )	RBI ( <i>most recent</i> )	RUNS ( <i>most recent</i> )
ORAJ ANU	2 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	1 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)	2 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)
T.J. COLLETT	4 (vs. vs. XAVIER; 3/20/18)	5 (vs. OAKLAND; 2/24/18)	3 (vs. XAVIER; 3/20/18)
ELLIOTT CURTIS	3 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	3 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	4 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)
BREYDON DANIEL	3 (vs. LOUISVILLE; 4/16/19)	2 (vs. GEORGIA; 3/28/19)	3 (vs. XAVIER; 3/19/19)
CHASE ESTEP	1 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	1 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	2 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)
MATT GOLDA	4 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)	2 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	3 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)
DREW GRACE	1 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)	1 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)	1 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/21/20)
TRAE HARMON	2 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)	3 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	4 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)
TANNER HOLEN	1 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	1 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	--
CAM HILL	2 (vs. VANDERBILT; 5/18/19)	2 (AT FLORIDA; 4/28/19)	2 (vs. MTSU; 3/10/19)
COLTYN KESSLER	3 (AT FLORIDA; 4/28/19)	3 (AT FLORIDA; 4/28/19)	2 (AT FLORIDA; 4/28/19)
ZEKE LEWIS	2 (AT W. KENTUCKY; 4/23/19)	4 (vs. CANISIUS; 3/2/19)	2 (vs. VANDERBILT; 5/16/19)
JOHN RHODES	3 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	2 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	2 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)
JAREN SHELBY	3 (vs. GEORGIA; 3/30/19)	3 (AT LIPSCOMB; 4/10/19)	2 (vs. XAVIER; 3/19/19)
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	3 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	4 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)	3 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)

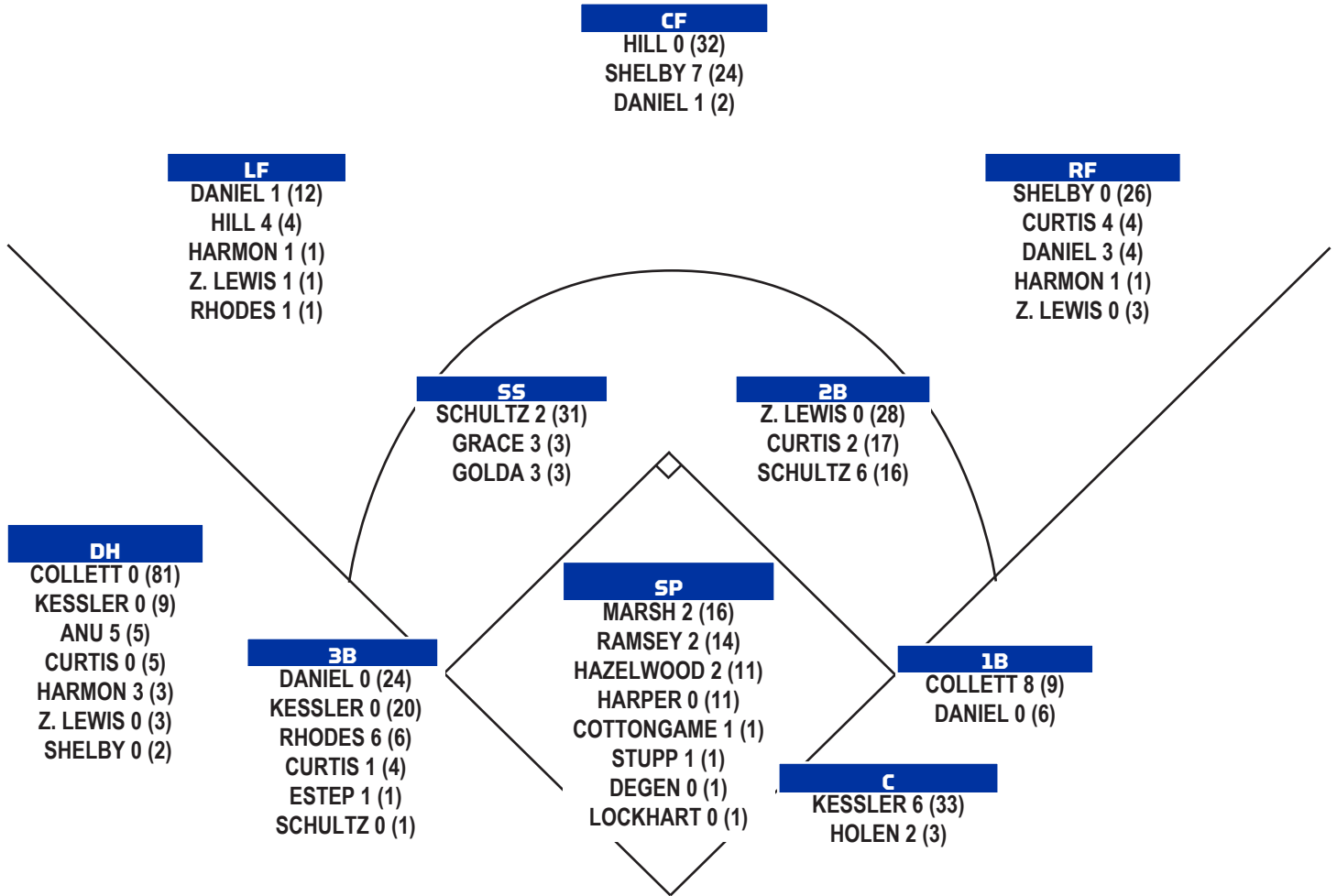
PITCHERS	INNINGS ( <i>most recent</i> )	STRIKEOUTS ( <i>most recent</i> )	PITCHES ( <i>most recent</i> )
RON COLE	1.0 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	3 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	15 (AT TCU; 2/16/20)
CARSON COLEMAN	2.2 (AT WESTER CAROLINA; 4/11/18)	5 (AT MISSOURI; 4/5/19)	49 (vs. VANDERBILT; 5/18/19)
BRAXTON COTTONGAME	3.2 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)	3 (vs. VANDERBILT; 5/17/19)	65 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)
COLE DANIELS	3.0 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)	3 (AT TCU; 2/16/20)	28 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)
ALEX DEGEN	3.0 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)	4 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)	49 (vs. XAVIER; 3/19/19)
WILL GAMBINO	2.0 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	3 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	24 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)
DANIEL HARPER	6.0 (vs. MIAMI UNIV.; 3/27/18)	8 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 2/18/18)	78 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 2/18/18)
MASON HAZELWOOD	6.0 (vs. MOREHEAD ST.; 3/26/19)	11 (vs. N. KENTUCKY; 2/27/19)	104 (vs. TENNESSEE; 4/19/19)
BEN JORDAN	2.0 (AT LSU; 3/16/19)	2 (vs. TENNESSEE; 4/19/19)	56 (vs. TENNESSEE; 4/19/19)
ZACK LEE	3.0 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	4 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	41 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)
TRIP LOCKHART	3.2 (vs. ARKANSAS; 5/3/19)	5 (vs. ARKANSAS; 5/3/19)	63 (vs. ARKANSAS; 5/3/19)
DILLON MARSH	5.0 (AT W. KENTUCKY; 4/23/19)	7 (AT W. KENTUCKY; 4/23/19)	85 (AT LIPSCOMB; 4/10/19)
JIMMY RAMSEY	6.0 (vs. TENNESSEE; 4/18/19)	9 (AT VANDERBILT; 5/18/18)	112 (vs. TENNESSEE; 4/18/19)
HUNTER RIGSBY	4.0 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)	4 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)	54 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)
COLE STUPP	4.0 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	7 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	70 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)







## STARTS BY POSITION AT UK 2020 (CAREER)



GAMES-GAMES STARTED					
PLAYER	CAREER	2020	2019	2018	2017
T.J. COLLETT	109-82	8-8	47-40	34-32	20-2
ZEKE LEWIS	107-35	6-1	43-28	30-6	28-0
COLTYN KESSLER	71-61	8-6	48-47	16-9	-
ELLIOTT CURTIS	64-33	7-7	41-24	-	16-2~
CAM HILL	59-36	7-4	45-32	7-0	-
JAREN SHELBY	58-52	7-7	51-45	-	-
BREYDON DANIEL	53-48	7-5	46-43	-	-
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	52-48	8-8	44-40	-	-
TRAE HARMON	14-5	8-5	6-0	-	-
JOHN RHODES	8-7	8-7	-	-	-
ORAJ ANU	8-6	8-6	-	-	-
TANNER HOLEN	8-3	3-2	5-1	-	-
DREW GRACE	5-3	5-3	-	-	-
MATT GOLDA	5-3	5-3	-	-	-
CHASE ESTEP	3-1	3-1	-	-	-

~AT MIDDLE TENNESSEE



## SUMMER AND PRESEASON HONORS

### **ORAJ ANU (Jr., OF)**

- No. 14 OUTFIELD PROSPECT, CAPE COD LEAGUE (D1BASEBALL, 2019)

### **CARSON COLEMAN (R-Jr., RHP)**

- 2020 UK ATHLETICS FRANK G. HAM SOCIETY OF CHARACTER INDUCTEE

### **T.J. COLLETT (Jr., 1B)**

- 2020 UK ATHLETICS FRANK G. HAM SOCIETY OF CHARACTER INDUCTEE
- 2020 BOBBY BRAGAN COLLEGIATE SLUGGER AWARD WATCH LIST
- COACHES FIRST-TEAM PRESEASON ALL-SEC, 1B (2020)
- PERFECT GAME PRESEASON ALL-SEC, 1B (2020)
- PERFECT GAME No. 7 SENIOR IN NATION (2020)
- No. 27 FIRST BASEMAN, PRESEASON (D1BASEBALL, 2020)
- ALL-CAPE COD LEAGUE TEAM (SUMMER 2019)
- CAPE COD LEAGUE ALL-STAR (SUMMER 2019)
- CAPE COD LEAGUE HOME RUN DERBY (SUMMER 2019)
- ROCKET MORTGAGE BY QUICKEN LOANS COLLEGE HOME RUN DERBY (2019)
- No. 9 CORNER INFIELD PROSPECT, CAPE COD LEAGUE (D1BASEBALL, 2019)

### **ALEX DEGEN (So., RHP)**

- FIRST-TEAM ALL-COASTAL PLAIN LEAGUE (SUMMER 2019)

### **TRAE HARMON (So., 1B/OF)**

- 2019 HOME RUN DERBY CHAMPION, PERFECT GAME COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE

### **MASON HAZELWOOD (Jr., LHP)**

- No. 15 LHP PROSPECT, CAPE COD LEAGUE (D1BASEBALL, 2019)

### **TANNER HOLEN (Sr., C)**

- WESTERN CANADIAN BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-STAR (SUMMER 2019)

### **BEN JORDAN (R-So., RHP)**

- FIRST-TEAM ALL-CAL RIPKEN COLLEGIATE LEAGUE (2019)
- CAL RIPKEN COLLEGIATE LEAGUE ALL-STAR (2019)
- SOUTHEAST COLLEGIATE PROSPECT SHOWCASE (2019)
- No. 1 PROSPECT IN CAL RIPKEN COLLEGIATE LEAGUE (PERFECT GAME, 2019)

### **COLTYN KESSLER (Jr., C/IF)**

- No. 17 CATCHER, PRESEASON (D1BASEBALL, 2020)
- No. 10 CATCHER PROSPECT, CAPE COD LEAGUE (D1BASEBALL, 2019)

### **JARED PAYNE (Fr., C)**

- SECOND-TEAM ALL-PERFECT GAME COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE (2019)

### **JOHN RHODES (Fr., OF/IF)**

- PERFECT GAME COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-STAR (2019)
- PERFECT GAME COLLEGIATE BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-STAR GAME MVP (2019)
- No. 11 PROSPECT IN PGCBL (PERFECT GAME, 2019)

### **HUNTER RIGSBY (So., RHP)**

- ALASKA BASEBALL LEAGUE ALL-STAR (2019)
- No. 7 PROSPECT IN ALASKA BASEBALL LEAGUE (PERFECT GAME, 2019)

### **AUSTIN SCHULTZ (So., IF)**

- No. 24 SHORTSTOP, PRESEASON (D1BASEBALL, 2020)
- COASTAL PLAIN LEAGUE SELECT TEAM (SUMMER 2019)
- COASTAL PLAIN LEAGUE ALL-STAR (SUMMER 2019)

## CANADIAN CATS

Kentucky has made recruiting The Great White North a staple of its talent base, routinely traveling north of the border to bring Canadian players to the SEC. In fact, the program also has spent considerable time recruiting areas like Michigan, Minnesota and other corners of the Great Lakes region.

The Canadian pipeline continues this season as a pair of Ontario natives - freshman Jaden Brown and senior Elliott Curtis - suit up for the Cats. They join a group that includes the likes of current New York Yankees starter James Paxton, Tristan Pompey, Zach Pop, Chris Bisson and others as Canadian players to wear blue. Brown, who spent some time with Canada's national baseball program, wears No. 6 in homage to the nickname for Toronto.

## COUNTDOWN TO 100

Senior T.J. Collett has logged 91 hits during his career, putting him within reach of joining UK's all-time 100-hit club. He would be the 53rd member of that exclusive group upon reaching the century mark.

### UK CAREER 100-HIT CLUB

1. Andy Green (1997-2000) - 277
2. Aaron McGlone (1997-2000) - 274
3. Mike Botkin (1979-82) - 241
- ...
43. Taylor Black (2010-11) - 121
- Marcus Nidiffer (2007-10) - 121
45. Michael Williams (2009-12) - 119
46. Troy Squires (2015-18) - 118
47. Gunner Glad (2009-10) - 115
48. Marcus Carson (2014-17) - 112
49. Shawn Lehmann (2005-06) - 111
50. Storm Wilson (2014-17) - 109
51. Micheal Thomas (2011-14) - 107
52. Connor Heady (2014-17) - 106

**T.J. COLLETT (2017-20) - 91**



## “THE HOOK”

One of the personal touches to the Wildcats’ new home, Kentucky Proud Park, is “The Hook,” which is the name of the visiting bullpen just beyond the right field wall. The name is a tribute to former UK pitcher Jonathan Hooker, who pitched for the Cats from 1998-2001, and died in the plane crash of Comair Flight 5191 on Aug. 27, 2006 in Lexington.

Hooker and his wife, Scarlett Parsley, were married the night before and were on the early-morning flight headed to their honeymoon when the pilots attempted to take off from the wrong runway and crashed into a neighboring field. Forty-nine of the 50 people on board were killed, including both Hooker and Parsley.

The London, Ky. native was a beloved teammate and member of UK Baseball and his family was honored on Mar. 29, 2019 during an in-game ceremony to officially unveil “The Hook,” which features a sign and memorial to the former Wildcat.



The Hooker Family was honored on March 29, 2019 in memory of the late Jonathan Hooker and his wife, Scarlett Parsley, who died in crash of Comair Flight 5191 in August 2006.

## WALK IT OFF

### The Cats’ 10 most recent walk-off victories

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	FINAL PLAY
2/23/20	Appalachian State	8-7 (15)	RBI Walk
3/10/19	Middle Tennessee	5-4	Two-Run Home Run
2/27/19	Northern Kentucky	5-4	RBI Single
3/23/18	No. 9 Auburn	5-4	Wild Pitch
2/27/18	Western Kentucky	4-3	Wild Pitch
5/8/16	No. 2 South Carolina	5-4 (12)	Solo Home Run
4/23/16	Arkansas	5-4 (7)	RBI Single
4/9/16	Alabama	6-2	Grand Slam
3/27/16	No. 1 Florida	5-4 (10)	Wild Pitch
3/6/16	Buffalo	9-8 (10)	RBI Single

## 2019 CATS IN THE PROS

*\*highest level reached*

### MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

- TREVOR GOTT - SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
- ANDY GREEN - SAN DIEGO PADRES (MANAGER)
- LUKE MAILE - TORONTO BLUE JAYS
- JAMES PAXTON - NEW YORK YANKEES
- TIM PETERSON - NEW YORK METS
- AJ REED - CHICAGO WHITE SOX
- JT RIDDLE - MIAMI MARLINS
- TAYLOR ROGERS - MINNESOTA TWINS
- CHRIS RUSIN - COLORADO ROCKIES
- CHANDLER SHEPHERD - BALTIMORE ORIOLES

### TRIPLE-A

- DUSTIN BEGGS (MARLINS) - NEW ORLEANS BABY CAKES
- ZACK BROWN (BREWERS) - SAN ANTONIO MISSIONS
- COLLIN COWGILL (NATIONALS) - FRESNO GRIZZLIES
- ZACH REKS (DODGERS) - OKLAHOMA CITY DODGERS
- KA’AI TOM (INDIANS) - COLUMBUS CLIPPERS

### DOUBLE-A

- SEAN HJELLE (GIANTS) - RICHMOND FLYING SQUIRRELS
- ZACH LOGUE (BLUE JAYS) - NEW HAMPSHIRE FISHER CATS
- RILEY MAHAN (MARLINS) - JACKSONVILLE JUMBO SHRIMP
- ZACH POP (ORIOLES) - BOWIE BAYSOX
- LOGAN SALOW (DODGERS) - TULSA DRILLERS
- EVAN WHITE (MARINERS) - ARKANSAS TRAVELERS

### A-ADVANCED

- BEN AKLINSKI (PHILLIES) - CLEARWATER THRESHERS
- KOLE COTTAM (RED SOX) - SALEM RED SOX
- JUSTIN LEWIS (DIAMONDBACKS) - VISALIA RAWHIDE
- TRISTAN POMPEY (MARLINS) - JUPITER HAMMERHEADS
- ZACK THOMPSON (CARDINALS) - PALM BEACH CARDINALS

### A-BALL

- LUKE BECKER (PADRES) - FORT WAYNE TINCAPS
- TREY DAWSON (ASTROS) - QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS
- ZACH HAAKE (ROYALS) - LEXINGTON LEGENDS
- LUKE HEYER (DODGERS) - GREAT LAKES LOONS
- CHRIS MACHAMER (RED SOX) - GREENVILLE DRIVE

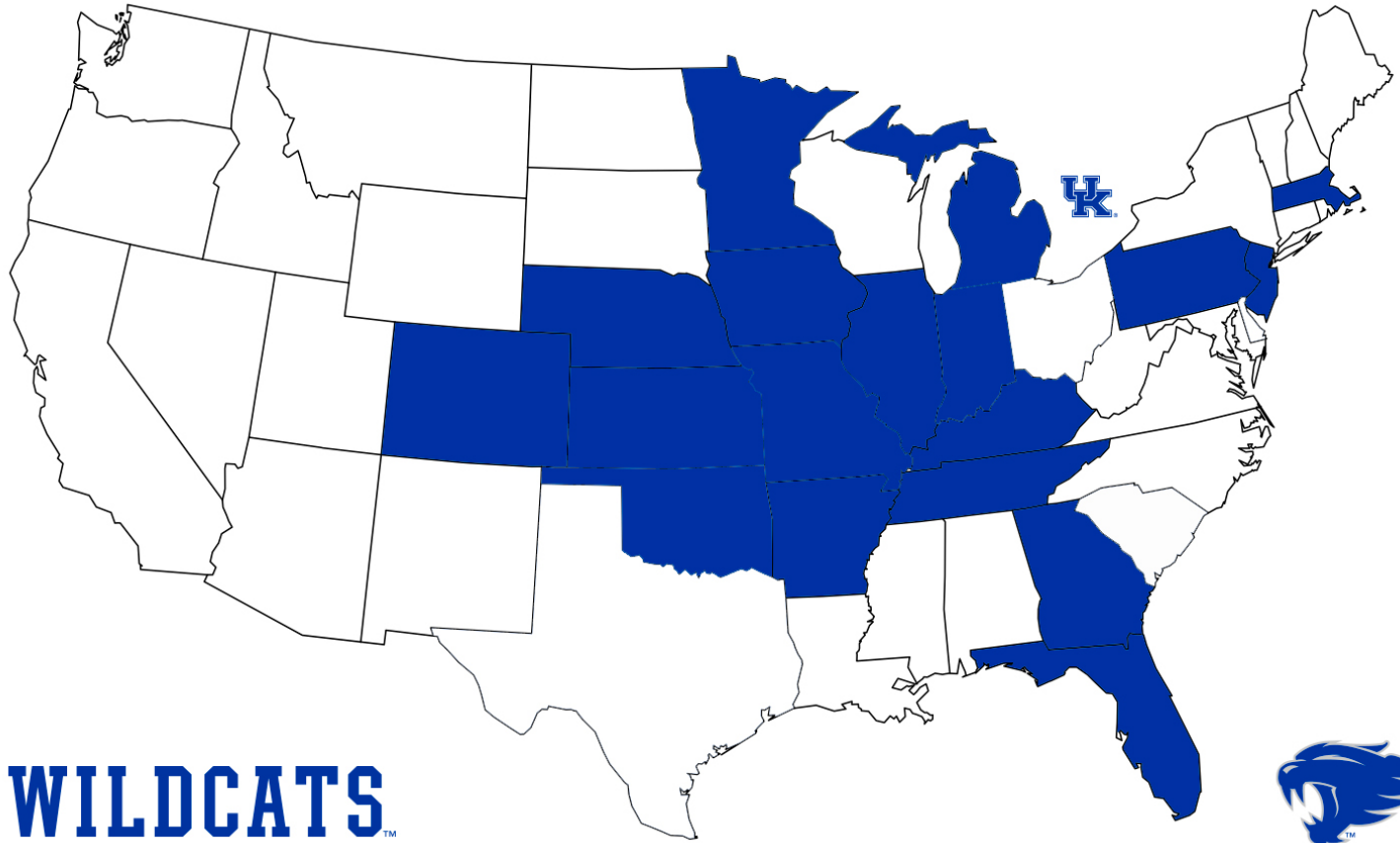
### SHORT-SEASON/ROOKIE/IL

- KYLE CODY (RANGERS)
- ANDREW MILLER (MARLINS)
- RYAN SHINN (METS)





## WILDCATS ON THE MAP



## WILDCATS™

### ARKANSAS (1)

CHASE BRYAN (WHITE HALL)

### COLORADO (1)

JUSTIN OLSON (COLORADO SPRINGS)

### FLORIDA (1)

ORAJ ANU (ORLANDO)

### GEORGIA (2)

ZEKE LEWIS (ATLANTA)  
COLE STUPP (MILTON)

### ILLINOIS (1)

ZACK LEE (EFFINGHAM)

### INDIANA (1)

T.J. COLLETT (TERRE HAUTE)

### IOWA (1)

HARRISON COOK (SOLON)

### KANSAS (2)

DANIEL HARPER (FAIRWAY)  
TANNER HOLEN (MANHATTAN)

### KENTUCKY (11)

CARSON COLEMAN (LEXINGTON)  
BRAXTON COTTONGAME (HAZARD)  
CHASE ESTEP (CORBIN)  
MASON HAZELWOOD (SALVISA)  
TRAE HARMON (SOMERSET)  
CAM HILL (GEORGETOWN)  
BRENDAN HORD (LEXINGTON)  
BEN JORDAN (OLIVE HILL)  
TRIP LOCKHART (LEXINGTON)  
HUNTER RIGSBY (MOUNT VERNON)  
JAREN SHELBY (LEXINGTON)

### MASSACHUSETTS (1)

MATT GOLDA (ACUSHNET)

### MICHIGAN (1)

COLE DANIELS (ANN ARBOR)

### MINNESOTA (1)

JIMMY RAMSEY (TONKA BAY)

### MISSOURI (2)

COLTYN KESSLER (HIGH RIDGE)  
BRANDON SULZER (SMITHVILLE)

### NEBRASKA (2)

AUSTIN SCHULTZ (ADAMS)  
SAM WIBBELS (HASTINGS)

### NEW JERSEY (4)

RON COLE (NEPTUNE CITY)  
ALEX DEGEN (READINGTON TOWNSHIP)  
WILL GAMBINO (WESTMONT)  
ALEX MARGOT (COLLINGSWOOD)

### OKLAHOMA (1)

BREYDON DANIEL (BIXBY)

### ONTARIO (2)

JADEN BROWN (MISSISSAUGA)  
ELLIOTT CURTIS (WATERLOO)

### PENNSYLVANIA (4)

TYLER BURCHETT (AIRVILLE)  
DREW GRACE (ORWIGSBURG)  
DILLON MARSH (ELIZABETHTOWN)  
JARED PAYNE (NEW CUMBERLAND)

### TENNESSEE (2)

JOHN RHODES (SODDY DAISY)  
JAKE TATE (LOUISVILLE)





## NICK MINGIONE - 2017 NATIONAL AND SEC COACH OF THE YEAR

### MINGIONE BY THE NUMBERS

**275** - SEC Academic Honor Roll selections

**77** - Players coached who have been selected in the Major League Baseball Draft

**48** - All-Conference honors coached

**43** - All-American honors coached

**17** - Seasons as a college baseball coach

**13** - Nationally-ranked recruiting classes (2006-07, 2009-19)

**10** - NCAA Regionals (2003-06, 2011-14, 2016, 2017)

**6** - Conference championships (2003-06, 2012, 2016)

**6** - Conference Players of the Year coached (2004-06, 2012, 2016, 2017)

**5** - College World Series (1999, 2003-05, 2013)

**4** - SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year (2013, 2014, 2015, 2017)

**2** - National Championship finalists (2005, 2013)

**1** - Senior CLASS Award winner (2018)

**1** - National and SEC Coach of the Year (2017)



## Student. Person. Player.

COACH MINGIONE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT DEVELOPING STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THREE AREAS: **STUDENT. PERSON. PLAYER.**



## 2020 PLAYER NOTES - HITTERS

### 1 • JOHN RHODES (FR., IF/OF)

Already has three multi-hit games and four doubles...Had career-high three hits on 2/25 vs. Tennessee Tech...Incredible athlete who can play all over the field...Spent time at 3B, 1B, RF and LF in the fall before emerging as starter at third...Staff considers him best freshman they've had since arriving in 2017...Accomplished hitter who uses the whole field and puts the ball in play...Can run and put pressure on defense with his legs as one of fastest players on the team...Just barely removed from high school graduation was named a Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League all-star and won all-star game MVP honors.

### 2 • AUSTIN SCHULTZ (SO., IF)

Has seven extra-base hits in eight games...Drove in career-high four runs on 2/18 vs. Southeast Missouri...Has reached base safely in 21 straight games and 48 of past 50...In 2019, started 29 games at shortstop, 10 at second base and one at third base...Batted .265 with 25 runs, seven doubles, two home runs and eight RBI in 136 at-bats...Led the team with 27 walks...Stole 10 bases in 13 attempts...Posted a team-best .409 on-base percentage...Batted .297 in SEC play with an .803 OPS as a true freshman...Batted .281 in 64 at-bats against ranked opponents...Became just the seventh UK player since the beginning of 2012 to reach base safely in 25 consecutive games or more, doing so in 27 straight.

### 4 • ZEKE LEWIS (SR., IF)

Had a three-run double to walk-off Tennessee Tech on 2/25...Versatile utility player who has seen time at 2B, SS, 3B and in the outfield during his career...Switch-hitter who pounded SEC pitching from the right side of the plate last season... In 2019, drew 13 walks and struck out just 19 times... Stole seven bases in nine attempts...Did his best work against ranked opponents, hitting .269 with an OPS of .749... Hit his first career home run on April 20 vs. Tennessee, a left-handed shot...Followed that up with his second home run, this time from the right side, in the next game on April 23 at Western Kentucky...Batted .391 vs. left-handed pitchers.

### 5 • T.J. COLLETT (SR., 1B)

Elite power presence...Any swing has chance to leave the yard... Series of injuries has limited him at times but is healthy and has his body in the best shape it's been in his career... Needs 13 hits to join career 100-hit club... Played for Brewster in the famed Cape Cod League last summer, batting .281 with 19 runs scored and six doubles...Tied for the lead league in home runs with nine, the most in the CCBL since 2012...Ranked third in the CCBL with 32 RBI and fourth in the league with a .539 slugging percentage...Posted an .863 OPS in 128 at-bats...Named a 2019 Cape Cod League All-Star...Has hit 10 home runs each of the past two seasons.

### 6 • JADEN BROWN (FR., IF)

Canadian middle infielder who was selected in last summer's MLB Draft based on natural gifts and potential...Extremely athletic player who can run and has a plus arm...Tireless worker and tough kid...Has flashed 100 MPH exit velocities...Has international experience with Canadian baseball national program... Ranked the No. 58 player overall and No. 15 shortstop in the 2019 class by Perfect Game...Ranked the top player in Canada by Perfect Game...Participated in the 2018 Perfect Game All-American Classic.

### 7 • DREW GRACE (FR., IF)

Made his collegiate debut on 2/16 as starting SS vs. TCU...Logged first hit and first RBI on 2/18 vs. Southeast Missouri...Staff called him the biggest surprise of the fall and the most improved player from start of camp until end...Has aptitude for the game and a grittiness coaches love...Almost wills good things to happen on the field...Reliable player who brings consistency of effort and production...Will be heavily involved in the middle infield rotation... Rated No. 260 overall by Prep Baseball Report in Class of 2019.

### 8 • TANNER HOLEN (SR., C)

Recorded first career hit on 2/25 vs. Tennessee Tech...Catcher who can handle the bat...Strong catch and throw defender...Terrific kid who is a hard worker...Has some thump in his bat...Slotted as the backup catcher...Has been through significantly more adversity than most players his age, having nearly died due to an internal infection in 2016 that caused both lungs to collapse and kept him hospitalized for more than a month...Did not see much action in 2019 but had terrific summer in Western Canadian Baseball League, hitting .321 in 190 at-bats with 29 runs, 17 doubles, two triples, six home runs and 47 RBI.

### 9 • BREYDON DANIEL (SR., IF/OF)

Switch-hitter the staff sees as one of the keys to the offense...Tools are evident...Extremely versatile with the ability to handle either corner infield spot and outfield...Has shown power from both sides of the plate and twice last season hit opposite field home runs off potential top overall 2020 draft pick Emerson Hancock...In 2019, started at five different positions (1B, 3B, LF, CF, RF)...Batted .238 with 32 runs scored, six doubles, a triple, seven home runs and 20 RBI...Drew 23 walks and was hit by 11 pitches...Led the team with 17 stolen bases, the most for a UK player since 2014 and second-most since 2010.

### 10 • MATT GOLDA (JR., IF)

Has seven hits in first 13 AB, scoring seven runs...Logged first UK hit on 2/16 at TCU as a pinch hitter...Accomplished defensive player who was highly rated coming out of high school...Will play middle infield... Instinctive player...Sought out playing on the SEC stage...Needs experience at this level...Spent some time playing baseball in the Dominican Republic during his development... Played the past two seasons at Western Oklahoma State College...In two seasons, scored 97 runs, had 108 hits, 34 doubles, six triples, four home runs, drove in 72 and stole 24 bases...Drew nearly as many walks (66) as times he struck out (70).

### 12 • CHASE ESTEP (FR., IF)

Hit first career home run on 2/25 vs. Tennessee Tech...Had first hit 2/22 vs. Appalachian State...Good athlete who was an accomplished multi-sport athlete in high school...Provides competitive at-bats from the left side and played a quality third base defensively in the fall...Staff is extremely high on his potential to be an impact player in his career... In high school was a three-time All-State selection in both baseball and football (2017-19)...Ranked the No. 1 third baseman and No. 7 overall player in the state of Kentucky in Class of 2019 by Perfect Game... Father and uncle both played for the Cats.



## 2020 PLAYER NOTES - HITTERS

### 13 • BRENDAN HORD (R-FR., C)

Local product in the mold of former catcher Marshall Gei...Relentless worker...Yes-sir, no-sir, do-anything-you-ask guy...Elite student... Earned consideration in vote for team captains as a true freshman... Impact on the team reaches further than just what he does on the field...Not satisfied with just being good locker room guy, wants to be a player...Legit power in his bat... Father's side of the family owned, lived on and serviced a large tobacco farm in Maysville, Ky. for generations.

### 25 • COLTYN KESSLER (JR., C/IF)

Good athlete who has played both third base and catcher since arriving on campus...Accomplished hitter with impressive bat speed...Exceptional power from the left side...Can still go the other way and may actually have more power to opposite field than pull side...Has shown willingness and ability to work a count and take a walk with strong pitch recognition...as the clutch gene...Was difference maker in Cape Cod League playoffs over the summer as his team won title...In 2019, Batted .297 with 28 runs, 49 hits and 29 RBI in 165 at-bats... Had a team-best 11-game hit streak.

### 28 • ORAJ ANU (JR., OF)

Recorded first UK hit on 2/18 vs. Southeast Missouri...Drew game-winning walk-off walk in 15th inning vs. Appalachian State on 2/23...Big-time raw talent who has twice been selected in the MLB Draft...Physical specimen whose mother was world-class track star and father a college football player...More athletic and quicker than people realize because of his size...Had 12 extra-base hits and 29 RBI over the summer in the Cape Cod League... Played the past two seasons at Wallace-Dothan (Ala.) Community College...In those two seasons hit a combined .390 with 155 hits, 115 runs scored, 37 doubles, one triple, 30 home runs and 125 RBI...Two-time JUCO All-American.

### 30 • JAREN SHELBY (SR., OF)

Comes from the first family of Lexington baseball...Brothers, John III and JaVon, were both all-conference players at UK...Father, John, has been involved with Major League Baseball for more than four decades...Tremendous power to all fields...Plus speed...Elite leadership qualities and presence...Tools are off the charts... In 2019, batted .273 with 22 runs scored, 10 doubles, six home runs and 35 RBI... Posted an .822 OPS...Stole 13 bases in 17 attempts, the second-most steals on the team...Hit .329 with a .946 OPS in non-conference games.

### 33 • TRAE HARMON (SO., 1B/OF)

Homered in all three games of Appalachian State series (2/21-23)... Slugging .909 through first 22 AB...Blasted his first career home run on 2/15 at TCU...Greatest strength is his power from the right side...Has the highest exit velocities on the team...Coaches say he's more than just power threat, can really hit...Has learned to use the whole field...Staff has gained confidence in him as he continues to put up numbers in practice... Has made remarkable transformation with his body...Had a strong summer in the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League, batting .319 with an .845 OPS...Won the PGCBL Home Run Derby.

### 37 • CAM HILL (SO., OF)

Out indefinitely after suffering a broken wrist in an outfield collision on 2/23 vs. Appalachian State...Brett Gardner type that gets under opponents' skin...Gritty...Hard-nosed...Intense...Premier defender in outfield...Fearless...Can wreak havoc on the bases and create run...Last summer in Cape Cod League he ranked sixth in the league in stolen bases with 11...Led the CCBL with 10 hit by pitch...In 2019, flourished late in the year, raising his batting average more than 50 points over the final six weeks...Was a human highlight reel in centerfield, routinely providing jaw-dropping catches.

### 42 • ELLIOTT CURTIS (SR., IF)

Was off to terrific start to season before suffering a fractured and dislocated ankle sliding into second base on 2/25 vs. Tennessee Tech...Out for the remainder of 2020 season...Utility infielder who became one of most consistent offensive threats in lineup over final six weeks last season... Has some pop but also a terrific situational hitter...Hit over .300 in SEC play...Runs well and can bunt...Steady player who is hard to get out of the lineup... Took over as the starting second baseman midway through SEC play last season and batted .309 with an OPS of .841...Struck out just nine times in SEC games...Batted a team-high .286 in 26 games vs. ranked opponents.

### 44 • JARED PAYNE (FR., C)

Slated to be the team's third-string catcher as true freshman...Had strong summer in a collegiate league...Solid Division I player...Highly skilled but needs to get stronger as he matures...Willing learner and strong teammate... Played for the Oneonta Outlaws of the Perfect Game Collegiate Baseball League last summer despite being fresh out of high school...Named Second-Team All-PGCBL...Saw action in 29 games, hitting .390 with 15 runs and 23 RBI.



## 2020 PLAYER NOTES - PITCHERS

### 3 • BEN JORDAN (R-SO., RHP)

Didn't log many innings in 2019 regular season but was sensational in summer ball...Joined the UK basketball team in October and split his time between the two but is not expected to re-join the baseball team until basketball concludes its season...Changed his arm angle and action since arrival of new pitching coach and is more consistent with his delivery...Perfect Game tabbed him the top prospect in last summer's Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.

### 11 • TRIP LOCKHART (JR., RHP)

Lexington product who showed marked improvement as a sophomore... Likely will remain in similar role to last season when he was a long man out of the bullpen...Perhaps more of a swing guy this season with late-game appearances if command improves...Good breaking ball and change-up...In 2019, ERA was 2.60 before allowing seven runs to Vanderbilt in his final outing of the season, which also was his first career start...In seven games vs. non-conference opponents, posted a 0.96 ERA in 9.1 innings of work...Posted the second-best ERA on the team in road games (3.86).

### 16 • WILL GAMBINO (R-FR., RHP)

Earned first career save on 2/25 vs. Tennessee Tech with two perfect innings, striking out three...Made collegiate debut on 2/16 at TCU...Former prep outfielder who is relatively new to pitching...Raw but talented, which showed in him being selected in the 2018 Major League Baseball Draft...Strong, athletic build with confident east coast attitude... Had a great fall after redshirting the 2019 season... Ranked the No. 79 right-handed pitcher in the country by Perfect Game and the No. 215 player overall in the Class of 2018.

### 20 • BRAXTON COTTONGAME (SO., LHP)

Made first collegiate start on 2/18 vs. Southeast Missouri, going 3.2 innings...Tough and competitive left-hander who goes right at hitters... Had a strong second half of his rookie season and then excellent summer in Alaska...As freshman last season he posted a 3.75 ERA in nine SEC games, striking out 10 in 12.0 innings...SEC opponents hit just .190 against him with only two extra-base hits...Ranked the No. 25 left-handed pitcher in the country by Perfect Game and the No. 220 player overall in Class of 2018.

### 22 • DILLON MARSH (SO., LHP)

Lefty who won't blow hitters away with power stuff but has knack for missing bats...Advanced pitchability with plus command of three pitches... Appeared in 14 games as a freshman, all starting assignments... Posted a 3-3 record with a 6.43 ERA in 49.0 innings...Struck out 45 hitters against 22 walks.

### 31 • ALEX DEGEN (SO., RHP)

Has been lights out so far in 2020, earning his first career save (2/18 vs. SEMO) and striking out 11 batters in 6.2 innings with no walks...Tall, lanky right-hander in the mold of former Wildcats Justin Lewis and Alex Meyer...Terrific athleticism for his size...Throws on downhill plane...Can throw four pitches for strikes and saw his command take leap in the fall... Played for the Savannah Bananas of the Coastal Plain League last summer and was named First-Team All-CPL...Appeared in 17 games out of the bullpen...Went 3-1 with a 1.80 ERA in 20.0 innings and led the team with four saves.

### 34 • CARSON COLEMAN (R-JR., RHP)

Returned to school despite being selected in last summer's MLB Draft... Selected in the 33rd round by the Tampa Bay Rays...Has made his money by being able to throw high spin rate fastball up in the zone...Served as the Cats' closer last season and logged five saves...Has struck out nearly 13 hitters per nine innings for his career...Has gained experience with back-to-back summers in the Cape Cod League.

### 35 • COLE DANIELS (SO., LHP)

Big, strong left-hander who has an exceptional breaking ball at this point in his career...Extremely tough on lefty hitters...Was the Cats' "fire extinguisher" the early part of last season... Appeared in 28 games in 2019, tied for most on the team...Went 3-0 with a 2.57 ERA...Had the second-lowest ERA on the staff behind only All-American Zack Thompson...Pitched 14.0 innings, allowing just nine hits and four earned runs...Struck out 21 hitters, an average of 13.5 strikeouts per nine innings pitched...Held opponents to a .188 batting average...Was even better in SEC play, posting a 1.29 ERA in 15 appearances.

### 36 • RON COLE (FR., RHP)

Struck out the side in 1.0 inning of work on 2/22 vs. Appalachian State... Made career debut on 2/16 at TCU...Competitive player with aggressive mentality on the mound...Fastball can reach into the low 90s...Relies mostly on sinker and change-up...Has a developing slider...Raw talent with lots of room for growth as his career moves along... Rated No. 226 overall by Prep Baseball Report in the Class of 2018...Participated in the 2018 Perfect Game National Showcase.

### 38 • JIMMY RAMSEY (JR., RHP)

Big, physical right-hander...Imposing presence...Sits low 90s...Very deceptive...Has served as both weekend starter and closer in his career...Made 18 appearances with 11 starts last season...Was undefeated in non-conference play...Earned a win in his final appearance after going 5.0 innings against eventual national runner-up Michigan the last week of the regular season...Was the 2020 opening night starter for the Cats at TCU.





## 2020 PLAYER NOTES - PITCHERS

### 39 • HUNTER RIGSBY (SO., RHP)

Has been tremendous to open 2020 season, allowing just one run and striking out nine in 6.2 IP...Big, tall right-hander with a strong two-pitch arsenal featuring a power fastball and curve...Doesn't mess around on the mound, coming right at hitters...Freshman season was slowed by a nagging ankle injury...Had a sensational summer in Alaska, impressing scouts... In the ABL he appeared in 14 games out of the bullpen... Posted a 3-0 record with a 0.64 ERA in 28.1 innings...Was selected as a 2019 Alaska Baseball League All-Star.

### 41 • ALEX MARGOT (FR., LHP)

Rangy left-handed arm...Isn't afraid to work and improved as his first fall on campus went along...Working to add velocity...Three-pitch arsenal of fastball, change-up and slider...Likely slated for bullpen depth role as a freshman but could pitch his way into more high-leverage situations.

### 46 • SAM WIBBELS (FR., RHP)

Enrolled in January after a serious medical issue required surgery just before fall classes began...Hard-thrower who was selected in the 2019 MLB Draft...Ceiling is extremely high based on natural ability...Won't back down from a challenge...36th round draft pick of Washington Nationals in 2019 MLB Draft... Perfect Game ranked him the No. 67 right-handed pitcher and top overall prospect in Nebraska...Named 2019 MaxPreps Second-Team Small Schools All-American.

### 48 • ZACK LEE (FR., RHP)

Made career debut with 0.1 IP on 2/15 at TCU and then pitched 2.1 innings the next day...Struck out four and allowed just one hit in 2.0 IP on 2/22 vs. Appalachian State...Freshman with a big arm who impressed the coaching staff in his first fall on campus...Considered to have one of the best arms on the staff while running his fastball up to the mid-90s...Hard slider and developing change-up...Inexperienced but loads of potential and electric natural stuff... Rated No. 146 overall by Prep Baseball Report in Class of 2019.

### 49 • COLE STUPP (FR., RHP)

Earned first start on 2/25 vs. Tennessee Tech, striking out seven in 4.0 innings, including five straight...Made sensational debut on 2/15 at TCU, entering game with two on and no outs and getting out of the inning unscathed...Extremely impressive in the fall, so much so the staff considered him to be the most ready to contribute of the new arms...Tremendous pitchability...Terrific athlete...Fastball command is excellent and sits low 90s with sink...Good change-up and slider to complement the fastball... Rated No. 225 overall by Prep Baseball Report in Class of 2019...Named Second-Team Class 7-A All-State by Georgia Dugout Preview.

### 50 • MASON HAZELWOOD (JR., LHP)

Coaching staff said he had the best fall of anyone on the pitching staff...That comes on the heels of a tremendous showing in the famed Cape Cod League last summer...Really deceptive delivery that hides the baseball and allows it to jump at hitters... Posted a 2-0 record with a 1.80 ERA in 25.0 innings pitched on the Cape...Ranked seventh in the CCBL with 32 strikeouts in regular season play, the third-highest total for a reliever and held opponents to a .169 average...In 2019 vs. non-conference opponents, posting a 2.35 ERA in 23.0 innings, striking out 27 and posting a .139 batting average against.

### 54 • DANIEL HARPER (JR., RHP)

Experienced arm that has pitched in a multitude of roles through first two seasons...In 2019, appeared in a team-high 28 games...Posted a 3-3 record with a 4.70 ERA and one save in 46.0 innings...Allowed 43 hits, struck out 42 and walked 16 batters...In non-conference games he posted a 2.42 ERA and allowed opponents to hit just .169 against him in 22.1 innings.