



SCHEDULE/RESULTS

FEE	BRUARY	
19	at North Carolina	Canceled
20	at North Carolina	Canceled
21	at North Carolina	Canceled
23	MIAMI (OHIO)	W, 5-1
26	MILWAÙKEE'	W, 10-0
27	MILWAUKEE (DH-1)	W, 9-3 (7)
28	MILWAUKEE (DH-2)	W, 4-2 (7)
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MARCH

2	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W, 6-3
3	EVANSVILLE	W, 8-5
5	BALL STATE	L, 3-2
6	BALL STATE	W, 6-0
2 3 5 6 7 9	BALL STATE	L, 4-3
9	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W, 6-5
12	GEORGIA STATE	W, 16-1
13	GEORGIA STATE	W, 6-1
14	GEORGIA STATE	W, 4-2
16	MURRAY STATE	L, 13-8
19	MISSOURI*	W, 10-2
20	MISSOURI*	W, 5-4
21	MISSOURI*	L, 5-3
23	BUTLER	6:30 p.m
26	at Auburn*	7 p.m.

7 p.m.

2 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

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at Auburn*

at Auburn* BELLARMINE

	IXIE	
1	at Mississippi State*	7:30 p.m.
2	at Mississippi State*	7 p.m.
3	at Mississippi State*	2 p.m.
6	at Louisville	6 p.m.
2 3 6 9	LSU*	6:30 p.m.
10	LSU*	2 p.m.
11	LSU*	1 p.m.
13	BELLARMINE	6:30 p.m.
16	at Georgia*	6 p.m.
17	at Georgia*	7 p.m.
18	at Georgia*	
		1 p.m.
20	LOUISVILLE	5 p.m.
23	ALABAMA*	6:30 p.m.
24	ALABAMA*	2 p.m.
25	ALABAMA*	1 p.m.
27	EASTERN KENTUCKY	6:30 p.m.
29	at Tennessee*	7:30 p.m.
30	at Tennessee*	6 n m

MAY

1	at Tennessee*	1 p.m.
6	FLORIDA*	7 p.m.
7	FLORIDA*	6:30 p.m.
6 7 8 11	FLORIDA*	2 p.m.
	MOREHEAD STATE	6:30 p.m.
14	SOUTH CAROLINA*	6:30 p.m.
15	SOUTH CAROLINA*	2 p.m.
16	SOUTH CAROLINA*	1 p.m.
18	TENNESSEE TECH	6:30 p.m.
120	at Vanderbilt*	7:30 p.m.
21 22	at Vanderbilt*	7:30 p.m.
22	at Vanderbilt*	3 p.m.
25-3	0 SEC Tournament	·

All times EST; *SEC game

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AT THE BALLPARK

KENTUCKY VS BUTLER MARCH 23 • 6:30 PM ET KENTUCKY PROUD PARK • LEXINGTON



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2021 R ECORD:	13-4 (2-1 SEC)
Coach:	NICK MINGIONE
OVERALL RECORD:	127-84 (.602) - 5TH YEAR
AT UK :	SAME

BUTLER BULLDOGS

 2021 Record:
 3-4

 Coach:
 Dave Schrage

 Overall Record:
 834-882-2 (.486) - 33rd year

 AT Butler:
 102-76 (.573) - 5th year

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, MARCH 23 / 6:30 PM ET
LOCATION (FACILITY): LEXINGTON, KY. (KENTUCKY PROUD PARK)

ALL-TIME SERIES: KENTUCKY LEADS 7-0

LAST MEETING: KENTUCKY SWEPT A THREE-GAME SERIES IN MARCH 2008

RADIO: UK SPORTS NETWORK; UKATHLETICS.COM

TV/Online: SECN+

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	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	<u>H</u>	R	ER	BB	<u>SO</u>
UK - RYAN HAGENOW (FR., RHP)	1-0	1.29	4/4	14.0	9	5	2	5	17
Butler - Jon Vore (So., RHP)	0-1	13.50	1/1	3.1	5	5	5	3	2

TOP HITTERS

	AVG	R	Н	2B	HR	RBI	OPS	BB	SB
UK - Austin Schultz (Jr., IF/OF) UK - T.J. Collett (Sr., 1B)	.377 .288	16 12	26 17	7 2	0 7	7 22	.992 1.115	•	10-10 0-0
Butler - James Gargano (Sr., OF) Butler - Freddie Matos (Sr., IF)	.321 .280	9 7	9 7	2	1	3	.906 .998	•	1-1 0-0

UK CLOSES 18-GAME HOMESTAND VS BUTLER

- Kentucky is 13-4 overall on the season and has not lost consecutive games at any point.
- Sophomore RHP **Cole Stupp** is the SEC Newcomer of the Week after his career effort Friday night vs. Missouri. He allowed an unearned run in 7.0 IP while striking out a career-high 10.
- UK and Butler last played in 2008 with the Cats sweeping three-game series by score of 49-3.
- Junior IF/OF **Austin Schultz** has proven to be a stick of dynamite for the Cats. He has reached safely in 72 of 77 career games and currently has a career-long 13-game hitting streak. He's also 10-for-10 in stolen base attempts and ranks 10th nationally.
- Freshman IF **Reuben Church** hit safely in the first 10 of his career games, the fourth-longest such streak for a freshman in UK history. He has a hit in 13 of 14 games total.
- Senior 1B **T.J. Collett** has been five-alarm fire hot, homering six times in his past seven games. He has 33 career HR, seventh among active D-I players. He has a 1.115 OPS and leads team with 22 RBI.
- UK is one of just two SEC teams to average at least 7.0 runs/game three of last four seasons.
- The Cats are 24-for-24 on stolen base attempts, the most of anyone in country without being caught.
- The pitching staff has struck out at least seven hitters in 30 of the past 31 games (24 with 10 or more).
- The staff ranks seventh in the nation in K-to-BB ratio, having struck out 190 and walked just 47. It ranks ninth nationally in WHIP (1.10) and 10th in ERA (2.60).
- Senior RHP **Sean Harney** is fourth nationally with five saves. He has struck out 18 and allowed just seven hits in 10.0 innings this season.
- The Cats struck out 19 Georgia State hitters on 3/13, the most in a 9-inning game since at least 2002.
- With a renewed focus on defense this season the Cats currently rank 26th nationally in fielding pct.







2021 ROSTER

			1	NUMI	ERIC	AL R	DSTER
No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	CI.	Hometown/Previous School
1	John Rhodes	OF	R/R	6-0	200	SO	Soddy Daisy, Tenn./Chattanooga Christian HS
2	Austin Schultz	IF/OF	R/R	5-9	200	JR	Adams, Neb./Norris HS
4	Zeke Lewis	IF	S/R	5-9	160	G-SR	Atlanta, Ga./Mays HS
5	T.J. Collett	1B	L/R	6-1	220	G-SR	Terre Haute, Ind./Terre Haute North Vigo HS
6	Reuben Church	IF	R/R	6-2	230	FR	Maryville, Tenn./Maryville HS
7	Drew Grace	IF	R/R	6-0	185	SO	Pottsville, Pa./Blue Mountain HS
8	Kirk Liebert	OF/C	L/R	6-0	190	JR	Owensboro, Ky./Wabash Valley CC
9	Alonzo Rubalcaba	С	R/R	6-0	200	JR	Fairfield, Calif./UCSB/Santa Barbara City College
10	Jack Hicks	IF	L/R	6-2	190	FR	Raleigh, N.C./Leesville Road HS
11	Trip Lockhart	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	SR	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic HS
12	Chase Estep	IF	L/R	6-0	200	SO	Corbin, Ky./Corbin HS
13	Brendan Hord	С	R/R	5-10	210	SO	Lexington, Ky./Paul Dunbar HS
16	Cole Stupp	RHP	R/R	6-4	205	SO	Milton, Ga./Milton HS
19	Nolan McCarthy	UTIL	R/R	6-0	195	FR	Kalamazoo, Mich./Portage Northern HS
20	Braxton Cottongame	LHP	L/L	6-3	205	JR	Hazard, Ky./Perry County Central HS
21	Wyatt Hudepohl	RHP	R/R	6-4	220	FR	Mason, Ohio/St. Xavier HS
22	Dillon Marsh	LHP	L/L	6-1	220	JR	Elizabethtown, Pa./Lancaster Catholic HS
23	Houston King	OF	L/L	5-11	175	FR	Cabot, Ark./Cabot HS
24	Ryan Hagenow	RHP	R/R	6-5	220	FR	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut HS
25	Coltyn Kessler	С	L/R	6-2	220	SR	High Ridge, Mo./Rockwood Summit HS
26	Jacob Plastiak	IF	S/R	6-3	215	JR	Chicago, III./Wichita State/Wabash Valley CC
28	Oraj Anu	OF	S/R	6-1	235	SR	Orlando, Fla./Wallace-Dothan CC
30	Jaren Shelby	OF	R/R	5-11	205	G-SR	Lexington, Ky./State College of Florida
31	Alex Degen	RHP	R/R	6-8	210	JR	Readington Township, N.J./Hunterdon Central HS
33	Trae Harmon	1B/DH	R/R	6-4	245	JR	Somerset, Ky./Somerset HS
34	Sean Harney	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	SR	Natick, Mass./Massachusetts
35	Cole Daniels	LHP	L/L	6-1	230	JR	Ann Arbor, Mich./Saline HS
36	Ron Cole	RHP	R/R	6-2	215	SO	Neptune City, N.J./Neptune HS
37	Cam Hill	OF	L/R	5-10	185	JR	Georgetown, Ky./Scott County HS
38	Jimmy Ramsey	RHP	L/R	6-9	255	SR	Tonka Bay, Minn./Minnetonka HS
39	Hunter Rigsby	RHP	R/R	6-4	235	JR	Mount Vernon, Ky./Rockcastle County HS
40	Zach Kammin	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	G-SR	Woodstock, III./Coe College
41	Evan Byers*	LHP	L/L	5-11	180	FR	Nicholasville, Ky./Lexington Christian Academy
44	Devin Burkes	С	R/R	6-3	205	FR	Ocala, Fla./Villages Charter HS
45	Holt Jones	RHP	R/R	6-8	235	SR	Santa Monica, Calif./Clemson
46	Seth Logue	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	FR	Mason, Ohio/Archbishop Moeller HS
47	Ryan Ritter	IF	R/R	6-2	190	SO	Tinley Park, III./John A. Logan College
48	Zack Lee	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	SO	Effingham, III./Effingham HS
49	Austin Strickland	RHP	R/R	6-2	210	FR	Winchester, Ohio/Archbishop Moeller HS
50	Mason Hazelwood	LHP	L/L	6-5	225	SR	Salvisa, Ky./Mercer County HS
51	Chase Bryan	OF	R/R	6-0	215	JR	White Hall, Ark./Seminole State College
54	Daniel Harper	RHP	R/R	6-4	230	SR	Fairway, Kan./Bishop Miege HS
55	Tyler Burchett	RHP	R/R	6-5	235	JR	Airville, Pa./Red Lion Area HS

	ALPHABETI	CAL
28	Oraj Anu	OF
51	Chase Bryan	OF
55	Tyler Burchett	RHP
44	Devin Burkes	С
41	Evan Byers	LHP
36	Ron Cole	RHP
5	T.J. Collett	1B
20	Braxton Cottongame	LHP
6 35	Reuben Church Cole Daniels	IF LHP
ან 31		RHP
12	Alex Degen Chase Estep	IF
7	Drew Grace	IF
24	Ryan Hagenow	RHP
33	Trae Harmon	1B/DH
34	Sean Harney	RHP
54	Daniel Harper	RHP
50	Mason Hazelwood	LHP
10	Jack Hicks	IF
37	Cam Hill	OF
13	Brendan Hord	OF C
21	Wyatt Hudepohl	RHP
45	Holt Jones	RHP
40	Zach Kammin	RHP
25	Coltyn Kessler	C
23	Houston King	OF
48	Zack Lee	RHP
4 8	Zeke Lewis Kirk Liebert	IF OF/C
o 11	Trip Lockhart	RHP
46	Seth Logue	RHP
22	Dillon Marsh	LHP
19	Nolan McCarthy	UTIL
26	Jacob Plastiak	IF
38	Jimmy Ramsey	 RHP
1	John Rhodes	OF
39	Hunter Rigsby	RHP
47	Ryan Ritter	IF
9	Alonzo Rubalcaba	С
2 30	Austin Schultz	IF/OF
30	Jaren Shelby	OF

COACHING STAFF

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

Austin Strickland

Cole Stupp

RHP RHP

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2021 RADIQ/TV SPOT CHART



JOHN RHODES



AUSTIN SCHULTZ



ZEKE LEWIS



T.J. COLLETT



REUBEN CHURCH



DREW GRACE



KIRK LIEBERT



ALONZO RUBALCABA



JACK HICKS



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CHASE BRYAN



DANIEL HARPER



NICK MINGIONE



DAN ROSZEL





ASSISTANT COACH







2021 QUICK FACTS

University of Kentucky	2021 Outlook
Location: Lexington, Ky.	Lettermen Returning/Lost
Founded:	Redshirts Eligible
Enrollment:	Starters Returning/Lost8 (6 positional, 2 pitchers) / 6 (5 positional, 1 pitcher)
Nickname:Wildcats	Newcomers
Colors: Blue (PMS 286) and White	
Conference: Southeastern (Eastern Division)	Top Returning Position Players (2020 stats, 17-game season)
President:	OF Oraj Anu (Sr.)
Faculty Representative:	1B T.J. Collett (Sr.)
(Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, 1970)	OF John Rhodes (So.)
Coaching Staff	(,),,,
Head Coach:	Top Returning Pitchers (2020 stats)
Best Time to Call:	LHP Mason Hazelwood (Sr.) 2-1, 1.64, 4 GS, 22.0 IP, 12 H, 27 K
Assistant Coach:	RHP Jimmy Ramsey (Sr.)
Assistant Coach: Will Coggin, 2nd season (Mississippi State, 2010)	RHP Alex Degen (Jr.) 0-0, 2.51, 5 G (1 GS), 14.1 IP, 10 H, 19 K, 1 SV
Volunteer Assistant Coach: . Todd Guilliams, 5th season (E. Kentucky, 1988)	LHP Cole Daniels (Jr.)
Director of Operations:	
Director of Communications/PR:	Key Players Lost (2020 stats)
matt.may@uky.edu; (859) 806-7463 (cell); (859) 257-8504 (office)	RHP Carson Coleman* (R-Jr.) 0-0, 3.18, 5 G, 5.2 IP, 4 H, 13 K
	*signed with New York Yankees
2020 Review	
Overall Record:	Redshirts Eligible
Home:	OF Chase Bryan (Junior)
Away: 0-3	RHP Tyler Burchett (Sophomore)
Neutral: 0-0	
Conference Record:0-0	Transfers (career stats)
Home:	RHP Sean Harney (Sr., UMass) 6-10, 3.49, 27 G (21 GS), 136.2 IP, 100 K
Away: 0-0	RHP Holt Jones (Sr., Clemson) 4-1, 3.98, 33 G, 54.1 IP, 39 H, 63 K
Conference Finish: N/A	RHP Zach Kammin (Sr., Coe College). 12-1, 2.62, 25 G (15 GS), 99.2 IP, 107 K
History	Newcomers
All-Time Record (entering 2021):	C Devin Burkes, Freshman (Ocala, Florida)
All-Time Conference Record:	LHP Evan Byers, Freshman (Nicholasville, Kentucky)
All-Time Conference Tournament Record:	IF Reuben Church, Freshman (Maryville, Tennessee)
Conference Tournament Titles: none	RHP Ryan Hagenow, Freshman (Knoxville, Tennessee)
Conference Titles:	IF Jack Hicks, Freshman (Raleigh, N. Carolina)
NCAA Tournament Appearances: nine	RHP Wyatt Hudepohl, Freshman (Mason, Ohio)
NCAA Tournament Record:	OF Houston King, Freshman (Cabot, Arkansas)
Super Regional Appearances:	OF/C Kirk Liebert, Junior (Owensboro, Kentucky)
College World Series Appearances: none	RHP Seth Logue, Freshman (Mason, Ohio)
	UT Nolan McCarthy, Freshman (Kalamazoo, Michigan)
Facility	IF Jacob Plastiak, Junior (Chicago, Illinois)
Stadium: Kentucky Proud Park	IF Ryan Ritter, Sophomore (Frankfort, Illinois)
First Year:	C Alonzo Rubalcaba, Junior (Fairfield, California)



RHP Austin Strickland, Freshman (Winchester, Ohio)



Capacity: 5,000 (1,100 in 2021 for COVID-19 protocols)

 Dimensions:
 .335-375-400-365-320

 Record
 .40-22 (.645)





POSITION BREAKDOWN

INFIELDERS

- REUBEN CHURCH, FR., R/R
- T.J. COLLETT, SR., L/R
- CHASE ESTEP, So., L/R
- DREW GRACE, So., R/R
- TRAE HARMON, JR., R/R
- JACK HICKS, FR., L/R
- ZEKE LEWIS, SR., S/R
- JACOB PLASTIAK, JR., S/R
- RYAN RITTER, So., R/R

OUTFIELDERS

- ORAJ ANU, SR., S/R
- CHASE BRYAN, JR., R/R
- CAM HILL, JR., L/R
- HOUSTON KING, FR., L/L
- JOHN RHODES, So., R/R
- JAREN SHELBY, SR., R/R

CATCHERS

- DEVIN BURKES, FR., R/R
- BRENDAN HORD, So., R/R
- COLTYN KESSLER, SR., L/R
- ALONZO RUBALCABA, JR., R/R

- KIRK LIEBERT, JR., L/R
- NOLAN McCARTHY, FR., R/R
- Austin Schultz, Jr., R/R

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHERS

- Tyler Burchett, R-So.
- RON COLE. So.
- ALEX DEGEN, JR.
- RYAN HAGENOW, FR.
- SEAN HARNEY, SR.-TR
- DANIEL HARPER, SR.
- WYATT HUDEPOHL. FR.
- HOLT JONES, SR.-TR
- ZACH KAMMIN, SR.-TR
- ZACK LEE, So.
- TRIP LOCKHART, SR.
- SETH LOGUE, FR.
- JIMMY RAMSEY, SR.
- HUNTER RIGSBY, JR.
- AUSTIN STRICKLAND, FR.
- COLE STUPP, So.

LEFT-HANDED PITCHERS

- EVAN BYERS, FR.
- BRAXTON COTTONGAME, JR.
- COLE DANIELS. JR.
- MASON HAZELWOOD, SR.
- DILLON MARSH, JR.

BOLD - INDICATES RETURNING STARTERS

MEDIA INFORMATION

CREDENTIALS

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, the media credentialing process has changed for the 2021 season. ALL CREDENTIALS NOW WILL BE ON A SINGLE-GAME BASIS AND SUBJECT TO THE LIMITED CAPACITY IN THE KENTUCKY PROUD PARK PRESS BOX. Requests should be made through the athletics communications and public relations office by contacting Matt May. Credentials will be available for pickup on game day in the VIP lobby entrance one hour prior to first pitch and all media are subject to temperature check. Parking is available in the Purple Lot adjacent to the softball/soccer complex at the end of Wildcat Court.

For midweek games, credential requests are due by Monday at noon ET. For weekend series, requests are due by Thursday at noon ET.

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 LINE OF SIGHT IS BLOCKED AND SOCIAL DISTANCING IS BEING OBSERVED. THE PHOTO WELLS AT THE END OF EACH DUGOUT WILL BE RESTRICTED TO INSTITUTION STAFF AND TELEVISION. Photographers/Videographers are only allowed in the press box if utilizing the photo work room.

PRESS BOX/RADIO/TV

The Kentucky Proud Park press box sits above the grandstand on level two. You must display credential for entry. Due to Covid-19 health and safety protocols, capacity is extremely limited and will be assigned on a game-by-game basis. Masks are required to be worn at all times except when actively eating or drinking. Social distancing will be required.

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

Due to Covid-19 health and safety protocols postgame interviews will be limited to Coach Nick Mingione during non-conference play and take place near the field from the required social distance. Please see UK ACPR's Matt May for more details. 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. <u>DUE TO NCAA TIME MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS</u>, <u>PLAYER INTERVIEW REQUESTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY SUNDAY AT 5 P.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK</u>. Please arrange all interviews through the UK ACPR office and baseball contact Matt May. <u>PLEASE DO NOT REACH OUT DIRECTLY TO PLAYERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ACTOR OF THE PLAYERS OF THE PLAYERS ON SOCIAL MEDIA ACTOR OF THE PLAYERS </u> MEDIA. Due to Covid-19 protocols, interviews will be conducted virtually until further notice.

INTERNET ACCESS

- Hard-wired internet is available in the press box.
- For media wishing to use wireless internet, each person that desires to connect to the ATHMEDIA network at Kentucky Proud Park will need a unique username and password. This username and password will be valid for the entire season, 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 and anyone in your travel party to matt.mav@ukv.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's Athletics Communication and PR office.

Live, in-game statistics and play-by-play is available via StatBroadcast. To access live game stats go to: kentucky.statbroadcast.com.

Updated results, statistics, game notes, 2021 Record Book and 2021 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 6 SCHEDULE FOR KENTUCKY BASEBALL

MONDAY - 22	TUESDAY - 23	WEDNESDAY - 24	THURSDAY - 25	FRIDAY - 26	SATURDAY - 27	SUNDAY - 28
Practice	vs. Butler 6:30 p.m. SECN+	Off	Travel/Practice	at Auburn 7 p.m. SECN+	at Auburn 7 p.m. SEC Network	at Auburn 2 p.m. SECN+

POTENT OFFENSE, PITCHING DEPTH EXPECTED FOR 2021

Kentucky returns starters at all but one position this season, bolstering an offense that already was one of the most potent in Division I last season as the Wildcats look to support a much deeper pitching staff than a year ago.

In the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, UK ranked in the nation's top 30 in nine major offensive statistical categories, including top 20 in hit by pitch (7th), home runs (10th), runs scored (17th), slugging percentage (18th) and scoring (20th). It continued a trend under head coach Nick Mingione and noted offensive guru Todd Guilliams, as the Cats have averaged at least seven runs per game in three of their four seasons as a staff. Anchored by seniors Oraj Anu and T.J. Collett, as well as preseason All-Americans John Rhodes and Austin Schultz, the top of the Cats' lineup is as dangerous as any in the country.

On the mound, three accomplished veteran transfers and a freshman class full of big arms should combine with more experienced arms to give the pitching staff much more depth and an assortment of power arms. Senior left-hander Mason Hazelwood will look to build on his breakout 2020 season as the Friday night starter, while freshman right-hander Ryan Hagenow, the highest rated recruit to arrive at UK since Alex Meyer in fall 2008, leads the parade of quality young arms.

ALL RHODES LEAD TO LEXINGTON

John Rhodes already has made presence felt on the college baseball scene, earning 2021 preseason All-America status from Baseball America, D1 Baseball, the NCBWA and *Collegiate Baseball*, which named him the 2020 National co-Freshman of the Year after a blistering start to his collegiate career. He is considered one of the top prospects for the 2021 Major League Baseball Draft, ranking as high as the No. 32 overall prospect by MLB.com/MLB Pipeline.

Rhodes, from Soddy Daisy, Tennessee, ranked second nationally in doubles in 2020 with 10, twice as many as any other rookie in the talent-rich SEC. He batted .426 overall in 61 at bats with 11 runs, 26 hits, 10 doubles, a triple, a home run, 19 RBI and five hit by pitch. He slugged .672 as part of a 1.157 OPS. The .426 average was the highest for any UK player with at least 50 at-bats since Jeff Abbott batted .445 in 1994.

The 6-foot, 200-pounder was one of the top hitters in the SEC regardless of class. He ranked sixth in the SEC in total hits and 10th in RBI, led all SEC freshmen in batting average, hits, on-base percentage, doubles and total bases and ranked second in slugging percentage.

Rhodes' biggest moment came when he clubbed the first home run of his career for a walk-off winner vs. Murray State on March 4. In just 34 career games he already has 12 multi-hit games and 10 multi-RBI games while logging a career-high three hits three times.

UK coach Nick Mingione isn't big on hyperbole so when both he and hitting guru Todd Guilliams talk about his talent you're bound to pay a little closer attention

"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."

THE BIG INNING							
(*4 or more runs scored) OPPONENT	INNING	RUNS					
Miami (Ohio)	1	4					
Milwaukee	4	5					
Milwaukee	4	4					
Georgia State	2	6					
Georgia State	5	4					
Missouri	2	4					

QUALITY STARTS

(*6 IP, 3 or fewer earned runs)							
DATE	PITCHER (#)	IP (H, R-ER, BB, K)					
3/5	Stupp (1)	6.2 (4, 2-2, 1, 5)					
3/12	Stupp (2)	6.0 (6, 1-1, 0, 7)					
3/13	Hazelwood (1)	6.0 (3, 0-0, 1, 12)					
3/19	Stupp (3)	7.0 (5, 1-0, 2, 10)					

SAVES							
DATE	PITCHER (#)	OPPONENT					
2/27	Harney (1)	Milwaukee					
3/2	Harney (2)	EKU					
3/3	Harney (3)	Evansville					
3/9	Harney (4)	WKU					
3/14	Harney (5)	Georgia State					







WILDCATS RECORD WHEN...

	KECOKD	
	2021	MINGIONE
Record	13-4	127-84
Home	13-4	89-37
Away	0-0	31-43
Neutral	0-0	7-4
SEC	2-1	41-52
Home		
Road	0-0	18-27
Non-Conference	11-3	85-29
Home	11-3	66-12
Road	0-0	13-16
Neutral		
Non-Power Five	11-3	74-11
Postseason	0-0	5-6
Day games	12-4	86-51
Night games	1-0	41-33
One-run games	2-2	20-16
Two-run games	2-1	12-17
Five+-run games	6-1	66-31
Extra-inning games	0-0	3-5
In shutouts	2-0	11-3
Scoring first	10-3	85-37
Opponent scores first	3-1	42-49
Scoring 10 or more runs	3-0	54-2
l Allowing 10 or more runs	0-1	1-25
Scoring six runs or more	9-1	96-17
Scoring four runs or less	2-3	18-64
Allowing four runs or less	11-2	95-15
Hitting home run(s)	8-2	91-51
Allowing home run(s)	3-2	52-61
Out-hitting an opponent	10-3	108-23
Out-hit by opponent	1-1	13-60
Matching opponents hits	2-0	6-1
vs. LHP		
vs. RHP	8-3	81-61
Leading after seventh inning		
Trailing after seventh inning.		
Tied after the seventh inning		
Decided in the last at bat	1-0	13-9
Not committing an error Committing two or more erro	9-3	54-20
Committing two or more erro	rs 3-1	23-37
vs. Top 25	0.0	22.46
VS. 10p 20	0-0	32-40
vs. Top 10	0-0	13-21
On Monday		
On Tuesday On Wednesday		29-1
On Thursday		11 -4
On Thursday On Friday		20 22
On Saturday	5-1 5.0	27 25
On Sunday		27 10
In February		25-14
In March	0_/	53-24
In April	n_n	28-24
In May	n-n	21-21
In June		
In 1st Base Dugout	0-0	73-40
In 3rd Base Dugout		
an ora Baco Bagoat minimin		
UNI WATCH		
HOME		
White top/White pants/Blue c	ap 5-0	25-7
Blue top/White pants/Blue ca		
Blue top/Pinstripe pants/Blue		
Blue top/White pants/Black c		
Black top/White pants/Black		
Black top/White pants/Blue c	ap 0-0	1-0
Black top/Pinstripe pants/Came		
Creams/Blue cap		
Pinstripes/Blue cap		
ROAD		
Gray top/Gray pants/Blue car	o 0-0	12-14
Gray top/Gray pants/Black ca	ap 0-0	2-3
l Blue top/Grav pants/Blue car) 0 - 0	12-17
Black top/Grav pants/Black c	ap 0-0	6-13
Black top/Gray pants/Blue ca	ıp 0-0	1-0

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" 105 times since Mingione took over (37 in 2017, 31 in 2018, 20 in 2019) and recorded 11 such innings in just 17 games last season. The Cats also are 96-17 under Mingione when scoring six or more runs. (See box on page six for Biggie Box innings)

The 11-run third inning vs. Oakland on March 8, 2020 was the highest-scoring inning for UK since plating 12 in the first inning at Vanderbilt on May 11, 2002. The Cats also had a 10-run inning last season.

PRODUCTION AT THE PLATE

Kentucky's offense has been one of the nation's elite the past four seasons under Mingione and his staff, in particular renowned hitting guru Todd Guilliams. The Cats have been a devastating offensive club under Guilliams' direction, leading the SEC in a total of 15 offensive statistical categories, while also producing seven All-Americans. In three of the four seasons, the Cats have averaged more than seven runs per game, including 7.9 in 2020.

CATEGORY	FOUR-YEAR TOTAL
Batting Average	.291
Runs per game	6.8
On-Base Percentage	.394
Slugging Percentage	.467
OPS	.861
Extra-Base Hits	656

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 ranked 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).

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 SEC Player, Pitcher or Newcomer of the Week *sixteen* times, the most for any school in the conference.

<u>TEAM</u>	HONORS
KENTUCKY	16
Ole Miss	15
Arkansas	11
Vanderbilt	11
Auburn	10
LSU	10

STUPP NAMED INAUGURAL SEC NEWCOMER OF WEEK

Cole Stupp, a sophomore right-hander, was named the inaugural SEC Newcomer of the Week for his standout performance vs. Missouri on opening weekend in the league. He dominated on the mound in his SEC debut while helping UK cruise to a 10-2 victory over Missouri on March







TRACKING KENTUCKY'S EXTRA-BASE HITS							
Player	Doubles	Triples	Home Runs	Totals			
	2021 (career)	2021 (career)	2021 (career)	2021 (career)			
Oraj Anu	2 (4)	1 (2)	3 (6)	6 (12)			
Reuben Church	6 (6)	2 (2)	1 (1)	9 (9)			
T.J. COLLETT	2 (19)	1 (2)	7 (33)	10 (54)			
CHASE ESTEP	1 (2)	0 (0)	0 (1)	1 (3)			
Trae Harmon	3 (5)	0 (0)	2 (6)	5 (11)			
Cam Hill	1 (11)	0 (0)	1 (2)	2 (13)			
Coltyn Kessler	2 (17)	0 (1)	0 (5)	2 (23)			
Zeke Lewis	0 (6)	0 (0)	0 (2)	0 (8)			
JOHN RHODES RYAN RITTER	6 (16)	0 (1)	4 (5)	10 (22)			
	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)			
ALONZO RUBALCABA	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)			
JAREN SHELBY	0 (12)	0 (0)	0 (7)	0 (19)			
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	7 (19)	2 (3)	0 (7)	9 (29)			
TOTALS	32 (137)	7 (13)	19 (87)	60 (239)			

19. Stupp pitched seven innings, allowing only an unearned run on five hits while striking out a career-high 10 batters. Three of the five hits were of the infield variety.

ON-BASE MACHINE

Sophomore infielder Austin Schultz has been a catalyst at the top of the lineup, 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. Overall, he has reached base safely in 72 of 77 games in his career, and also had a 22-game streak.

THE RYAN REPORT

Kentucky's 2020 recruiting class was ranked No. 25 in the nation by D1 Baseball based on the depth of talent that signed with the Cats, even without factoring in the arrival of three distinguished veteran pitchers as transfers.

Leading the charge are RHP Ryan Hagenow and IF Ryan Ritter, both of whom rank as elite prospects. Ritter, a prototypical shortstop from a physical standpoint, was rated the top junior college player to make it to campus for the 2021 season, just one year removed from being drafted by his hometown Chicago Cubs. Ritter, who spent last season at John A. Logan College, has been labeled as an "elite" defender while also hitting .342 with seven extra-base hits, 19 RBI and 10 steals in 79 at-bats.

Hagenow, a 6-foot-5 "picture of projection", was widely expected to be drafted last summer but opted instead to attend school, bringing with him first round talent. At No. 26 overall by Perfect Game, he is the highest rated recruit to arrive at UK after pitcher Alex Meyer. In his collegiate debut on Feb. 23 he struck out the first four batters he faced on the way to 4.0 scoreless innings. He allowed one hit, didn't walk anyone and struck out six.

COLLETT'S COMMUNITY SERVICE

One of the tenets of Mingione's philosophy for the UK progam is that young men in it are students first, people second an players third. Senior 1B T.J. Collett was named the SEC's 2020 Brad Davis Community Service Award. He also is a two-time member of the SEC Community Service Team and is was inducted into UK's prestigious Frank G. Ham Society of Character.



FLY HIGH, 3

The Kentucky baseball program suffered a devastating loss when junior pitcher Ben Jordan passed away on Jan. 11 at the age of 22.

Jordan, from Olive Hill, Kentucky, arrived on campus in fall 2018 and redshirted his freshman season while recovering from an arm injury. He returned to the mound in 2019, appearing in 10 games and then dominating the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League that summer.

In fall 2019, Jordan joined the storied men's basketball program as a walk-on with John Calipari's team low on post players and appeared in two games.

He is - and will forever be - greatly missed.







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 tax-payer 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.













2021 SPLITS

	G	AVG.	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	ВВ	K	SB
OVERALL	17	.297	111	161	32	7	19	100	72	127	24
SEC	3	.261	18	24	3	1	1	16	21	19	5
NON-SEC	14	.304	93	137	29	6	18	84	51	108	19
HOME	17	.297	111	161	32	7	19	100	72	127	24
AWAY											
NEUTRAL											
DAY	16	.293	101	149	30	7	19	91	63	121	22
NIGHT	1	.353	10	12	2	0	0	9	9	6	2
WINS	13	.312	95	127	29	7	13	84	58	91	21
LOSSES	4	.252	16	34	3	0	6	16	14	36	3
FEBRUARY	4	.314	28	37	11	1	5	24	12	22	8
MARCH	13	.292	83	124	21	6	14	76	60	105	16
APRIL											
MAY											

Collett 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 delivery Joy Jars to young cancer patients. The jars are stuffed with toys, games, and
more to brighten patients' days while fighting the disease. More information can be found at negu.org.

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 Tates 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.

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. That makes nine of the past 18 seasons a member of the family has been on the roster with no overlap.

TRANSFER OF POWER

The Cats needed an infusion of experience on the mound to help mentor the talented young arms and found three experienced power arms in transfers Sean Harney (UMass), Holt Jones (Clemson) and Zach Kammin (Coe College). Each of the three is expected to provide quality innings to the staff and could serve in a variety of roles. Harney is one of just eight pitchers in the SEC who had pitched at least 100 career innings with an ERA under 4.00 entering 2021. The career numbers:

	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	K	SV
Harney	7-10	3.31	34/21	146.2	118	5
Jones	5-1	3.31	39/4	65.1	70	3
Kammin	12-1	2.80	28/15	103.0	113	0

MULTI-RBI GAMES				
PLAYER T.J. COLLETT JOHN RHODES ORAJ ANU TRAE HARMON CHASE ESTEP REUBEN CHURCH AUSTIN SCHULTZ	2021 7 4 4 2 2 2 2	CAREER 34 10 6 6 3 2 8		
CAM HILL JAREN SHELBY COLTYN KESSLER ZEKE LEWIS DREW GRACE	1 0 0 0 0	6 4 11 8 3 1		

CURRENT HIT/REACH BASE STREAKS					
(listed alphab	(listed alphabetically; *career)				
PLAYER	LONGEST*	CURRENT	REACH SAFE		
Anu	5	-	-		
COLLETT	13	1	17		
Church	10	3	3		
ESTEP	6	-	7		
GRACE	1	-	-		
HARMON	3	-	-		
HILL	5	-	3		
Hord	1	1	1		
Kessler	11	3	3		
Z. Lewis	7	-	-		
LIEBERT	1	1	1		
PLASTIAK	-	-	-		
RHODES	10	2	16		
RITTER	5	1	7		
RUBALCABA	4	-	-		
SCHULTZ	13	13	13		
SHELBY	5	-	-		







WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME

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WON A SERIES VS. A NO. 1 RANKED FOE: WON A SERIES VS. A TOP 5 FOE:	vs. No. 1 Florida (2016) 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) AT NO. 10 OLE MISS, 2-1 (APRIL 12-14, 2019)
SWEPT A HOME SERIES (THREE OR MORE GAMES):	vs. Georgia State (March 12-14, 2021)
SWEPT A ROAD SERIES (THREE OF MORE GAMES):	AT AUSTIN PEAY (FEBRUARY 15-17, 2019)
RECORDED A TRIPLE PLAY:	vs. Louisville (April 18, 2017; 7-2-6)
PLAYED AN EXTRA-INNING GAME:	15 INNINGS, VS. APPALACHIAN STATE; W, 8-7 (Feb. 23, 2020)
SCORED 20 OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:	21, vs. Appalachian State (Feb. 22, 2020)
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
HIT BY THREE OR MORE PITCHES IN A GAME (PLAYER):	MATT GOLDA (3, vs. Appalachian State, Feb. 22, 2020)
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 Schultz (vs. Eastern Kentucky, March 2, 2021)
HIT A GRAND SLAM:	Austin Schultz (vs. Oakland, March 8, 2020)
HIT A WALK-OFF HOME RUN:	JOHN RHODES (VS. MURRAY STATE, SOLO HR, 9TH INNING, 2 OUTS, MARCH 4, 2020)
HIT AN EXTRA-INNING, GAME-WINNING HOME RUN:	Dorian Hairston (vs. South Carolina, May 8, 2016)
HIT TWO HOME RUNS IN A GAME:	T.J. Collett (vs. Murray State, March 16, 2021)
HIT TWO HOME RUNS IN AN INNING:	AJ Reed (vs. Sт. 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)
HAD A WALK-OFF WIN:	vs. Missouri, 5-4, nine innings, passed ball (March 20, 2021)
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)
HAD A WALK-OFF WALK:	Oraj Anu (vs. Appalachian State, Feb. 23, 2020)
HIT AN INSIDE THE PARK HOMER:	Riley Mahan (at LSU, vs. April 4, 2015)
HOMERED IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	T.J. Collett (vs. Georgia State, Mar. 14; vs. Murray State, Mar. 16, 2021)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	T.J. Collett (vs. Georgia State, Mar. 13-14; vs. Murray State, Mar. 16, 2021)
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. Georgia State, Mar. 12-14; vs. Murray State, Mar. 16, 2021)
HOMERED IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES: HOMERED IN FIVE CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES:	RILEY MAHAN (vs. Georgia, May 6-7, vs. Tennessee, May 12-13, 2017)
HOMERED IN FIVE CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES. HOMERED IN CONSECUTIVE AT BATS:	AJ Reed (vs. Florida, April 4-6, vs. Missouri, April 11-12, 2014) T.J. Collett (vs. Murray State, 5th and 7th innings, March 16, 2021)
HOMERED IN CONSECUTIVE AT BATS. HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE AT BATS:	Ryan Johnson (at Western Kentucky, April 23, 2019)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE AT BATS. HOMERED IN FIRST AT-BAT OF THE SEASON:	Oraj Anu, T.J. Collett and Cam Hill (vs. Miami [Ohio], Feb. 23, 2021)
HOMERED FOR FIRST CAREER HIT:	DALTON REED AND JAREN SHELBY (AT AUSTIN PEAY, FEB. 15, 2019)
HOMERED FOR FIRST CAREER HIT. HOMERED IN FIRST AT-BAT OF THEIR CAREER:	DALTON REED AND DAKEN ORIELDT (AT AUSTINT EAT, T EB. 10, 2010)
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):	T.J. Collett and Trae Harmon John Rhodes and T.J. Collett (vs. Murray St., Mar. 16, 2021)
HIT THREE CONSECUTIVE HOME RUNS (TEAM):	LANCE RAY, BRADEN KAPTEYN AND MARCUS NIDIFFER (AT INDIANA, MAY 11, 2010)
SCORED SIX OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:	ANDY BURNS (vs. Mississippi State, April 19, 2009)
REACHED BASE SAFELY IN 8+ PLATE APPEARANCES:	COLTYN KESSLER, 3 HITS, 5 WALKS (VS. MURRAY STATE AND MISSOURI, MARCH 16, 19-20, 2021)
HAD A HIT IN SEVEN CONSECUTIVE OFFICIAL AT BATS:	RYAN SHINN (AT AUSTIN PEAY AND AT TEXAS TECH, FEB. 17-23, 2019)
HAD FIVE HITS IN A GAME:	RILEY MAHAN (vs. LSU, April 21, 2017)
HAD SIX OR MORE HITS IN A GAME:	JT RIDDLE, 6 (vs. NIAGARA, FEB. 17, 2013)
HAD FIVE RBI IN A GAME:	Kole Cottam (vs. Missouri, April 29, 2018)
HAD SIX RBI IN A GAME:	Breydon Daniel (vs. Western Kentucky, March 10, 2020)
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:	Oraj Anu (vs. Cincinnati, March 3, 2020)
HIT HR LEFTY/RIGHTY IN A SAME WEEK (NOT IN SAME GAME):	Zeke Lewis (vs. Tennessee, Apr. 20, Left; at Western Kentucky, Apr. 23, 2019, Right)
STOLE THREE OR MORE BASES IN A GAME:	Austin Schultz (3, vs. Ball State, Mar. 6, 2021)
STOLE FIVE 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:	Cole Stupp (10, vs. Missouri, Mar. 19, 2021)
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:	Tom Bannon (vs. Georgia State, March 16, 1971; W, 3-1 in 7 innings; season opener)





HAZED AND CONFUSED

Senior left-hander Mason Hazelwood was coming into his own as a Friday night starter in 2020 when the season was abruptly shuttered because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The 6-foot-5 south-paw was 2-1 with a 1.64 ERA in four starts, striking out 27 and allowing just 13 hits in 22.0 innings. Opponents batted just .167 against him last season. Hazelwood ranks third on UK's career list for fewest hits allowed per nine innings and is averaging more than 10 strikeouts per nine innings. He punched out a career-best 12 in just 6.0 IP vs. Georgia State on Mar. 13, 2021.

Hits Allowed/9 innings (Career) (Min. 75 Innings)

1. Jeff Keener (1980-81)	5.11
2. Zack Thompson (2017-19)	6.09
3. Mason Hazelwood (2018-)	6.58
4. Tim Brandenburg (1979-80)	7.42
5. Chris Carroll (1982-85)	7.43
6. Dustin Beggs (2015-16)	7.48
7. David Voit (1986-88)	7.57
8. Justin Lewis (2016-18)	7.65
9. Logan Salow (2014-17)	7.75
10. Jack Savage (1983-85)	7.94

HOLT UP! PITCHER'S LEXINGTON ROOTS DATE 240+ YEARS

Senior pitcher Holt Jones joins the Shelby family as having deep ties to Lexington, despite having grown up in Southern California and played his first three seasons at Clemson. The right-hander's sixth-great-grandfather was William McConnell, who founded the city of Lexington. McConnell and his group settled camp in the area in 1775 and to this day has a neigborhood, McConnell Springs, named in his honor. Additionally, both his father, Penn Sr., and grandfather, Gordon, played baseball at USC, with Gordon being the leadoff hitter on the 1948 national championship team that defeated Yale, whose first baseman was George Bush Sr.

COLLETT CLIMBING THE CAREER CHARTS

Senior T.J. Collett has logged 121 hits during his career, joining UK's all-time 100-hit club with a ringing double against Norfolk State on March 7, 2020. He is the 53rd member of that exclusive group. He also ranks seventh among all active Division I players with 33 career home runs.

UK CAREER 100-HIT CLUB

- 1. Andy Green (1997-2000) 277
- 2. Aaron McGlone (1997-2000) 274
- 3. Mike Botkin (1979-82) 241
- 38. Thomas Bernal (2012-15) 130 Brian Spear (2007-08) - 130
- 40. Mike Breyman (2003-04) 127
- 41. Chad Stewart (2003-04) 125
- 42. Chris Wade (2008-09) 123
- **43. T.J. COLLETT (2017-) 121**Taylor Black (2010-11) 121

 Marcus Nidiffer (2007-10) 121
- 53. Connor Heady (2014-17) 106

AUSTIN SCHULTZ (2019-) - 86

UK CAREER HOME RUNS

- 1. John Wilson (1998-2000) 50
- 2. AJ Reed (2012-14) 40
- 3. Aaron McGlone (1997-2000) 39
- Collin Cowgill (2005-06, 08) 37
 Jeff Abbott (1991-94) 37
 Randy Clark (1984-85) 37
- 7. Jeff Shartzer (1979-81) 36
- 8. Mark Blythe (1986-89) 35 Randy Gipson (1976-79) - 35
- Jay Tedesco (1994-97) 34
 Chris Estep (1986-88) 34
- **12. T.J. COLLETT (2017-) 33** John Shelby (2004-06) 33

RANKINGS

OPPONENTS IN THE POLLS					
TEAM	ВА	D1	USA	PG	BWA
A LABAMA	23	-	24	-	22
BALL STATE	-	-	RV	-	-
FLORIDA	5	5	5	4	6
Georgia	-	-	RV	-	-
Louisville	7	7	7	6	7
LSU	-	22	16	17	16
MISSISSIPPI ST.	2	3	4	2	2
S. CAROLINA	20	25	23	-	24
TENNESSEE	16	12	9	14	10
VANDERBILT	3	1	1	1	1

KENTUCKY WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

TEAM	ВА	D1	USA	PG	BWA
Preseason	-	-	-	-	-
WEEK 1	-	-	-	-	-
Week 2	-	-	-	-	-
Week 3	-	-	-	-	-
Week 4	-	-	-	-	RV
Week 5	-	-	RV	-	RV
Week 6					
Week 7					
Week 8					
Week 9					
Week 10					
WEEK 11					
Week 12					
WEEK 13					

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

WEEK 14

WEEK 15

2021 VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

TEAM HIGH RANK RECORD

TOTAL		0-0	
	VS TOP 10	0-0	

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







Home Run Breakdown			
BY LOCATION AT HOME ON ROAD NEUTRAL	19 0 0		
BY PITCHER VS. RIGHT VS. LEFT	17 2		
BY CONFEREN vs. SEC vs. non-SEC	1 18		
BY OUTS WITH NO OUT WITH ONE OUT WITH TWO OUT	6 6 7		
BY RUNNERS SOLO TWO-RUN THREE-RUN GRAND SLAM	9 7 3 0		
BY COUNT AHEAD IN COUNT EVEN IN COUNT BEHIND IN COUNT FULL COUNT FIRST PITCH	6 9 4 0 2		

HR BY POSITION

BY TIME OF DAY
(First pitch before/after 6 p.m. est)

19

TWO STRIKE

DAY GAMES
NIGHT GAMES

C - 0	LF - 1
1B - 7	CF - 1
2B - 0	RF - 4
SS - 1	DH - 4
3B - 1	PH - 0

HR BY INNING

1sт - 6	6тн - 1
2ND - 4	7тн - 3
3RD - 1	8тн - 0
4тн - 0	9тн - 0
5тн - 4	10+ - 0

2021 HOME RUN TRACKER

NO	PLAYER (#)	OPPONENT	ON	INN.	OUT	COUNT	RHP/LHP
1	Collett (1)	Miami (Ohio)	1	1	1	2-2	RHP
2	Anu (1)	Miami (Ohio)	0	1	1	3-1	RHP
3	Hill (1)	Miami (Ohio)	0	1	2	0-0	RHP
4	Rhodes (1)	Milwaukee	2	2	2	3-1	RHP
5	Church (1)	Milwaukee	0	6	0	1-1	RHP
6	Rhodes (2)	Eastern Kentucky	1	5	0	0-1	RHP
7	Anu (2)	Ball State	1	1	2	1-2	RHP
8	Ritter (1)	Ball State	0	2	1	1-1	RHP
9	Collett (2)	Georgia State	1	1	2	2-2	RHP
10	Rhodes (2)	Georgia State	2	2	1	1-0	RHP
11	Collett (3)	Georgia State	1	5	1	1-1	LHP
12	Harmon (1)	Georgia State	0	7	1	2-2	LHP
13	Collett (4)	Georgia State	1	1	2	1-2	RHP
14	Anu (3)	Murray State	2	3	0	0-0	RHP
15	Collett (5)	Murray State	0	5	2	2-1	RHP
16	Harmon (2)	Murray State	0	5	2	0-2	RHP
17	Rhodes (3)	Murray State	1	7	0	2-1	RHP
18	Collett (6)	Murray State	0	7	0	2-0	RHP
19	Collett (7)	Missouri	0	2	0	2-2	RHP





PLAYER

Oraj Anu

KENTUCKY



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; Builds computers as a hobby

Chase Bryan - Father, Chris, played baseball at Arkansas

T.J. Collett - Hit a home run into upper deck at Houston Astros' Minute Maid Park

Alex Degen - Has competed in multiple sprint triathlons; Has volunteered more than 100 hours while at UK

Chase Estep - Father, Chad, and uncle, Chris, played baseball at UK

Ryan Hagenow - Second-highest ranked player to arrive at UK behind former RHP Alex Meyer

Trae Harmon - Given name is French Baker Harmon III

Sean Harney - Transfer from UMass, where he was 2018 Atlantic 10 All-Rookie Team

Cam Hill - Grew up attending UK games and standing by the Cats' dugout

Wyatt Hudepohl - Uncle, Joe Hudepohl, won three Olympic swimming medals during 1992 and '96 Olympics **Holt Jones -** Father, Penn Jr., played at USC; Grandfather, Gordon, won 1948 national championship at USC

Coltyn Kessler - Both parents were collegiate athletes (father - baseball, mother - soccer)

Zeke Lewis - Accomplished musician by stage name of ZeKe

Trip Lockhart - Overcame childhood battle with scoliosis; Given name is Jimmie Wayne Lockhart III

Seth Logue - Brother, Zach, starred on UK's 2017 Super Regional team, now in Blue Jays' system

Dillon Marsh - Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes in June 2017

John Rhodes - Was a catcher until broken back in high school forced him to outfield

Ryan Ritter - Drafted in 33rd round of 2019 MLB Draft by Chicago Cubs

Alonzo Rubalcaba - Brother, Alvaro Jr., played in Los Angeles Angels organization

HITS (most recent)

3 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/13/21)

Austin Schultz - Only the second player from Nebraska to play at Kentucky in the past 40 years

Jaren Shelby - Third Shelby to play at UK, joining brothers John III and JaVon

Cole Stupp - Self-described "Rock, Paper, Scissors" champion



RUNS (most recent)

2 (vs. Murray St.; 3/16/21)

TRACKING KENTUCKY CAREER HIGHS

RBI (most recent)

3 (vs. Murray St.; 3/16/21)

REUBEN CHURCH T.J. COLLETT CHASE ESTEP DREW GRACE TRAE HARMON CAM HILL COLTYN KESSLER ZEKE LEWIS KIRK LIEBERT JOHN RHODES RYAN RITTER ALONZO RUBALCABA AUSTIN SCHULTZ JAREN SHELBY	2 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 4 (vs. vs. Xavier; 3/20/18) 3 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/12/21) 2 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20) 2 (vs. Murray St.; 3/16/21) 2 (vs. Miami [Ohio]; 2/23/21) 3 (at Florida; 4/28/19) 3 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20) 1 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 3 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/10/20) 4 (vs. Murray St.; 3/16/21) 2 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/12/21) 3 (vs. Ball State; 3/6/21) 3 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20) INNINGS (most recent)	4 (vs. Milwaukee; 2/26/21) 5 (vs. Oakland; 2/24/18) 3 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/12/21) 3 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20) 3 (vs. App. State; 2/22/20) 2 (vs. Miami [Ohio]; 2/23/21) 3 (at Florida; 4/28/19) 4 (vs. Canisius; 3/2/19) 1 (vs. Western Ky., 3/9/21) 4 (vs. Milwaukee; 2/27/21) 1 (vs. Missour; 3/20/21) 1 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/13/21) 4 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20) 3 (at Lipscomb; 4/10/19) STRIKEOUTS (most recent)	3 VS. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21) 3 VS. CINCINNATI; 3/3/20) 3 VS. WESTERN KY.; 3/10/20) 1 VS. OAKLAND; 3/8/20) 4 VS. APP. STATE; 2/22/20) 2 VS. MTSU; 3/10/19) 2 (AT FLORIDA; 4/28/19) 2 (VS. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21) 2 VS. WESTERN KY.; 3/9/21) 3 VS. MURRAY STATE; 3/4/20) 2 VS. GEORGIA ST.; 3/12/21) 2 (VS. GEORGIA ST.; 3/12/21) 3 (VS. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20) 3 (VS. OAKLAND; 3/8/20) PITCHES (most recent)
Tyler Burchett Ron Cole Braxton Cottongame Cole Daniels Alex Degen Ryan Hagenow Sean Harney Daniel Harper Mason Hazelwood Wyatt Hudepohl Holt Jones Zach Kammin Zack Lee Trip Lockhart Seth Logue Dillon Marsh Jimmy Ramsey Hunter Rigsby Austin Strickland Cole Stupp	1.0 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/13/19) 2.0 (vs. Norfolk St.; 3/7/20) 3.2 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20) 3.0 (vs. Eastern Ky.; 3/2/21) 4.0 (vs. UNC Wilmington; 3/1/20) 4.0 (vs. Eastern Ky.; 3/2/21) 2.0 (vs. Missouri; 3/20/21) 6.0 (vs. Mismi [Ohio]; 3/27/18) 7.0 (vs. Norfolk St.; 3/7/20) 2.0 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/12/21) 2.1 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 2.0 (vs. Missouri, 3/21/21) 5.2 (vs. Milwaukee; 2/27/21) 3.2 (vs. Arkansas; 5/3/19) 3.0 (vs. Ball State; 3/6/21) 6.1 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/10/20) 6.0 (vs. Tennessee; 4/18/19) 4.0 (vs. App. State; 2/23/20) 4.0 (vs. Missouri; 3/19/21) 7.0 (vs. Missouri; 3/19/21)	1 (vs. Arkansas; 5/5/19) 3 (vs. App. State; 2/22/20) 3 (vs. UNC Wilmington; 2/29/20) 7 (vs. Eastern Ky.; 3/2/21) 4 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20) 6 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 5 (vs. Milwaukee; 2/27/21) 8 (vs. Evansville; 2/18/18) 12 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/13/21) 1 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/12/21) 2 (vs. Evansville; 3/3/21) 3 (vs. Georgia St. (3/13/21) 3 (vs. Georgia St. (3/13/21) 5 (vs. Evansville; 3/3/21) 6 (vs. Ball State; 3/6/21) 5 (vs. Arkansas; 5/3/19) 6 (vs. Ball State; 3/6/21) 8 (vs. Cincinnati; 3/3/20) 9 (at Vanderbilt; 5/18/18) 4 (vs. App. State; 2/23/20) 6 (vs. Evansville; 2/18/18) 10 (vs. Missouri; 3/19/21)	30 (vs. Arkansas; 5/5/19) 24 (vs. Norfolk St.; 3/7/20) 65 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20) 42 (vs. Eastern Ky.; 3/2/21) 74 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20) 80 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 35 (vs. Missouri; 3/21/21) 78 (vs. Evansville; 2/18/18) 104 (vs. Tennessee; 4/19/19) 26 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/12/21) 35 (vs. Mismi [Ohio]; 2/23/21) 31 (vs. Missouri, 3/21/21) 89 (vs. Milwaukee; 2/27/21) 63 (vs. Arkansas; 5/3/19) 43 (vs. Milwaukee; 2/26/21) 103 (vs. Cincinnati; 3/3/20) 112 (vs. Tennessee; 4/18/19) 54 (vs. App. State; 2/23/20) 68 (vs. Evansville; 2/18/18) 103 (vs. Missouri; 3/19/21)

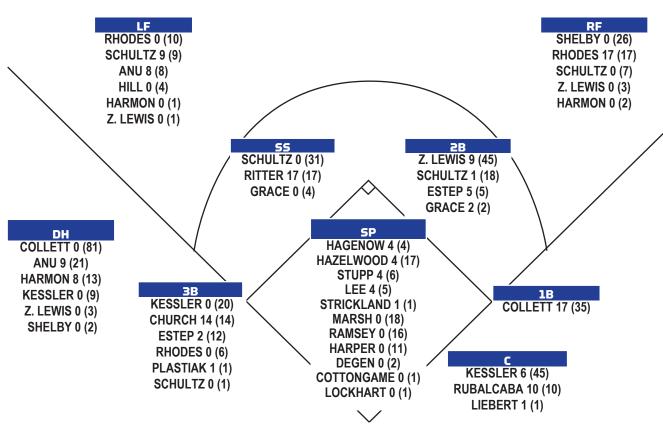






STARTS BY POSITION AT UK 2021 (CAREER)

CF HILL 8 (40) SHELBY 2 (33) SCHULTZ 7 (7)



	GAMES-GAMES STARTED														
PLAYER	CAREER	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017									
T.J. COLLETT	135-108	17-17	17-17	47-40	34-32	20-2									
Zeke Lewis	127-53	12-9	14-9	43-28	30-6	28-0									
COLTYN KESSLER	90-74	11-6	15-12	48-47	16-9	-									
Austin Schultz	77-73	17-17	16-16	44-40	-	-									
JAREN SHELBY	73-61	8-2	14-14	51-45	-	-									
CAM HILL	75-44	16-8	7-4	45-32	7-0	-									
TRAE HARMON	35-16	14-8	15-8	6-0	-	-									
JOHN RHODES	34-32	17-17	17-16	-	-	-									
Oraj Anu	34-29	17-17	17-12	-	-	-									
JACOB PLASTIAK	21-11	3-1	-	18-10~	-	-									
CHASE ESTEP	20-17	8-7	12-10	-	-	-									
RYAN RITTER	17-17	17-17	-	-	-	-									
Drew Grace	16-6	8-2	8-4	-	-	-									
REUBEN CHURCH	14-14	14-14	-	-	-	-									
ALONZO RUBALCABA	13-10	13-10	-	-	-	-									
KIRK LIEBERT	9-1	9-1	-	-	-	-									
CHASE BRYAN	2-0	2-0	-	-	-	-									
BRENDAN HORD ~AT WICHITA STATE	1-0	0-0	1-0	-	-	-									





2021 PRESEASON HONORS

T.J. COLLETT (G-Sr., 1B)

- FIRST-TEAM PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, DH (PERFECT GAME, 2021)
- First-Team Coaches Preseason All-SEC, 1B (2021)
- FIRST-TEAM PRESEASON ALL-SEC, DH (PERFECT GAME, 2021)
- Preseason No. 17 First Baseman (D1Baseball, 2021)
- Bobby Bragan Collegiate Slugger Award Watch List (2021)

ALEX DEGEN (Jr., RHP)

2021 UK ATHLETICS FRANK G. HAM SOCIETY OF CHARACTER INDUCTEE

RYAN HAGENOW (FR., RHP)

• No. 8 Incoming Freshman (Perfect Game)

MASON HAZELWOOD (Sr., LHP)

• Preseason No. 36 Starting Pitcher (D1Baseball, 2021)

CAM HILL (Jr., OF)

• 2021 UK ATHLETICS FRANK G. HAM SOCIETY OF CHARACTER INDUCTEE

JIMMY RAMSEY (Sr., RHP)

• Preseason No. 42 Relief Pitcher (D1Baseball, 2021)

JOHN RHODES (So., OF)

- FIRST-TEAM PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, 2021 (NCBWA)
- THIRD-TEAM PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, 2021 (BASEBALL AMERICA, D1 BASEBALL, COLLEGIATE BASEBALL NEWS)
- Preseason No. 10 Outfielder (D1Baseball, 2021)
- No. 20 Second-Year College Prospect, 2021 (Pérfect Game)
- \bullet National co-Freshman of the Year (Collegiate Baseball News, 2020)

RYAN RITTER (So., IF)

- Preseason No. 15 Shortstop (D1Baseball, 2021)
- No. 65 Second-Year College Prospect, 2021 (Perfect Game)

AUSTIN SCHULTZ (Jr., IF/OF)

- FIRST-TEAM PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, 2021 (NCBWA)
- SECOND-TEAM PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, 2021 (COLLEGIATE BASEBALL NEWS)
- Preseason No. 50 Outfielder (D1Baseball, 2021)
- No. 62 Third-Year College Prospect, 2021 (Perfect Game)

COLE STUPP (So.,RHP)

• SEC Newcomer of Week, Mar. 22, 2021



MLB TRAINING GROUND

Kentucky has made its presence felt in the Major League Baseball Draft in recent years with 24 players selected during the Nick Mingione era, 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 Mingione. In the last four 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.
- White was named a 2020 AL Gold Glove winner, the first rookie first baseman in either league to win the award since is inception in 1957.
- Along with White having already made his MLB debut, Zach Pop and Zach Reks each have been added to their organization's 40-man rosters.









"THE HOOK"

One of the personal touches to the Wildcats' new home, Kentucky Proud Park, is "The Hook," which is the name of the visting 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 Parslev.

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
3/20/21	Missouri	5-4	Passed Ball
3/4/20	Murray State	9-8	Solo Home Run
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

CATS IN THE PROS

*highest level reached in 2020; team is 2021 organization

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL*

Kyle Cody - Texas Rangers

TREVOR GOTT - SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

ANDY GREEN - CHICAGO CUBS (COACH)

Luke Maile - Milwaukee Brewers

JAMES PAXTON - SEATTLE MARINERS

JT RIDDLE - MINNESOTA TWINS

TAYLOR ROGERS - MINNESOTA TWINS

CHRIS RUSIN - ATLANTA BRAVES

CHANDLER SHEPHERD - MINNESOTA TWINS

EVAN WHITE - SEATTLE MARINERS

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

(^40-man MLB roster)

ANDREW ALBERS (TWINS)

ZACK BROWN (BREWERS)

CARSON COLEMAN (YANKEES)

KOLE COTTAM (RED SOX)

COLLIN COWGILL - ARKANSAS TRAVELERS, AA (MANAGER)

ZACH HAAKE (ROYALS)

VINCE HARRISON - HILLSBORO HOPS, A-ADV. (MANAGER)

Luke Heyer (Dodgers)

SEAN HJELLE (GIANTS)

JUSTIN LEWIS (DIAMONDBACKS)

ZACH LOGUE (BLUE JAYS)

RILEY MAHAN (MARLINS) TRISTAN POMPEY (MARLINS)

^Zach Pop (Marlins)

^ZACH REKS (DODGERS)

LOGAN SALOW (DODGERS)

RYAN SHINN (METS)

ZACK THOMPSON (CARDINALS)

^Ka'AI TOM (ATHLETICS)









KENTUCKY BATTING ORDER

GAME	1	2	3	4	5	<u>6</u>	7	8	<u>9</u>
MIAMI (OHIO)	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	RUBALCABA	HILL	PLASTIAK	RITTER	GRACE
MILWAUKEE	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	RUBALCABA	HILL	RITTER	CHURCH	Lewis
MILWAUKEE (DH-1)	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	RUBALCABA	HILL	RITTER	CHURCH	Lewis
MILWAUKEE (DH-2)	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	Church	HILL	RITTER	LIEBERT	Lewis
EASTERN KENTUCKY	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	Church	HILL	RUBALCABA	RITTER	Lewis
EVANSVILLE	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	CHURCH	HILL	Kessler	RITTER	Lewis
BALL STATE	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	Church	HILL	RUBALCABA	RITTER	Lewis
BALL STATE	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	Church	Kessler	HILL	RITTER	Lewis
BALL STATE	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	Church	SHELBY	Lewis	RITTER	RUBALCABA
WESTERN KENTUCKY	SCHULTZ	Anu	RHODES	COLLETT	Church	HARMON	SHELBY	RUBALCABA	RITTER
GEORGIA STATE	SCHULTZ	Anu	RHODES	COLLETT	Church	HARMON	ESTEP	RUBALCABA	RITTER
GEORGIA STATE	SCHULTZ	Anu	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	ESTEP	Lewis	RUBALCABA	RITTER
GEORGIA STATE	SCHULTZ	Anu	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	ESTEP	GRACE	RUBALCABA	RITTER
MURRAY STATE	SCHULTZ	Anu	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	ESTEP	Church	Kessler	RITTER
MISSOURI	SCHULTZ	Anu	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	ESTEP	Church	Kessler	RITTER
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MISSOURI	SCHULTZ	Anu	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Kessler	Church	ESTEP	RITTER







KENTUCKY STARTING LINEUP

GAME	C	1B	2B	55	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
MIAMI (OHIO)	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	GRACE	RITTER	PLASTIAK	Schultz	HILL	Rhodes	Anu
MILWAUKEE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	Church	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	Anu
MILWAUKEE (DH-1)	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	Church	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	Anu
MILWAUKEE (DH-2)	LIEBERT	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	Church	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	Anu
EASTERN KENTUCKY	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	Church	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	Anu
EVANSVILLE	Kessler	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	Church	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	Anu
BALL STATE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	Church	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	Anu
BALL STATE	Kessler	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	Church	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	Anu
BALL STATE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	Church	SCHULTZ	SHELBY	RHODES	Anu
WESTERN KENTUCKY	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	SCHULTZ	RITTER	Church	Anu	SHELBY	RHODES	HARMON
GEORGIA STATE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	Church	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
GEORGIA STATE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lews	RITTER	ESTEP	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
GEORGIA STATE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	GRACE	RITTER	ESTEP	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MURRAY STATE	K ESSLER	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	Church	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MISSOURI	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	Church	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MISSOURI	K ESSLER	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	Church	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MISSOURI	K ESSLER	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	Church	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON







HEAD COACH NICK MINGIONE

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 full seasons 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.

He made it a point to have his team involved in the community, part of his "Student. Person. Player." guiding principle of the program, participating in numerous philanthropic events in Lexington while also taking time for more than 100 local speaking engagements. In his first season his ethos for the program was on full display as UK players earned SEC Pitcher of the Year, SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year and SEC Community Service Team honors.

Mingione became the winngest UK coach during the first three seasons of his tenure with 103 total wins and 39 in SEC play. The success has carried over to the Major League Baseball Draft, where Mingione and his staff's ability to groom players for a professional career has led to 24 players being selected in the past five MLB Drafts. The 21 players selected in the 2017 and 2018 drafts were the most of any program in the country and Mignione has helped mentor two top 20 overall picks in first baseman Evan White (17th, 2017) and left-handed pitcher Zack Thompson (19th, 2019).

Mingione has a sterling reputation as a recruiter. Over the 13 seasons at Kentucky and Mississippi State for which recruiting rankings are final, he has helped land classes with an average ranking of 15th, including top-three classes in 2013-15. He also has an unmatched track record of player development, coaching 77 players selected in the MLB Draft, as well as 45 All-Americans and six conference players of the year. His first recruiting class at Kentucky was ranked in the Top 10 of all the major industry outlets.



MINGIONE VS. ALL OPPONENTS

OPPONENT Alabama	RECORD
Alabama	1-2
Appalachian State	
Arkansas	1-5
Auburn	
Austin Peay	
Ball State	
Boston College	
Canisius	
Cincinnati	
Delaware	
Eastern Kentucky	
Evansville	
Florida	
Georgia	
Georgia State	
Houston	
Indiana	
Liberty	
Lipscomb	
Louisiana Louisville	
LSU	
Miami (Ohio)	
Michigan	
Middle Tennessee	3-0
Milwaukee	
Mississippi State	3-3
Missouri	
Morehead State	
Murray State	
Norfolk State	
North Carolina	0-3
North Carolina State	2-1
Northern Kentucky	2-1
Oakland	
Ohio	
Old Dominion	
Ole Miss	4-2
Sam Houston State	
South Carolina	
Southeast Missouri	1-0
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	1-0
St. Joseph's	
TCU Tennessee	
Tennessee-Martin	
Tennessee Tech	1-0
Texas A&M	3-3
Texas Tech	
UC-Santa Barbara	3-0
UNC Wilmington	
USC Upstate	
Vanderbilt	2-7
Western Carolina	
Western Kentucky	7-0
Wofford	
Wright State	
Xavier	3-1
TOTALS:	127.04
IUIAL5:	12/-84

(*2021 opponents in bold)







NICK MINGIONE - 2017 NATIONAL AND SEC COACH OF THE YEAR

MINGIONE BY THE NUMBERS

309 - SEC Academic Honor Roll selections

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

48 - All-Conference honors coached

45 - All-American honors coached

18 - Seasons as a college baseball coach

14 - Nationally-ranked recruiting classes (2006-07, 2009-20)

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

5 - Conference championships (2003-06, 2012, 2016)

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

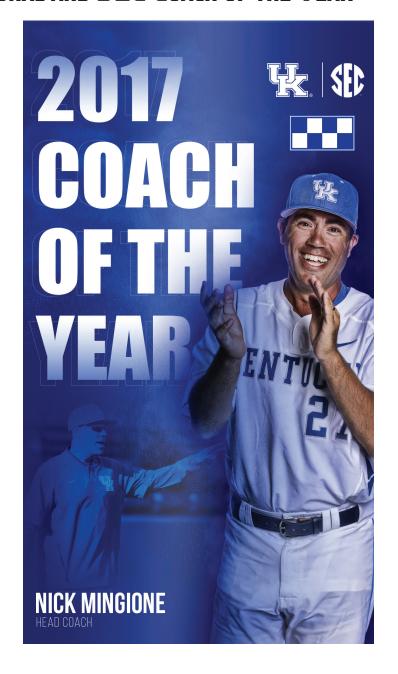
5 - College World Series (1999, 2003-05, 2013)

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

2 - National Championship finalists (2005, 2013)

1 - Senior CLASS Award winner (2018)

- National and SEC Coach of the Year (2017)



Student. Person. Player.

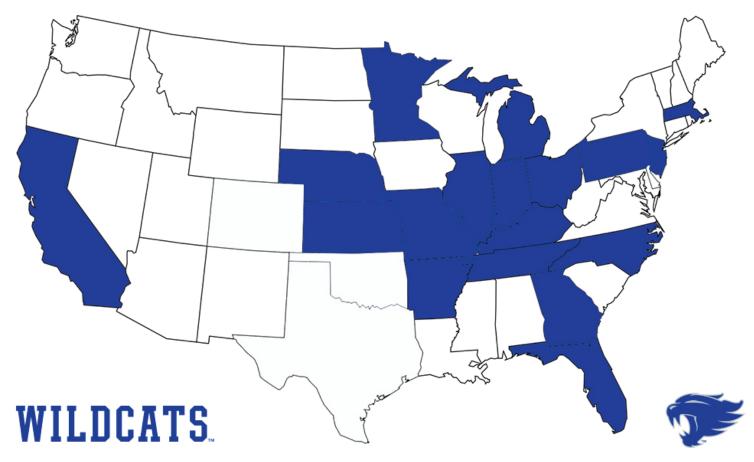
COACH MINGIONE IS PASSIONATE ABOUT DEVELOPING STUDENT-ATHLETES IN THREE AREAS: STUDENT. PERSON. PLAYER.







2021 WILDCATS ON THE MAP



ARKANSAS (2)

CHASE BRYAN (WHITE HALL) HOUSTON KING (CABOT)

CALIFORNIA (2)

HOLT JONES (SANTA MONICA) ALONZO RUBALCABA (FAIRFIELD)

FLORIDA(2)

ORAJ ANU (ORLANDO)
DEVIN BURKES (OCALA)

GEORGIA (2)

ZEKE LEWIS (ATLANTA)
COLE STUPP (MILTON)

ILLINOIS (4)

ZACH KAMMIN (WOODSTOCK)
ZACK LEE (EFFINGHAM)
JACOB PLASTIAK (CHICAGO)
RYAN RITTER (TINLEY PARK)

INDIANA (1)

T.J. COLLETT (TERRE HAUTE)

KANSAS (1)

DANIEL HARPER (FAIRWAY)

KENTUCKY (12)

EVAN BYERS (NICHOLASVILLE)
BRAXTON COTTONGAME (HAZARD)
CHASE ESTEP (CORBIN)
MASON HAZELWOOD (SALVISA)
TRAE HARMON (SOMERSET)
CAM HILL (GEORGETOWN)
BRENDAN HORD (LEXINGTON)
BEN JORDAN (OLIVE HILL)
KIRK LIEBERT (OWENSBORO)
TRIP LOCKHART (LEXINGTON)
HUNTER RIGSBY (MOUNT VERNON)
JAREN SHELBY (LEXINGTON)

MASSACHUSETTS (1)

SEAN HARNEY (NATICK)

MICHIGAN (2)

COLE DANIELS (ANN ARBOR)
NOLAN McCARTHY (KALAMAZOO)

MINNESOTA (1)

JIMMY RAMSEY (TONKA BAY)

MISSOURI (1)

COLTYN KESSLER (HIGH RIDGE)

NEBRASKA (1)

AUSTIN SCHULTZ (ADAMS)

NEW JERSEY (2)

Ron Cole (Neptune City)
ALEX DEGEN (READINGTON TOWNSHIP)

NORTH CAROLINA (1)

JACK HICKS (RALEIGH)

OHIO (3)

WYATT HUDEPOHL (MASON)
SETH LOGUE (MASON)
AUSTIN STRICKLAND (WINCHESTER)

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

Tyler Burchett (Airville)
Drew Grace (Pottsville)
Dillon Marsh (Elizabethtown)

TENNESSEE (3)

REUBEN CHURCH (MARYVILLE) RYAN HAGENOW (KNOXVILLE) JOHN RHODES (SODDY DAISY)









2021 Kentucky Baseball Overall Statistics for Kentucky (as of Mar 21, 2021) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)



Record: 13-4 Home: 13-4 Away: 0-0 SEC: 2-1

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	ро	а	е	fld%
6 Reuben Church	.377	14-14	53	10	20	6	2	1	11	33	.623	3	2	14	0	.424	1	0	0-0	5	22	0	1.000
2 Austin Schultz	.377	17-17	69	16	26	7	2	0	7	37	.536	9	1	12	1	.456	0	0	10-10	22	1	1	.958
33 Trae Harmon	.367	14-8	30	6	11	3	0	2	8	20	.667	8	1	9	0	.488	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000
5 T.J. Collett	.288	17-17	59	12	17	2	1	7	22	42	.712	7	5	12	1	.403	1	0	0-0	115	4	2	.983
28 Oraj Anu	.284	17-17	67	15	19	2	1	3	16	32	.478	4	1	17	1	.333	0	0	1-1	7	0	0	1.000
1 John Rhodes	.283	17-17	60	18	17	6	0	4	15	35	.583	12	5	10	1	.442	0	0	2-2	33	1	0	1.000
47 Ryan Ritter	.278	17-17	54	7	15	0	1	1	5	20	.370	3	1	11	2	.322	1	5	0-0	24	36	4	.938
9 Alonzo Rubalcaba	.250	13-10	32	5	8	2	0	0	2	10	.313	4	0	10	1	.324	1	0	1-1	105	3	1	.991
25 Coltyn Kessler	.444	11-6	18	3	8	2	0	0	0	10	.556	8	0	4	0	.615	0	1	0-0	53	6	0	1.000
8 Kirk Liebert	.333	9-1	6	4	2	0	0	0	1	2	.333	0	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	25	4	0	1.000
37 Cam Hill	.269	16-8	26	7	7	1	0	1	4	11	.423	5	3	10	0	.441	0	0	5-5	20	0	0	1.000
12 Chase Estep	.269	8-7	26	1	7	1	0	0	7	8	.308	4	0	2	0	.344	2	0	0-0	7	25	1	.970
30 Jaren Shelby	.143	8-2	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.143	1	0	2	0	.250	0	0	0-0	10	0	0	1.000
4 Zeke Lewis	.125	12-9	24	5	3	0	0	0	2	3	.125	3	0	6	2	.214	1	3	3-3	10	11	0	1.000
7 Drew Grace	.000	8-2	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.143	0	1	0-0	3	6	0	1.000
26 Jacob Plastiak	.000	3-1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	1	1	.750
51 Chase Bryan	.000	2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.297	17	542	111	161	32	7	19	100	264	.487	72	19	127	9	.393	9	10	24-24	447	134	12	.980
Opponents	.212	17	552	54	117	28	3	8	49	175	.317	47	21	190	6	.296	4	4	8-10	409	149	17	.970

LOB - Team (132), Opp (127). DPs turned - Team (7), Opp (9). IBB - Team (2), R. Church 1, T. Collett 1, Opp (1). Picked off - D. Grace 1, R. Church 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk s	sfa s	sha
16 Cole Stupp	1.14	3-0	4 4	0	0/1	0	23.2	19	4	3	4	26	3	0	0	.213	0	2	0	0	1
50 Mason Hazelwood	2.01	3-0	5 4	0	0/1	0	22.1	18	5	5	8	31	4	1	1	.225	0	0	1	1	1
48 Zack Lee	3.20	1-1	4 4	0	0/0	0	19.2	18	7	7	4	20	7	0	0	.240	3	7	0	0	1
45 Holt Jones	0.00	1-0	6 0	0	0/0	0	11.0	5	1	0	1	7	2	0	0	.135	1	2	0	0	0
34 Sean Harney	0.90	1-0	7 0	0	0/0	5	10.0	7	1	1	2	18	1	0	0	.200	0	2	0	0	0
24 Ryan Hagenow	1.29	1-0	4 4	0	0/0	0	14.0	9	5	2	5	17	2	0	0	.173	5	3	0	0	0
54 Daniel Harper	1.42	1-0	7 0	0	0/1	0	6.1	3	1	1	1	7	0	0	0	.136	2	1	0	1	0
21 Wyatt Hudepohl	2.70	0-0	4 0	0	0/0	0	3.1	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	.154	0	0	0	0	0
49 Austin Strickland	2.89	0-0	5 1	0	0/1	0	9.1	5	5	3	4	16	1	0	2	.152	0	1	0	0	0
46 Seth Logue	3.12	1-0	5 0	0	0/2	1	8.2	7	4	3	5	15	1	1	1	.226	1	0	0	1	0
22 Dillon Marsh	3.60	0-1	4 0	0	0/0	0	5.0	4	3	2	1	9	1	0	2	.200	1	1	0	0	0
35 Cole Daniels	6.00	0-2	5 0	0	0/0	0	6.0	3	4	4	4	9	1	0	0	.158	0	0	0	0	1
40 Zach Kammin	8.10	0-0	3 0	0	0/0	0	3.1	5	4	3	3	6	0	0	1	.333	0	0	0	0	0
31 Alex Degen	9.00	0-0	2 0	0	0/0	0	1.0	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	.500	0	0	0	0	0
38 Jimmy Ramsey	9.82	1-0	5 0	0	0/0	0	3.2	6	5	4	2	4	3	0	1	.353	0	2	0	1	0
39 Hunter Rigsby	16.20	0-0	2 0	0	0/0	0	1.2	3	3	3	1	4	0	1	0	.375	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2.60	13-4	17 17	0	2/2	6	149.0	117	54	43	47	190	28	3	8	.212	13	21	1	4	4
Opponents	6.54	4-13	17 17	0	0/0	3	136.1	161	111	99	72	127	32	7	19	.297	13	19	5	9	10

PB - Team (3), A. Rubalcaba 1, K. Liebert 1, C. Kessler 1, Opp (2). Pickoffs - Team (3), M. Hazelwood 2, C. Kessler 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - C. Kessler (5-6), A. Rubalcaba (3-3), H. Jones (1-3), M. Hazelwood (3-3), S. Logue (2-2), K. Liebert (0-1), H. Rigsby (1-1), C. Stupp (1-1).

