



KENTUCKY



SCHEDULE/RESULTS

FEBRUARY

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

MARCH

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

APRIL

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.
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 p.m.

MAY

1	at Tennessee*	1 p.m.
6	FLORIDA*	7 p.m.
7	FLORIDA*	6:30 p.m.
8	FLORIDA*	2 p.m.
11	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.
20	at Vanderbilt*	7:30 p.m.
21	at Vanderbilt*	7:30 p.m.
22	at Vanderbilt*	3 p.m.
25-30	SEC Tournament	

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

AT THE BALLPARK



KENTUCKY vs WESTERN KENTUCKY

MARCH 9 • 4 PM ET

KENTUCKY PROUD PARK • LEXINGTON



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2021 RECORD: 7-2
 COACH: NICK MINGIONE
 OVERALL RECORD: 121-82 (.596) - 5TH YEAR
 AT UK: SAME

WKU HILLTOPPERS

2021 RECORD: 4-6
 COACH: JOHN PAWLOWSKI
 OVERALL RECORD: 606-459-2 (.569) - 20TH YEAR
 AT WKU: 101-141-1 (.417) - 6TH SEASON

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, MARCH 9 / 4 PM ET
 LOCATION (FACILITY): LEXINGTON, KY. (KENTUCKY PROUD PARK)
 ALL-TIME SERIES: KENTUCKY LEADS 38-28
 LAST MEETING: KENTUCKY WON, 10-4, ON MARCH 10, 2020
 RADIO: UK SPORTS NETWORK (98.5 FM LEXINGTON); UKATHLETICS.COM
 TV/ONLINE: SECN+

PROBABLE PITCHERS

	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
UK - RYAN HAGENOW (FR., RHP)	1-0	1.12	2/2	8.0	6	1	1	1	9
WKU - DEVYN TERBRAK (SO., LHP)	0-0	6.00	1/0	3.0	6	4	2	2	4

TOP HITTERS

	AVG	R	H	2B	HR	RBI	OPS	BB	SB
UK - AUSTIN SCHULTZ (JR., IF/OF)	.412	10	14	4	0	2	1.088	5	6-6
UK - REUBEN CHURCH (FR., IF)	.464	6	13	5	1	10	1.321	2	0-0
WKU - DAVIS SIMS (G-SR., IF)	.308	1	12	3	0	5	.763	2	0-0
WKU - RAY ZUBERER III (SR., OF)	.257	3	9	2	1	11	.826	6	4-4

IN-STATE BATTLE SET FOR TUESDAY AT KPP

- Kentucky is 7-2 on the season after going 3-2 last week.
- The Cats have won six straight games vs. Western Kentucky.
- Sophomore OF **John Rhodes** was named 2020 National co-Freshman of the Year by Collegiate Baseball after ranking second nationally in doubles with 10 and fifth in the SEC in batting (.426). He has been named a 2021 preseason All-American by multiple publications.
- Junior IF/OF **Austin Schultz** has proven to be a stick of dynamite for the Cats. He has reached base safely streaks of 27 and 22 games in his short career. He has reached safely in 64 of 69 career games.
- Freshman IF **Reuben Church** crushed his debut week: .600, 5 R, 5 RBI, 4 2B, HR, 1.300 SLUG% and followed up with two go-ahead hits - including the game-winner - vs. Evansville last week.
- The Cats have legged out five triples to rank sixth nationally.
- UK is one of just two SEC teams to average at least 7.0 runs/game three of last four seasons.
- The pitching staff has struck out at least seven hitters in 23 consecutive games (19 with 10 or more).
- The staff leads the nation in K-to-BB ratio, having struck out 100 and walked just 17. It ranks third nationally in BB/9 innings at 1.99 and ninth in team ERA (2.10).
- The bullpen has been lights out: 34.0 IP, 18 H, 4 ER, 7 BB, 49 K, 1.06 ERA
- Senior RHP **Sean Harney** ranks sixth nationally with three saves. He has struck out 10 and allowed just one hit in 5.0 innings this season.
- UK is still without its full roster, as numerous players remain out due to health and safety protocols.
- Head coach **Nick Mingione** recently was signed to a contract extension through 2025.



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2021 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	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	C	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	C	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	C	L/R	6-2	220	SR	High Ridge, Mo./Rockwood Summit HS
26	Jacob Plastiak	IF	S/R	6-3	215	JR	Chicago, Ill./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, Ill./Coe College
41	Evan Byers*	LHP	L/L	5-11	180	FR	Nicholasville, Ky./Lexington Christian Academy
44	Devin Burkes	C	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, Ill./John A. Logan College
48	Zack Lee	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	SO	Effingham, Ill./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

ALPHABETICAL

28	Oraj Anu	OF
51	Chase Bryan	OF
55	Tyler Burchett	RHP
44	Devin Burkes	C
41	Evan Byers	LHP
36	Ron Cole	RHP
5	T.J. Collett	1B
20	Braxton Cottongame	LHP
6	Reuben Church	IF
35	Cole Daniels	LHP
31	Alex Degen	RHP
12	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	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	Zeke Lewis	IF
8	Kirk Liebert	OF/C
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	C
2	Austin Schultz	IF/OF
30	Jaren Shelby	OF
49	Austin Strickland	RHP
16	Cole Stupp	RHP

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nick Mingione (Embry-Riddle, 2000)
Career Record (all at Kentucky): 121-82 (.596); 5th season

Assistant Coach/Pitching: Dan Roszel, #15 (North Florida, 2000)
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Will Coggin, #17 (Mississippi State, 2010)
Volunteer Assistant Coach: Todd Williams, #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
Hagenow	Hey-guh-now
Hudepohl	Hugh-duh-pole
Jaren	Jare-in
Kammin	Kuh-mean
Liebert	Lee-ber-t
Logue	Low-guh
Mingione	Min-G-own
Plastiak	Plass-T-ack
Rubalcaba	Roo-bull-caba
Zeke	Zeek



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2021 RADIO/TV SPOT CHART



1
JOHN RHODES



2
AUSTIN SCHULTZ



4
ZEKE LEWIS



5
T.J. COLLETT



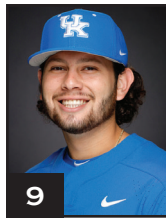
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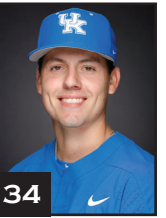
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JIMMY RAMSEY



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HUNTER RIGSBY



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ZACH KAMMIN



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EVAN BYERS



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DEVIN BURKES



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HOLT JONES



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SETH LOGUE



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RYAN RITTER



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ZACK LEE



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AUSTIN
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HAZELWOOD



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CHASE BRYAN



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DANIEL HARPER



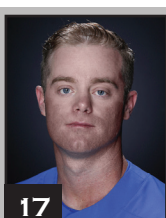
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TYLER BURCHETT



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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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2021 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)
 Best Time to Call: Contact SID
 Assistant Coach: Dan Roszel, 2nd season (North Florida, 2000)
 Assistant Coach: Will Coggin, 2nd season (Mississippi State, 2010)
 Volunteer Assistant Coach: Todd Guilliams, 5th 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)

2020 Review

Overall Record: 11-6
 Home: 11-3
 Away: 0-3
 Neutral: 0-0
 Conference Record: 0-0
 Home: 0-0
 Away: 0-0
 Conference Finish: N/A

History

All-Time Record (entering 2021): 1,953-1,856-25 (.513)
 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 (1,100 in 2021 for COVID-19 protocols)
 Dimensions: 335-375-400-365-320
 Record: .34-20 (.630)

2021 Outlook

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 25/10
 Redshirts Eligible: 2
 Starters Returning/Lost: 8 (6 positional, 2 pitchers) / 6 (5 positional, 1 pitcher)
 Newcomers: 17 (10 freshmen, 3 transfers, 4 JUCO)

Top Returning Position Players (2020 stats, 17-game season)

OF Oraj Anu (Sr.): .294, 12 R, 2 2B, 3 HR, 10 RBI, .917 OPS
 1B T.J. Collett (Sr.): .290, 13 R, 5 2B, 5 HR, 17 RBI, .931 OPS
 OF John Rhodes (So.): .426, 11 R, 10 2B, 1 HR, 19 RBI, 1.157 OPS
 IF/OF Austin Schultz (Jr.): .393, 20 R, 5 2B, 5 HR, 20 RBI, 5 SB, 1.233 OPS

Top Returning Pitchers (2020 stats)

LHP Mason Hazelwood (Sr.): 2-1, 1.64, 4 GS, 22.0 IP, 12 H, 27 K
 RHP Jimmy Ramsey (Sr.): 2-2, 3.26, 4 GS, 19.1 IP, 19 H, 20 K
 RHP Alex Degen (Jr.): 0-0, 2.51, 5 G (1 GS), 14.1 IP, 10 H, 19 K, 1 SV
 LHP Cole Daniels (Jr.): 2-0, 1.80, 7 G, 10.0 IP, 4 H, 11 K

Key Players Lost (2020 stats)

RHP Carson Coleman* (R-Jr.): 0-0, 3.18, 5 G, 5.2 IP, 4 H, 13 K
 *signed with New York Yankees

Redshirts Eligible

OF Chase Bryan (Junior)
 RHP Tyler Burchett (Sophomore)

Transfers (career stats)

RHP Sean Harney (Sr., UMass): 6-10, 3.49, 27 G (21 GS), 136.2 IP, 100 K
 RHP Holt Jones (Sr., Clemson): 4-1, 3.98, 33 G, 54.1 IP, 39 H, 63 K
 RHP Zach Kammin (Sr., Coe College): 12-1, 2.62, 25 G (15 GS), 99.2 IP, 107 K

Newcomers

C Devin Burkes, Freshman (Ocala, Florida)
 LHP Evan Byers, Freshman (Nicholasville, Kentucky)
 IF Reuben Church, Freshman (Maryville, Tennessee)
 RHP Ryan Hagenow, Freshman (Knoxville, Tennessee)
 IF Jack Hicks, Freshman (Raleigh, N. Carolina)
 RHP Wyatt Hudepohl, Freshman (Mason, Ohio)
 OF Houston King, Freshman (Cabot, Arkansas)
 OF/C Kirk Liebert, Junior (Owensboro, Kentucky)
 RHP Seth Logue, Freshman (Mason, Ohio)
 UT Nolan McCarthy, Freshman (Kalamazoo, Michigan)
 IF Jacob Plastiak, Junior (Chicago, Illinois)
 IF Ryan Ritter, Sophomore (Frankfort, Illinois)
 C Alonzo Rubalcaba, Junior (Fairfield, California)
 RHP Austin Strickland, Freshman (Winchester, Ohio)



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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

UTILITY

- 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. **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.** 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.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's Athletics Communication and PR office.

LIVE STATS

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

ON THE WEB

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.



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WEEK 4 SCHEDULE FOR KENTUCKY BASEBALL

MONDAY - 8	TUESDAY - 9	WEDNESDAY - 10	THURSDAY - 11	FRIDAY - 12	SATURDAY - 13	SUNDAY - 14
Off	vs. WKU 4 p.m. SECN+	Practice	Practice	vs. Georgia St. 4 p.m. SECN+	vs. Georgia St. 1 p.m. SECN+	vs. Georgia St. 1 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 17 games he already had nine multi-hit games and six 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

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)

SAVES

DATE	PITCHER (#)	OPPONENT
2/27	Harney (1)	Milwaukee
3/2	Harney (2)	EKU
3/3	Harney (3)	Evansville



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WILDCATS RECORD WHEN...

	2021	MINGIONE
Record	7-2	121-82
Home	7-2	83-35
Away	0-0	31-43
Neutral	0-0	7-4
SEC	0-0	39-51
Home	0-0	21-24
Road	0-0	18-27
Non-Conference.....	7-2	81-28
Home	7-2	62-11
Road	0-0	13-16
Neutral.....	0-0	6-1
Non-Power Five.....	7-2	70-10
Postseason	0-0	5-6
Day games	7-2	81-49
Night games.....	0-0	40-33
One-run games	0-2	18-16
Two-run games	1-0	11-16
Five+-run games.....	3-0	63-30
Extra-inning games	0-0	3-5
In shutouts	1-0	10-3
Scoring first	6-2	81-36
Opponent scores first.....	1-0	40-48
Scoring 10 or more runs.....	1-0	52-2
Allowing 10 or more runs	0-0	1-24
Scoring six runs or more.....	5-0	92-16
Scoring four runs or less	1-2	17-63
Allowing four runs or less.....	6-2	90-15
Hitting home run(s)	5-0	88-49
Allowing home run(s)	2-0	51-59
Out-hitting an opponent	6-2	104-22
Out-hit by opponent	0-0	12-59
Matching opponents hits.....	1-0	5-1
vs. LHP	3-1	44-23
vs. RHP	4-1	77-59
Leading after seventh inning	7-0	103-8
Trailing after seventh inning	0-1	11-68
Tied after the seventh inning	0-1	4-5
Decided in the last at bat.....	0-0	12-9
Not committing an error	5-2	50-19
Committing two or more errors	2-0	22-36
vs. Top 25	0-0	32-46
vs. Top 10	0-0	13-27
On Monday	0-0	1-0
On Tuesday	2-0	28-6
On Wednesday	1-0	11-4
On Thursday	0-0	2-6
On Friday	1-1	28-23
On Saturday	3-0	25-25
On Sunday	0-1	26-18
In February	4-0	25-14
In March	3-2	47-22
In April	0-0	28-24
In May	0-0	21-21
In June.....	0-0	4-3
In 1st Base Dugout.....	0-0	73-40
In 3rd Base Dugout	7-2	48-41

UNI WATCH

HOME		
White top/White pants/Blue cap.....	3-0	23-7
Blue top/White pants/Blue cap.....	2-0	23-6
Blue top/Pinstripe pants/Blue cap	0-0	4-2
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	0-1	3-2
Creams/Blue cap	1-1	10-2
Pinstripes/Blue cap	1-0	11-8

ROAD

Gray top/Gray pants/Blue cap.....	0-0	12-14
Gray top/Gray pants/Black cap.....	0-0	2-3
Blue top/Gray pants/Blue cap	0-0	12-17
Black top/Gray pants/Black cap	0-0	6-13
Black top/Gray pants/Blue cap	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" 102 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 92-16 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 Guiliams. The Cats have been a devastating offensive club under Guiliams' 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 either SEC Player or Pitcher of the Week **fifteen** times, tied for the most for any school in the conference.

TEAM	HONORS
KENTUCKY	15
Ole Miss	15
Arkansas	10
Auburn	10
Four teams	9

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 accom-

TRACKING KENTUCKY'S EXTRA-BASE HITS

Player	Doubles 2021 (career)	Triples 2021 (career)	Home Runs 2021 (career)	Totals 2021 (career)
ORAJ ANU	1 (3)	1 (2)	2 (5)	4 (10)
REUBEN CHURCH	5 (5)	1 (1)	1 (1)	7 (7)
T.J. COLLETT	0 (17)	1 (2)	1 (27)	13 (46)
CHASE ESTEP	0 (1)	0 (0)	0 (1)	0 (2)
TRAE HARMON	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (4)	0 (6)
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	4 (14)	0 (1)	2 (3)	6 (18)
RYAN RITTER	0 (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)	2 (2)
ALONZO RUBALCABA	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
JAREN SHELBY	0 (12)	0 (0)	0 (7)	0 (19)
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	4 (16)	1 (2)	0 (7)	5 (25)
TOTALS	18 (123)	5 (11)	8 (76)	33 (212)

plished the feat during that time. Overall, he has reached base safely in 64 of 69 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.

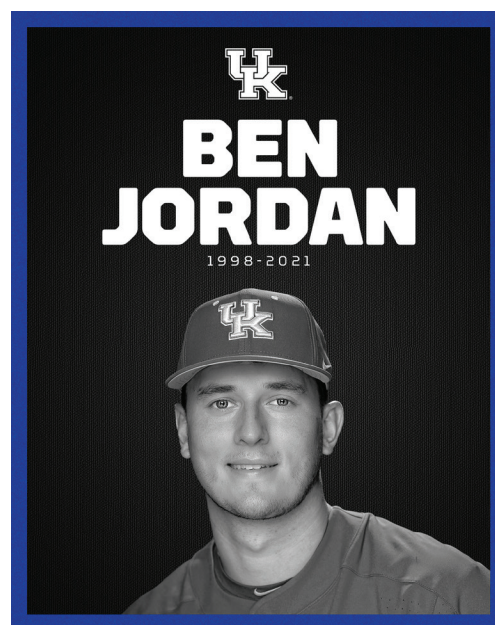
Leading the charge are RHP Ryan Hagenow and IF Ryan Ritter, both of whom rank as elite prospects. Ritter, a prototypical shortstop from a physical standpoint, was rated the top junior college player to make it to campus for the 2021 season, just one year removed from being drafted by his hometown Chicago 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 program is that young men in it are students first, people second and 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.

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



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.



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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.





2021 SPLITS

	G	AVG.	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
OVERALL	9	.289	53	79	18	5	8	47	33	72	14
SEC											
NON-SEC	9	.289	53	79	18	5	8	47	33	72	14
HOME											
AWAY	9	.289	53	79	18	5	8	47	33	72	14
NEUTRAL											
DAY											
NIGHT	9	.289	53	79	18	5	8	47	33	72	14
WINS											
LOSSES	7	.306	48	64	16	5	8	42	26	49	13
FEBRUARY	2	.234	5	15	2	0	0	5	7	23	1
MARCH	4	.314	28	37	11	1	5	24	12	22	8
APRIL	5	.271	25	42	7	4	3	23	21	50	6
MAY											

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.

STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

The Wildcats again will face one of the most difficult schedules in the country with 29 games against teams ranked in the preseason Top 25 by at least one of the major national polls, including nine of 10 SEC opponents (27 of 30 league games). As it stands entering the season, UK will play 14 games against teams ranked in the preseason Top 10.

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 have pitched at least 100 career innings and have an ERA under 4.00. The career numbers:

	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	K
Harney	6-10	3.49	27/21	136.2	100
Jones	4-1	3.98	33/4	54.1	63
Kammin	12-1	2.62	25/15	99.2	107

MULTI-HIT GAMES

PLAYER	2021	CAREER
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	5	20
REUBEN CHURCH	5	5
ORAJ ANU	3	7
COLTYN KESSLER	1	13
CAM HILL	1	11
JOHN RHODES	1	10
ZEKE LEWIS	1	10
RYAN RITTER	1	1
T.J. COLLETT	0	27
JAREN SHELBY	0	15
TRAE HARMON	0	3
CHASE ESTEP	0	2
DREW GRACE	0	1

MULTI-RBI GAMES

PLAYER	2021	CAREER
T.J. COLLETT	2	29
JOHN RHODES	2	8
REUBEN CHURCH	2	2
ORAJ ANU	2	4
CAM HILL	1	4
JAREN SHELBY	0	11
COLTYN KESSLER	0	8
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	0	7
TRAE HARMON	0	4
ZEKE LEWIS	0	3
CHASE ESTEP	0	1
DREW GRACE	0	1

CURRENT HIT/REACH BASE STREAKS

<i>(listed alphabetically; *career)</i>			
PLAYER	LONGEST*	CURRENT	REACH SAFE
ANU	4	-	-
COLLETT	13	3	9
CHURCH	8	8	8
ESTEP	6	-	-
GRACE	1	-	1
HARMON	3	-	-
HILL	5	1	1
HORD	1	1	1
KESSLER	11	1	1
Z. LEWIS	7	-	-
LIEBERT	1	-	-
PLASTIAK	-	-	-
RHODES	8	8	8
RITTER	2	-	-
RUBALCABA	3	1	2
SCHULTZ	8	5	5
SHELBY	5	1	1



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)
SWEPT A HOME SERIES (THREE OR MORE GAMES):	vs. MILWAUKEE (FEBRUARY 26-27, 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:	ORAJ ANU AND T.J. COLLETT (vs. CINCINNATI, MARCH 3, 2020)
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)
HAD A WALK-OFF WIN:	vs. MURRAY STATE, 9-8, NINE INNINGS (MARCH 4, 2020)
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:	AUSTIN SCHULTZ (vs. NORFOLK ST., MAR. 7, 2020 AND vs. OAKLAND, MAR. 8, 2020)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	TRAE HARMON (vs. APPALACHIAN STATE, FEB. 21-23, 2020)
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:	T.J. COLLETT (vs. CINCINNATI, MARCH 3, 2020)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE AT BATS:	RYAN JOHNSON (AT WESTERN KENTUCKY, APRIL 23, 2019)
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 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):	T.J. COLLETT AND ORAJ ANU (vs. MIAMI [OHIO], FEB. 23, 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)
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:	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:	TOM BANNON (vs. GEORGIA STATE, MARCH 16, 1971; W, 3-1 IN 7 INNINGS; SEASON OPENER)



STINGY ON THE MOUND

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.

Hits Allowed/9 Innings (Min. 75 Innings)

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|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Jeff Keener (1980-81) | 5.11 |
| 2. Zack Thompson (2017-19) | 6.09 |
| 3. Mason Hazelwood (2018-) | 6.60 |
| 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 neighborhood, 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 111 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 11th among all active Division I players with 27 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
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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
- T.J. COLLETT (2017-) - 111**
51. Storm Wilson (2014-17) - 109
52. Micheal Thomas (2011-14) - 107
53. Connor Heady (2014-17) - 106

UK CAREER HOME RUNS

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

T.J. COLLETT (2017-) - 27

RANKINGS

OPPONENTS IN THE POLLS

TEAM	BA	D1	USA	PG	BWA
ALABAMA	24	-	23	-	22
AUBURN	-	-	RV	-	RV
BALL STATE	-	-	RV	-	RV
FLORIDA	6	5	5	2	T4
GEORGIA	-	-	RV	-	26
LOUISVILLE	15	10	12	9	12
LSU	-	21	19	18	18
MISSISSIPPI ST.	2	3	4	5	T4
S. CAROLINA	10	12	8	12	7
TENNESSEE	23	15	14	-	15
VANDERBILT	3	2	2	4	2

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)

2021 VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

TEAM	HIGH RANK	RECORD
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TOTAL		0-0
	vs. Top 10	0-0

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



HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

BY LOCATION

AT HOME	8
ON ROAD	0
NEUTRAL	0

BY PITCHER

VS. RIGHT	8
VS. LEFT	0

BY CONFERENCE

VS. SEC	0
VS. NON-SEC	8

BY OUTS

WITH NO OUT	2
WITH ONE OUT	3
WITH TWO OUT	3

BY RUNNERS ON

SOLO	4
TWO-RUN	3
THREE-RUN	1
GRAND SLAM	0

BY COUNT

AHEAD IN COUNT	2
EVEN IN COUNT	4
BEHIND IN COUNT	2
FULL COUNT	0
FIRST PITCH	1
TWO STRIKE	2

BY TIME OF DAY

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

DAY GAMES	8
NIGHT GAMES	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

HR BY POSITION

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

HR BY INNING

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



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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
- 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



TRACKING KENTUCKY CAREER HIGHS

PLAYER	HITS (most recent)	RBI (most recent)	RUNS (most recent)
ORAJ ANU	3 (vs. WESTERN KY.; 3/10/20)	3 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)	2 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 3/3/21)
REUBEN CHURCH	2 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/5/21)	4 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/26/21)	3 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)
T.J. COLLETT	4 (vs. vs. XAVIER; 3/20/18)	5 (vs. OAKLAND; 2/24/18)	3 (vs. CINCINNATI; 3/3/20)
CHASE ESTEP	2 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)	2 (vs. MURRAY STATE; 3/4/20)	3 (vs. WESTERN KY.; 3/10/20)
DREW GRACE	2 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)	3 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)	1 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)
TRAE HARMON	2 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/23/20)	3 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	4 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)
CAM HILL	2 (vs. MIAMI [OHIO]; 2/23/21)	2 (vs. MIAMI [OHIO]; 2/23/21)	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	3 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)	4 (vs. CANISIUS; 3/2/19)	2 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)
KIRK LIEBERT	1 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)	-	1 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/7/21)
JOHN RHODES	3 (vs. WESTERN KY.; 3/10/20)	4 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)	3 (vs. MURRAY STATE; 3/4/20)
RYAN RITTER	2 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/6/21)	1 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 3/3/21)	1 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/6/21)
ALONZO RUBALCABA	1 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/7/21)	1 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)	1 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	3 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/6/21)	4 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)	3 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)
JAREN SHELBY	3 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)	3 (AT LIPSCOMB; 4/10/19)	3 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)

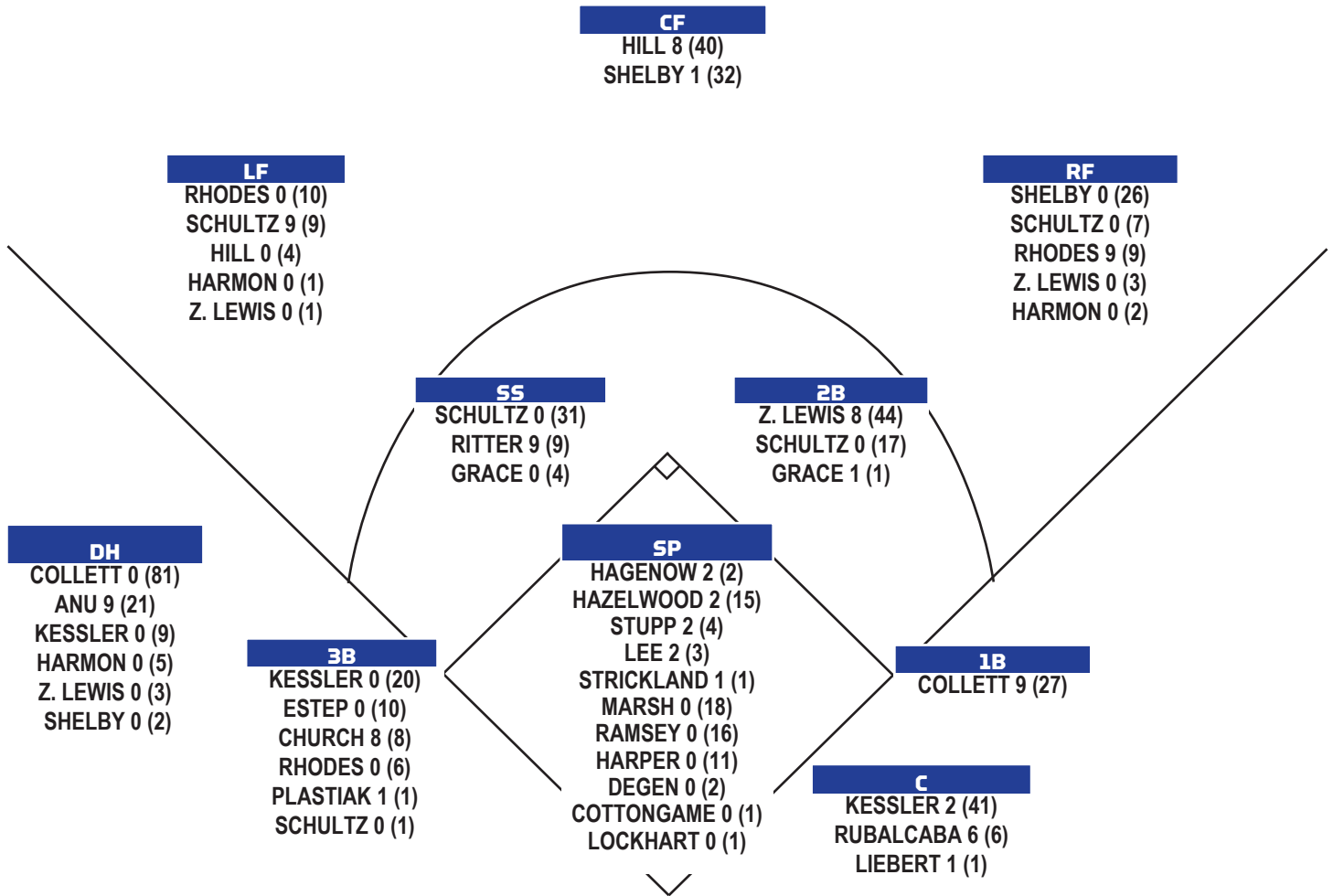
PITCHERS	INNINGS (most recent)	STRIKEOUTS (most recent)	PITCHES (most recent)
TYLER BURCHETT	1.0 (vs. WESTERN KY.; 3/13/19)	1 (vs. ARKANSAS; 5/5/19)	30 (vs. ARKANSAS; 5/5/19)
RON COLE	2.0 (vs. NORFOLK ST.; 3/7/20)	3 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20)	24 (vs. NORFOLK ST.; 3/7/20)
BRAXTON COTTONGAME	3.2 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)	3 (vs. UNC WILMINGTON; 2/29/20)	65 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20)
COLE DANIELS	3.0 (vs. EASTERN KY.; 3/2/21)	7 (vs. EASTERN KY.; 3/2/21)	42 (vs. EASTERN KY.; 3/2/21)
ALEX DEGEN	4.0 (vs. UNC WILMINGTON; 3/1/20)	4 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)	74 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20)
RYAN HAGENOW	4.0 (vs. EASTERN KY.; 3/2/21)	6 (vs. MIAMI [OHIO]; 2/23/21)	72 (vs. EASTERN KY.; 3/2/21)
SEAN HARNEY	2.0 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)	5 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)	23 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)
DANIEL HARPER	6.0 (vs. MIAMI [OHIO]; 3/27/18)	8 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 2/18/18)	78 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 2/18/18)
MASON HAZELWOOD	7.0 (vs. NORFOLK ST.; 3/7/20)	11 (vs. N. KENTUCKY; 2/27/19)	104 (vs. TENNESSEE; 4/19/19)
WYATT HUDEPOHL	0.1 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/5/21)	-	11 (vs. MIAMI [OHIO]; 2/23/21)
HOLT JONES	2.1 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 3/3/21)	2 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 3/3/21)	35 (vs. MIAMI [OHIO]; 2/23/21)
ZACK LEE	5.2 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)	8 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/6/21)	89 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21)
TRIP LOCKHART	3.2 (vs. ARKANSAS; 5/3/19)	5 (vs. ARKANSAS; 5/3/19)	63 (vs. ARKANSAS; 5/3/19)
SETH LOGUE	3.0 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/6/21)	6 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/6/21)	43 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/26/21)
DILLON MARSH	6.1 (vs. WESTERN KY.; 3/10/20)	8 (vs. CINCINNATI; 3/3/20)	103 (vs. CINCINNATI; 3/3/20)
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)
AUSTIN STRICKLAND	4.0 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 2/18/18)	6 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 2/18/18)	68 (vs. EVANSVILLE; 2/18/18)
COLE STUPP	6.2 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/5/21)	7 (vs. TENN. TECH; 2/25/20)	90 (vs. BALL STATE; 3/5/21)



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STARTS BY POSITION AT UK 2021 (CAREER)



GAMES-GAMES STARTED						
PLAYER	CAREER	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
T.J. COLLETT	127-100	9-9	17-17	47-40	34-32	20-2
ZEKE LEWIS	123-52	8-8	14-9	43-28	30-6	28-0
COLTYN KESSLER	83-70	4-2	15-12	48-47	16-9	-
JAREN SHELBY	70-60	5-1	14-14	51-45	-	-
AUSTIN SCHULTZ	69-65	9-9	16-16	44-40	-	-
CAM HILL	68-44	9-8	7-4	45-32	7-0	-
TRAE HARMON	27-8	6-0	15-8	6-0	-	-
JOHN RHODES	26-24	9-9	17-16	-	-	-
ORAJ ANU	26-21	9-9	17-12	-	-	-
JACOB PLASTIAK	19-11	1-1	-	18-10~	-	-
CHASE ESTEP	13-10	1-0	12-10	-	-	-
DREW GRACE	12-5	4-1	8-4	-	-	-
RYAN RITTER	9-9	9-9	-	-	-	-
REUBEN CHURCH	8-8	8-8	-	-	-	-
ALONZO RUBALCABA	8-6	8-6	-	-	-	-
KIRK LIEBERT	5-1	5-1	-	-	-	-
CHASE BRYAN	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-
BRENDAN HORD	1-0	0-0	1-0	-	-	-

~AT WICHITA STATE

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 (PERFECT GAME)
- 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)



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 its 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 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
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
3/27/16	No. 1 Florida	5-4 (10)	Wild Pitch

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)





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KENTUCKY BATTING ORDER

GAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
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





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KENTUCKY STARTING LINEUP

GAME	C	1B	2B	SS	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



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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 winningest 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	RECORD
Alabama	1-2
Appalachian State	3-0
Arkansas	1-5
Auburn	2-2
Austin Peay	3-0
Ball State	1-2
Boston College	0-1
Canisius	3-0
Cincinnati	2-1
Delaware	0-1
Eastern Kentucky	4-0
Evansville	2-0
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)	5-0
Michigan	1-0
Middle Tennessee	3-0
Milwaukee	3-0
Mississippi State	3-3
Missouri	5-4
Morehead State	2-0
Murray State	3-0
Norfolk State	1-0
North Carolina	0-3
North Carolina State	2-1
Northern Kentucky	2-1
Oakland	5-0
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
UNC Wilmington	0-3
USC Upstate	2-0
Vanderbilt	2-7
Western Carolina	1-0
Western Kentucky	6-0
Wofford	1-0
Wright State	1-0
Xavier	3-1
TOTALS	121-82

(*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)

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)

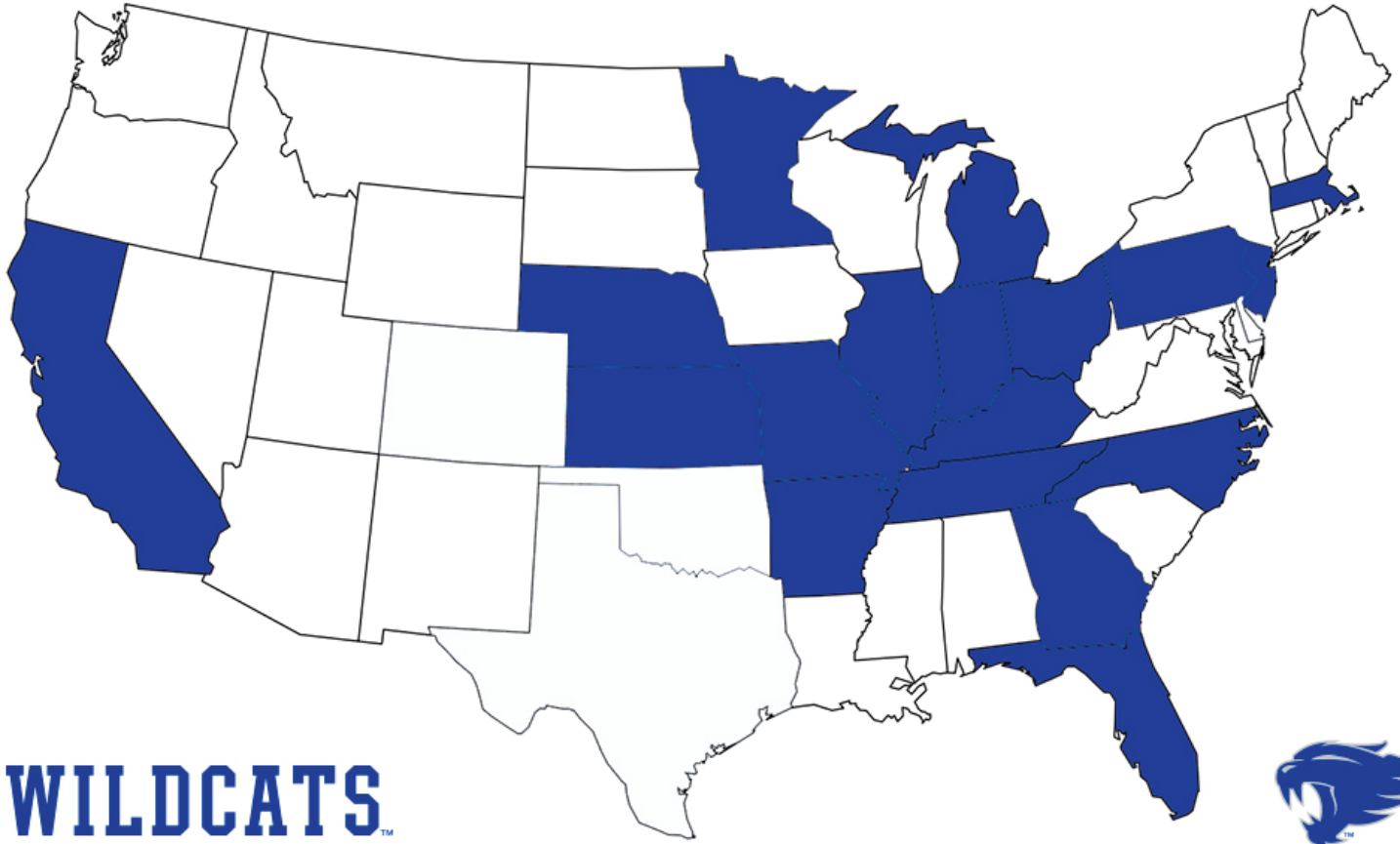
1 - National and SEC Coach of the Year (2017)



Student. Person. Player.

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

2021 WILDCATS ON THE MAP



WILDCATS™



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)



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2021 Kentucky Baseball Overall Statistics for Kentucky (as of Mar 07, 2021) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)



Record: 7-2 Home: 7-2 Away: 0-0 SEC: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%	
6 Reuben Church	.464	8-8	28	6	13	5	1	1	10	23	.821	2	1	7	0	.500	1	0	0-0	3	12	0	1.000	
2 Austin Schultz	.412	9-9	34	10	14	4	1	0	2	20	.588	5	1	7	1	.500	0	0	6-6	5	0	1	.833	
28 Oraj Anu	.303	9-9	33	6	10	1	1	2	9	19	.576	3	1	9	1	.378	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000	
1 John Rhodes	.290	9-9	31	10	9	4	0	2	7	19	.613	7	2	5	1	.450	0	0	1-1	19	1	0	1.000	
37 Cam Hill	.280	9-8	25	5	7	1	0	1	4	11	.440	3	2	10	0	.400	0	0	3-3	14	0	0	1.000	
5 T.J. Collett	.250	9-9	28	4	7	0	1	1	8	12	.429	5	3	7	0	.405	1	0	0-0	56	2	2	.967	
9 Alonzo Rubalcaba	.211	8-6	19	2	4	1	0	0	1	5	.263	2	0	7	0	.273	1	0	1-1	62	1	0	1.000	
47 Ryan Ritter	.207	9-9	29	3	6	0	1	1	3	11	.379	1	1	8	1	.258	0	1	0-0	17	22	1	.975	
4 Zeke Lewis	.143	8-8	21	4	3	0	0	0	2	3	.143	2	0	5	2	.208	1	1	2-2	9	11	0	1.000	

25 Coltyn Kessler	.375	4-2	8	0	3	2	0	0	0	5	.625	0	0	1	0	.375	0	1	0-0	18	2	0	1.000	
30 Jaren Shelby	.333	5-1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	0	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0-0	6	0	0	1.000	
33 Trae Harmon	.333	6-0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.333	2	0	2	0	.500	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
8 Kirk Liebert	.250	5-1	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.250	0	0	1	0	.250	0	0	0-0	17	3	0	1.000	
26 Jacob Plastiak	.000	1-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	1	.500	
12 Chase Estep	.000	1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000	
7 Drew Grace	.000	4-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.333	0	1	0-0	1	4	0	1.000	
51 Chase Bryan	.000	1-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
Totals	.289	9	273	53	79	18	5	8	47	131	.480	33	11	72	6	.382	5	4	14-14	231	66	6	.980	
Opponents	.193	9	280	21	54	13	1	2	20	75	.268	17	13	100	3	.269	2	2	2-2	210	66	6	.979	

LOB - Team (63), Opp (62). DPs turned - Team (4), Opp (6). 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	sfa	sha
50 Mason Hazelwood	1.59	2-0	3	2	0	0/1	0	11.1	10	2	2	5	17	2	0	1	.238	0	0	0	0	0
16 Cole Stupp	1.69	1-0	2	2	0	0/1	0	10.2	8	2	2	2	9	1	0	0	.205	0	1	0	0	1
48 Zack Lee	4.91	1-1	2	2	0	0/0	0	11.0	11	6	6	1	15	3	0	0	.250	2	5	0	0	0

45 Holt Jones	0.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	5.1	2	1	0	0	4	2	0	0	.105	1	2	0	0	0
34 Sean Harney	0.00	0-0	4	0	0	0/0	3	5.0	1	0	0	1	10	0	0	0	.067	0	0	0	0	0
38 Jimmy Ramsey	0.00	1-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	2	1	0	1	3	1	0	0	.200	0	2	0	1	0
22 Dillon Marsh	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	0
24 Ryan Hagenow	1.12	1-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	8.0	6	1	1	1	9	1	0	0	.194	3	1	0	0	0
46 Seth Logue	1.29	1-0	3	0	0	0/2	1	7.0	5	2	1	1	11	1	1	0	.208	1	0	0	1	0
35 Cole Daniels	2.08	0-1	4	0	0	0/0	0	4.1	1	1	1	2	7	0	0	0	.083	0	0	0	0	1
54 Daniel Harper	3.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/1	0	3.0	3	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	.231	1	0	0	0	0
49 Austin Strickland	4.50	0-0	2	1	0	0/1	0	6.0	4	3	3	2	9	1	0	1	.190	0	1	0	0	0
21 Wyatt Hudepohl	13.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	.250	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2.10	7-2	9	9	0	2/2	4	77.0	54	21	18	17	100	13	1	2	.193	9	13	0	2	2
Opponents	5.91	2-7	9	9	0	0/0	2	70.0	79	53	46	33	72	18	5	8	.289	7	11	2	5	4

PB - Team (2), A. Rubalcaba 1, C. Kessler 1. Pickoffs - Team (2), M. Hazelwood 1, C. Kessler 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - M. Hazelwood (1-1), C. Kessler (1-1), C. Stupp (1-1), A. Rubalcaba (1-1).



2021 PLAYER NOTES - HITTERS

1 • JOHN RHODES (SO., OF)

Preseason All-America by multiple publications...Already has 10 multi-hit games and eight multi-RBI games in his first 26 collegiate games... Has had a career-high three hits three times...Incredible athlete who can play all over the field...Incredible athlete...Named National co-Freshman of the Year in 2020 after a blistering start to his career...Can hit the ball to all fields and do so with power...Controls the strike zone and makes consistently hard contact.

2 • AUSTIN SCHULTZ (JR., IF/OF)

Has 20 career multi-hit games...Stole career-high three bases vs. Ball State on 3/6/21...Had 11 XBH and 24 hits in 16 games in 2020...Crushed first grand slam of his career on 3/8/20 vs. Oakland...Homered in back-to-back games vs. Norfolk State (3/7/20) and Oakland...Drove in career-high four runs on 2/18/20 vs. Southeast Missouri...Has reached base safely in 64 of 69 career games...As a freshman, 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...Also has a 22-game streak.

4 • ZEKE LEWIS (G-SR., IF)

Had 12 hits in six-game span from 3/3-3/10/20...Also stole five bases during that span...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... Outstanding defensive player who makes the routine play but also can complete the highlight reel ones...Switch-hitter who pounded SEC pitching from the right side of the plate in 2019 and was off to a tremendous start in 2020.

5 • T.J. COLLETT (G-SR., 1B)

Preseason 2021 First-Team All-American by Perfect Game...Seventh among active D-I players in career home runs (27)...Had first two-homer game on 3/3/20 vs. Cincinnati...Recorded 100th career hit on 3/7/20 vs. Norfolk State...Elite power presence...Any swing has chance to leave the yard... Series of injuries limited him early in career but is healthy and has his body in the best shape it's been...Proved more than capable defensively at first base last spring.

6 • REUBEN CHURCH (FR., IF)

Arguably the most physically imposing freshman on the roster...Huge power...Has the hit tool to help him compete for immediate at-bats... Posted multiple exit velocities over 100 MPH during the fall...Has athleticism and agility that are impressive for his size...Plus arm at third base...Can also play first base... Highly regarded by both Prep Baseball Report and Perfect Game...Ranked No. 135 overall and the No. 11 third baseman by PBR...Burst onto scene by smacking four doubles and a home run in his first 10 AB, with five RBI and five runs...Has a hit in his first eight career games, including five multi-hit outings.

7 • DREW GRACE (SO., IF)

Drove in career-high three runs on 3/8/20 vs. Oakland... Also had first multi-hit game that day...Made his collegiate debut on 2/16/20 as starting SS vs. TCU...Logged first hit and first RBI on 2/18/20 vs. Southeast Missouri...Had good summer in Northwoods League...Has aptitude for the game and a grittiness coaches love...Will be heavily involved in the middle infield rotation...Good hands and reactions defensively...Like most underclassmen, needs to get stronger.

8 • KIRK LIEBERT (JR., OF/C)

Kentucky kid who absolutely loves the Wildcats...Versatile player who gives coaching staff some flexibility...Predominantly a catcher and outfielder who is a capable defender at both...Can really block balls in the dirt...Has a simple, short, left-handed stroke that plays well...Gritty and competitive player who grinds out at bats... Played two seasons for Wabash Valley CC...Stole 18 total bases in 19 attempts.

9 • ALONZO RUBALCABA (JR., C)

Premier defender behind the plate with excellent pitch framing skills and a quietness that pitchers love...Established himself as a locker room favorite with his easy-going demeanor and work ethic...Has plus arm strength behind the plate...Lauded by one national outlet as having game-changing catch-and-throw talent...Impressed at the plate in the fall and could hit in the middle of the order... Played two seasons at Santa Barbara (Calif.) City College...Threw out nearly half of stolen base attempts.

10 • JACK HICKS (FR., IF)

Second baseman with rangy athleticism...Has a smooth left-handed swing...Hit tool jumps off the page with a good idea of the strike zone for a young player...Has an effortlessness to his game that is intriguing...Was playing catch up in the fall after a bit of a late start but staff is intrigued by his talent... Perfect Game evaluated him as the top prep shortstop in North Carolina.

12 • CHASE ESTEP (SO., IF)

Had first multi-RBI game on 3/4/20 vs. Murray State and first multi-hit game on 3/8/20 vs. Oakland...Hit first career home run on 2/25/20 vs. Tennessee Tech...Had first hit 2/22/20 vs. Appalachian State...Provides competitive at-bats from the left side and played a quality third base defensively in 2020...In high school was a three-time All-State selection in both baseball and football (2017-19)...Father and uncle both played for the Cats.



2021 PLAYER NOTES - HITTERS

13 • BRENDAN HORD (SO., C)

Made his collegiate debut on 3/7/20 vs. Norfolk State and delivered a single in his first career at-bat...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.

25 • COLTYN KESSLER (SR., C)

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...In 2019, Batted .297 with 28 runs, 49 hits and 29 RBI in 165 at-bats...Had a team-best 11-game hit streak.

26 • JACOB PLASTIAK (JR., IF)

Switch-hitter with big time power potential from both sides of plate...Rangy athlete with all the physical tools to be great...Has an above average arm at third base...Also could play some first base and outfield...Drafted out of high school...Incredibly hard worker committed to his craft...Played for Wabash Valley CC in 2020...Had a team-high 62 at-bats in 19 games...Batted .339 with 17 runs, four doubles, a triple, a home run and 23 RBI...Saw action in 18 games at Wichita State in 2019.

28 • ORAJ ANU (SR., OF)

With two home runs vs. Cincinnati on 3/3/20 became first UK player since Ryan Wilkes in 2008 to do so from both sides of the plate in the same game...Drew game-winning walk-off walk in 15th inning vs. Appalachian State on 2/23/20...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...Two-time JUCO All-American.

30 • JAREN SHELBY (G-SR., OF)

Had a career high three hits and scored career-high three runs vs. Oakland on 3/8/20...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...Is 19-of-22 on stolen base attempts in his career.

33 • TRAE HARMON (JR., 1B)

Flashed his potential at the plate in 2020 with four home runs in his first 14 at-bats...Homered in all three games of Appalachian State series (2/21-23/20)...Slugged.909 through first 22 AB...Blasted his first career home run on 2/15/20 at TCU...Greatest strength is his power from the right side...Has the highest exit velocities on the team.

37 • CAM HILL (JR., OF)

Appeared in just seven games last season due to a broken wrist...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...Ability to be high level base stealer...Type of guy who can handle the small game at an elite level and still hit ball out of yard...Quiet type who just goes about his business...Insatiable desire to get better...Opened the 2021 season with a HR and 2B in first two AB...Recently had a career-long 13-game reached base safely streak.

44 • DEVIN BURKES (FR., C)

Impressive looking athlete who has the makings of a future star...Can hit and hit for power...Physical player...Best position is catcher where his lightning quick exchange and release really plays up his arm...Talented and athletic enough to potentially play first base, third base or outfield...Outgoing, fun-loving personality teammates are drawn to...Does not have bad days...Staff sees him as a huge part of the program's future...Ranked by Perfect Game as the No. 269 player overall and No. 23 catcher in the country.

47 • RYAN RITTER (SO., IF)

Arguably the best defensive infielder to come through Lexington since 2020 MLB Gold Glove-winning first baseman Evan White...Elite actions and hands at shortstop...Makes everything look easy on the defensive side...Physically impressive athlete who still has plenty of room to grow into his body...Rangy with excellent reach at shortstop...Gap to gap hitter with growing power, especially to the pull side...Runs well... Was ranked the No. 4 overall and top junior college shortstop by Prep Baseball Report...Smacked a single in first UK at bat and hammered his first HR - an opposite field shot - on 3/6/21 vs. Ball State.

51 • CHASE BRYAN (JR., OF)

Redshirted the 2020 season due to injury...JUCO transfer whose father played in the College World Series...Winner...Ferocious competitor who is fearless and does whatever asked of him to help the team win...Has battled injuries since his arrival but is an above average defender and prime candidate to see opportunities as a baserunner and defensive replacement...Offense is behind his defense but has chance to be excellent player if development continues.



2021 PLAYER NOTES - PITCHERS

11 • TRIP LOCKHART (SR., 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...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...ERA against non-conference opponents is 2.84.

16 • COLE STUPP (SO., RHP)

Opened the 2021 season as Friday night starter, earning win vs. Milwaukee...Set new career-highs in IP (6.2) and pitches (90) vs. Ball State on 3/5/21...Earned first career start on 2/25/20 vs. Tennessee Tech, striking out seven in 4.0 innings, including five straight...Made sensational debut on 2/15/20 at TCU, entering game with two on and no outs and getting out of the inning unscathed...Tremendous pitchability...Terrific athlete...Fastball command is excellent and sits low 90s with sink...Good change-up and slider to complement the fastball.

20 • BRAXTON COTTONGAME (JR., LHP)

Has battled series of nagging injuries his first two seasons...Made first collegiate start on 2/18/20 vs. Southeast Missouri, going 3.2 innings... Tough and competitive left-hander who goes right at hitters...As freshman in 2019 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.

21 • WYATT HUDEPOHL (FR., RHP)

True freshman with the most powerful arm on the team...Physically imposing on the mound...Fastball is an easy 96-97 with a big over-the-top breaking ball and a changeup that showed marked improvement throughout the fall...Has great bloodlines with his uncle, Joe, being a former swimming world record holder and three-time Olympic medal winner...Considered by both Perfect Game and Prep Baseball Report to be the top pitcher and No. 2 overall prospect in the state of Ohio.

22 • DILLON MARSH (JR., LHP)

Has shown impressive maturity since end of 2020 season and was described by coaches as being "more comfortable in his own skin" with soaring confidence on the mound...Pitched a career-high 6.1 innings in win over Western Kentucky on 3/10/20...Has logged two quality starts (6 IP, 3 or less earned runs) in 2020...Lefty who won't blow hitters away with power stuff but has knack for missing bats...Advanced pitchability with plus command of three pitches.

24 • RYAN HAGENOW (FR., RHP)

One of most highly touted recruits to play for UK...Incredible makeup... Mature beyond his years...Coaches use the words "winner, worker and professionalism" to describe him...Really competes on the mound, attacks the zone and is a pitcher, not a thrower...Fastball has been up to 92-93 with life to go along with a slider and changeup...Ranked the No. 8 right-handed pitcher and No. 26 overall player in the class by Perfect Game...Made collegiate debut in season opener, pitching 4.0 scoreless innings, allowing one hit and striking out six.

31 • ALEX DEGEN (JR., RHP)

In 2020, appeared in five games with one start...Recorded his first career save and posted a 2.51 ERA in 14.1 innings...Opponents hit just .200... Struck out 19 hitters and walked four... In his four relief appearances he allowed just one earned run, walked none and struck out 15 in 10.2 innings...His save came against Southeast Missouri on Feb. 18 with four strikeouts in 2.0 innings.

34 • SEAN HARNEY (SR., RHP)

Transfer from Massachusetts who is a proven commodity at the Division 1 level... Pitched three seasons for Massachusetts, starting 21 of 27 games he appeared in...Posted a 3.49 career ERA in 136.2 innings...Allowed 109 hits, a strong rate of 7.18 hits allowed per nine innings...Struck out 100 and walked 74...Opponents have hit only .227 against him...Made his Kentucky debut on 2/27/21 vs. Milwaukee, earning a save with five strikeouts in 2.0 IP...Earned saves in back-to-back games vs. ECU and Evansville on 3/2 and 3/3/21.

35 • COLE DANIELS (JR., LHP)

Big, strong left-hander who has an exceptional breaking ball at this point in his career...Extremely tough on lefty hitters...Has been the staff's "fire extinguisher" his first two seasons...In 39 career games, he is 5-1 with a 2.22 ERA in 28.1 innings with 39 strikeouts and just 14 hits allowed...In SEC play he is 1-0 with a 1.29 ERA in 15 appearances... Struck out career-best seven batters in 3.0 IP vs. ECU on 3/2/21.

36 • RON COLE (SO., RHP)

Appeared in five games in 2020, pitching to a 6.35 ERA in 5.2 innings...Allowed six hits, four earned runs, four walks and struck out five...Made his collegiate debut on Feb. 16 at TCU with 0.2 innings of work...Recorded a strikeout in three of his five appearances...Struck out the side in a perfect inning vs. Appalachian State on Feb. 22... Pitched a career-high 2.0 innings against Norfolk State on Mar. 7 in his final outing of the season.



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38 • JIMMY RAMSEY (SR., RHP)

Big, physical right-hander...Imposing presence...Sits low 90s...Very deceptive...Has served as both weekend starter and closer in his career...Was the 2020 opening night starter for the Cats at TCU...Has thrown the most career innings of anyone on team...Was 2-2 with a 3.26 ERA and 20 strikeouts in 19.1 innings in 2020.

39 • HUNTER RIGSBY (JR., RHP)

Was tremendous to open 2020 season, allowing just four runs and striking out 15 in 10.1 IP...Big, tall right-hander with strong two-pitch arsenal featuring a power fastball and curve...Doesn't mess around on the mound, coming right at hitters...Had a sensational summer in Alaska in 2019, 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.

40 • ZACH KAMMIN (G-SR., RHP)

Graduate transfer who had an outstanding career at Coe College where his 12-1 overall record gives him the school's all-time highest career winning percentage (.923)...In 99.2 innings he owns a 2.62 ERA and allowed just 69 hits against 107 strikeouts...Has allowed only 6.23 hits per nine innings...Opponents have hit just .197 against him...Has yet to allow a home run (359 AB).

45 • HOLT JONES (SR., RHP)

Transfer from Clemson...Made UK debut on 2/23/21 vs. Miami (OH) with 2.0 scoreless IP...In 54.1 innings pitched over 33 appearances (four starts) and three seasons for the Tigers, he had a 4-1 record, three saves and a 3.98 ERA while allowing 39 hits (.201 opponents' batting average) and 37 walks with 63 strikeouts...In two career appearances against SEC opponents (S. Carolina and Georgia in 2019) – Jones pitched 7.2 scoreless innings, allowing only one hit, walking four and striking out eight.

46 • SETH LOGUE (FR., RHP)

Brother of former Wildcat Zach Logue, who was weekend starter on the 2017 Super Regional team...Made collegiate debut on 2/27/21 vs. Milwaukee (3.0 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 3 K)...Followed that with six Ks in 3.0 IP vs. Ball State on 3/6/21...Superior athleticism, especially for a pitcher...Quiet confidence and demeanor with a work ethic and desire to compete and be great that has impressed coaches...At his best when he's throwing fastball up in the zone to set up slider, his best pitch... Big piece of the future who could pitch his way into significant role this spring... Was ranked the No. 3 pitcher and No. 7 player overall in Ohio by Perfect Game.

48 • ZACK LEE (SO., RHP)

Second-year right-hander with a big arm has tantalized with his physical gifts since arriving on campus...Coaches say he has "ace-type stuff"...Considered to have one of the best arms on the staff while running his fastball up to the mid-90s with sink...Hard slider and developing change-up...Inexperienced but loads of potential and electric natural stuff...Struck out career-best eight vs. Ball State on 3/7/21.

49 • AUSTIN STRICKLAND (FR., RHP)

Made collegiate debut on 2/27/21 vs. Milwaukee (2.0 IP, 0 H, 3 K)...Coaches said he had the best fall of any of the freshmen...Great demeanor on the mound...Competes his tail off and has no fear...Full of energy and attacks hitters with arsenal that includes fastball up to 93 that gets on batters in a hurry...Works fast and throws strikes...Relentless worker...Could slot as a mid-week starter and eventual weekend starter or build confidence out of the bullpen... Ranked the No. 2 pitcher and No. 6 overall recruit in Ohio.

50 • MASON HAZELWOOD (SR., LHP)

Really deceptive delivery that hides the baseball and allows it to jump at hitters...Has appeared in 38 career games with 15 starts...Has struck out 102 and allowed just 67 hits in 91.1 career innings...Was excellent in four 2020 starts, going 2-1 with a 1.64 ERA in 22.0 IP with 27 strikeouts and just 13 hits allowed...In summer 2019, posted a 2-0 record with a 1.80 ERA in 25.0 innings pitched in famed Cape Cod League.

54 • DANIEL HARPER (SR., RHP)

Experienced arm that has pitched in a multitude of roles through first three seasons...Has pitched 104.0 innings over 51 appearances (11 starts) in his career...Missed the fall after having hip surgery but now can utilize his legs more and build on his fastball, which has life and sink and has been 93-94 MPH in the past...Has best cutter on the team.

55 • TYLER BURCHETT (SO., RHP)

Re-joined the team last fall after redshirting the 2020 season... Big, physical young man with presence on the mound...Has a lot of arm strength...Creates deception in his arm action...Has a solid fastball with room for growth...Saw his 2019 season slowed by a concussion.