



# SCHEDULE/RESULTS

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2 3 5 9 10 11 13 16 17 18 20 23 24 25 27	at #5+ Mississippi State* at #5+ Mississippi State* at #5+ Mississippi State* at #5+ Louisville LSU* LSU* BELLARMINE at #20~ Georgia* at #20~ Georgia* at #20~ Georgia* at #20~ Georgia* at #20~ Georgia* H3! LOUISVILLE ALABAMA* ALABAMA* (DH-1) ALABAMA* (DH-2) EASTERN KENTUCKY at #4~ Tennessee* at #4~ Tennessee*	L, 8-1 L, 3-2 L, 4-3 W, 11-7 L, 15-2 L, 8-6 W, 13-4 W, 12-0 W, 6-1 L, 8-7 L, 12-5 L, 10-1 W, 5-2 W, 11-0 W, 7-6 <b>7:30</b> p.m. <b>6:30</b> p.m.
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1 6	at #4~ Tennessee*	1 p.m.
6	FLORIDA*	7 p.m.
78	FLORIDA*	6:30 p.m.
8	FLORIDA*	2 p.m.
1	1 MOREHEAD STATE	6:30 p.m.
14	4 SOUTH CAROLINA*	6:30 p.m.
1	5 SOUTH CAROLINA*	2 p.m.
16	5 SOUTH CAROLINA*	1 p.m.
18	3 TENNESSEE TECH	6:ˈ30 p.m.
20	) at Vanderbilt*	7:30 p.m.
2	1 at Vanderbilt*	7:30 p.m.
22	2 at Vanderbilt*	3 p.m.
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# **AT THE BALLPARK**

KENTUCKY AT #4 TENNESSEE APRIL 29 - MAY 1 • 7:30 PM ET / 6:30 / 1 LINDSEY NELSON STADIUM • KNOXVILLE. TENN.



TONY VITELLO

SAME

116-60 (.659) - 4TH YEAR

### **TENNESSEE VOLUNTEERS** 32-10 (12-6 SEC)

2021 Record:	25-13 (9-9 SEC)
COACH:	NICK MINGIONE
<b>OVERALL RECORD:</b>	139-93 (.599) - 5th year
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**KENTUCKY WILDCATS** 

DATE/TIME: LOCATION (FACILITY): ALL-TIME SERIES: LAST MEETING: RADIO: TV/ONLINE:

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Тнџ., Арг. 29 (7:30 рм ет) / Fri., Арг. 30 (6:30 рм) / Sat., May 1 (1	PM)
KNOXVILLE, TENN. (LINDSEY NELSON STADIUM)	,
TENNESSEE LEADS 159-152 (92-69 IN KNOXVILLE)	
TENNESSEE WON SERIES, 3-0, IN LEXINGTON IN 2019	
UK SPORTS NETWORK; UKATHLETICS.COM	
THURSDAY - ESPNU / FRIDAY & SATURDAY - SEC NETWORK PLUS	

**OVERALL RECORD:** 

AT TENNESSEE:

2021 RECORD:

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# **PROBABLE PITCHING ROTATIONS**

<b>THURSDAY</b> UK - Cole Stupp (So., RHP) UT - Chad Dallas (Jr, RHP)	<b>W-L</b> 4-3 6-1	<b>ERA</b> 3.18 3.62	<b>G/GS</b> 9/9 9/9	56.2 54.2	<b>H</b> 64 48	<b>R</b> 24 24	<b>ER</b> 20 22	<b>BB</b> 6 9	<b>50</b> 53 72
FRIDAY UK - TBA	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	н	R	ER	BB	50
UT - WILL HEFLIN (SR., LHP)	2-1	3.83	11/9	44.2	50	22	19	8	41
<b>SATURDAY</b> UK - Zack Lee (So., RHP) UT - Blade Tidwell (Fr., RHP)	<b>W-L</b> 4-3 4-2	<b>ERA</b> 4.07 4.26	<b>G/GS</b> 9/9 10/10	42.0 50.2	<b>H</b> 44 55	<b>R</b> 20 27	<b>ER</b> 19 24	<b>BB</b> 10 16	<b>SO</b> 40 48

# KENTUCKY GETS ANOTHER SHOT AT TOP FIVE OPPONENT

- Kentucky is 25-13 overall and 9-9 in SEC play this season.
- UK defeated Eastern Kentucky, 7-6, on Tuesday, erasing a four-run deficit in the process.
- The Cats are coming off a critical series win over Alabama in which they swept Sunday's DH.
- UK hit 7 HRs vs. Alabama on 4/25, tied for most since 2005: Xavier (2018), Dayton (2016).
- Senior 1B T.J. Collett homered four times over the weekend, including his first three-homer game on Sunday. He has 40 career HR, fourth among active D-I players and now tied for second on UK's all-time list with AJ Reed. He has an 1.106 OPS and leads team with 46 RBI. He ranks sixth nationally in HR and 12th in RBI.

· For his efforts, Collect was named National Player of the Week by both Collegiate Baseball and the NCBWA and SEC co-Player of the Week.

- Senior LHP Mason Hazelwood, UK's Saturday starter, is out for the season due to injury.
- · Junior IF/OF Austin Schultz has proven to be a stick of dynamite for the Cats. He has reached safely in 89 of 96 career games with a plate appearance, has multiple hits in 19 games this season (tied for the most in the SEC), and is 16-for-18 in SB attempts.
- · Collett recently was named a candidate for the Senior CLASS Award for his work on and off the field.
- UK is one of just two SEC teams to average at least 7.0 runs/game three of last four seasons.
- The Cats are 53-for-57 on stolen base attempts and stole their first 33 of the season.
- · Friday starter Cole Stupp averages fewer than one walk allowed per nine innings, which leads the SEC and ranks 13th nationally. He has walked just six in 56.2 IP with 53 strikeouts. He also ranks 13th nationally in strikeout-to-walk ratio (8.83-to-1).

# KENTUCKY 2021 ROSTER



### NUMERICAL ROSTER

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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
	Austin Schultz	IF/OF	R/R	5-9	200	JR	Adams, Neb./Norris HS
	Zeke Lewis	IF	S/R	5-9	160	G-SR	
	T.J. Collett	1B	L/R	6-1	220	G-SR	Terre Haute, Ind./Terre Haute North Vigo HS
	Reuben Church	IF	R/R	6-2	230	FR	Maryville, Tenn./Maryville HS
	Drew Grace	IF	R/R	6-0	185	SO	Pottsville, Pa./Blue Mountain HS
	Kirk Liebert	OF/C	L/R	6-0	190	JR	Owensboro, Ky./Wabash Valley CC
	Alonzo Rubalcaba	С	R/R	6-0	200	JR	Fairfield, Calif./UCSB/Santa Barbara City College
0	Jack Hicks	IF	L/R	6-2	190	FR	Raleigh, N.C./Leesville Road HS
1	Trip Lockhart	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	SR	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic HS
2	Chase Estep	IF	L/R	6-0	200	SO	Corbin, Ky./Corbin HS
3	Brendan Hord	С	R/R	5-10	210	SO	Lexington, Ky./Paul Dunbar HS
6	Cole Stupp	RHP	R/R	6-4	205	SO	Milton, Ga./Milton HS
9	Nolan McCarthy	UTIL	R/R	6-0	195	FR	Kalamazoo, Mich./Portage Northern HS
)	Braxton Cottongame	LHP	L/L	6-3	205	JR	Hazard, Ky./Perry County Central HS
	Wyatt Hudepohl	RHP	R/R	6-4	220	FR	Mason, Ohio/St. Xavier HS
2	Dillon Marsh	LHP	L/L	6-1	220	JR	Elizabethtown, Pa./Lancaster Catholic HS
3	Houston King	OF	L/L	5-11	175	FR	Cabot, Ark./Cabot HS
1	Ryan Hagenow	RHP	R/R	6-5	220	FR	Knoxville, Tenn./Farragut HS
5	Coltyn Kessler	С	L/R	6-2	220	SR	High Ridge, Mo./Rockwood Summit HS
5	Jacob Plastiak	IF	S/R	6-3	215	JR	Chicago, III./Wichita State/Wabash Valley CC
;	Oraj Anu	OF	S/R	6-1	235	SR	Orlando, Fla./Wallace-Dothan CC
	Jaren Shelby	OF	R/R	5-11	205	G-SR	Lexington, Ky./State College of Florida
	Alex Degen	RHP	R/R	6-8	210	JR	Readington Township, N.J./Hunterdon Central HS
3	Trae Harmon	1B/DH	R/R	6-4	245	JR	Somerset, Ky./Somerset HS
1	Sean Harney	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	SR	Natick, Mass./Massachusetts
5	Cole Daniels	LHP	L/L	6-1	230	JR	Ann Arbor, Mich./Saline HS
6	Ron Cole	RHP	R/R	6-2	215	SO	Neptune City, N.J./Neptune HS
7	Cam Hill	OF	L/R	5-10	185	JR	Georgetown, Ky./Scott County HS
8	Jimmy Ramsey	RHP	L/R	6-9	255	SR	Tonka Bay, Minn./Minnetonka HS
9	Hunter Rigsby	RHP	R/R	6-4	235	JR	Mount Vernon, Ky./Rockcastle County HS
0	Zach Kammin	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	G-SR	Woodstock, III./Coe College
1	Evan Byers*	LHP	L/L	5-11	180	FR	Nicholasville, Ky./Lexington Christian Academy
4	Devin Burkes	C	R/R	6-3	205	FR	Ocala, Fla./Villages Charter HS
5	Holt Jones	RHP	R/R	6-8	235	SR	Santa Monica, Calif./Clemson
, )	Seth Logue	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	FR	Mason, Ohio/Archbishop Moeller HS
7	Ryan Ritter	IF	R/R	6-2	190	SO	Tinley Park, III./John A. Logan College
}	Zack Lee	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	SO	Effingham, III./Effingham HS
) }	Austin Strickland	RHP	R/R	6-2	210	FR	Winchester, Ohio/Archbishop Moeller HS
)	Mason Hazelwood	LHP	L/L	6-5	225	SR	Salvisa, Ky./Mercer County HS
1	Chase Bryan	OF	R/R	6-0	215	JR	White Hall, Ark./Seminole State College
i4	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	С
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	ÖF
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
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# COACHING STAFF

Career Record (all at Kentucky): ..... 139-93 (.599); 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 Guilliams, #29 (Eastern Kentucky, 1988) Director of Operations: Brock Doud

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

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**AUSTIN SCHULTZ** 



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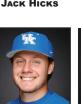
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# 2021 QUICK FRCTS

# **University of Kentucky**

<b>_ocation:</b> Lexington, Ky.
Founded:
Enrollment:
Vickname:
Colors:
Conference:
President:Dr. Eli Capilouto (Alabama, 1971)
Faculty Representative:
(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	s/PR: Matt May
matt.may@uky	.edu; (859) 806-7463 (cell); (859) 257-8504 (office)

# 2020 Review

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

# History

All-Time Record (entering 2021):	1,953-1,856-25 (.513)
All-Time Conference Record:	
All-Time Conference Tournament Record:	
Conference Tournament Titles:	none
Conference Titles:	
NCAA Tournament Appearances:	nine
NCAA Tournament Record:	
Super Regional Appearances:	
College World Series Appearances:	none

# Facility

Stadium:	Kentucky Proud Park
First Year:	
Capacity:	. 5,000 (1,100 in 2021 for COVID-19 protocols)
Dimensions:	
Record	

# 2021 Outlook

Lettermen Returning/Lost	25/10
Redshirts Eligible	2
Starters Returning/Lost8 (6 positional, 2 pitchers) / 6 (5 positional, 7	1 pitcher)
Newcomers	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.)	26, 11 R, 10 2B, 1 HR, 19 RBI, 1.157 OPS
IF/OF Austin Schultz (Jr.)	R, 5 2B, 5 HR, 20 RBI, 5 SB, 1.233 OPS

### Top Returning Pitchers (2020 stats)

LHP Mason Hazelwood (Sr.)
RHP Jimmy Ramsey (Sr.)
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.)

### 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)







# **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. <u>DUE TO NCAA</u> <u>TIME MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS, PLAYER INTERVIEW REQUESTS MUST BE TURNED IN BY</u> <u>SUNDAY AT 5 P.M. FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.</u> 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.





WEEK 11 SCHEDULE FOR KENTUCKY BASEBALL						
MONDAY - 26	TUESDAY - 27	WEDNESDAY - 28	THURSDAY - 29	FRIDAY - 30	SATURDAY - 1	SUNDAY - 2
Off	vs. EKU W, 7-6	Travel/Practice	at Tennessee 7:30 p.m. ESPNU	at Tennessee 6:30 p.m. SECN+	at Tennessee 1 p.m. SECN+	Off

# **RITTER ME THIS**

Kentucky sophomore shortstop Ryan Ritter has made an immediate impact on the program with his elite defensive skills and developing offensive game despite having played just 17 games of junior college ball before arriving in Lexington. The Chicago-area native's all-around skill set and tools that have pro scouts drooling were never more evident than in the Wildcats' victory at No. 5 Louisville on April 6, the program's first win on its rival's home turf since 2014. Ritter went 3-for-4 with three runs, a double, a home run and six RBI while also delivering three dazzling defensive plays that saved at least three runs. It was just the seventh time since the beginning of the 2011 season a Wildcat had 6+ RBI.

- 8 Luke Becker, vs. Miami (Ohio), 3/12/2017
- 7 JaVon Shelby, at Georgia, 3/20/2016
- 6 Ryan Ritter, at Louisville, 4/6/2021
- 6 Breydon Daniel, vs. Western Kentucky, 3/10/2020
- 6 Micheal Thomas, vs. Ball State, 3/8/2014
- 6 AJ Reed, vs. St. Joseph's, 2/21/2014
- 6 AJ Reed, vs. Buffalo, 2/24/2012

# **COLLETT-ING HARDWARE**

T.J. Collett earned two National Player of the Week honors (Collegiate Baseball, NCBWA) and was named the SEC co-Player of the Week for the week of April 19-25. It is the third time Collett has won the SEC's weekly award during his Kentucky career, including once in each of the past three seasons. He also has been named Collegiate Baseball's National Player of the Week three times, including in 2018 and 2020.

Collett made a powerful point – literally – with four home runs in the Wildcats' critically important series win over Alabama that included a sweep of Sunday's doubleheader. The senior first baseman home runs in three consecutive at bats in the second game, making him just the third Wildcat in the past 13 seasons to crack three in one game (Ryan Johnson, vs. Western Kentucky in 2019; Gunner Glad vs. South Carolina in 2009).

For the week, Collett batted .333 with five runs, seven RBI, four home runs and an OPS of 1.486. He drove in a career-high five RBI vs. Alabama on Sunday as the Cats slammed seven home runs in the second game, tying for the most in a game since the 2005 season.

Collett's three homers on Sunday saw him rocket up UK's career home run list into a tie for second place with AJ Reed, the 2014 Golden Spikes Award winner and fellow Terre Haute, Indiana native. Collett now has 40 career blasts and also entered the school's top 10 list for career RBI with 143. He ranks fourth among active Division I-A players in home runs.

# **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 **seventeen** times, the most for any school in the conference.

# THE BIG INNING (16)

(*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
Butler	9	4
Auburn	8	4
Auburn	1	4
Louisville	3	5
LSU	7	4
LSU	7	8
Bellarmine	1	6
Georgia	3	4
Alabama	2	6
Eastern Kentucky	5	4

# QUALITY STARTS (10)

(*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)
3/26	Stupp (4)	7.0 (8, 2-2, 0, 5)
4/2	Stupp (5)	7.0 (6, 3-3, 1, 5)
4/16	Stupp (6)	8.0 (10, 1-1, 1, 8)
4/23	Stupp (7)	6.0 (9, 6-3, 0, 5)
4/25	Harney (1)	6.0 (5, 2-2, 1, 5)
4/25	Lee (1)	7.0 (1, 0-0, 0, 6)

	SAVES (10)		
DATE	PITCHER (#)	OPPONENT	
2/27	Harney (1)	Milwaukee	
3/2	Harney (2)	EKU	
3/3	Harney (3)	Evansville	
3/6	Logue (1)	Ball State	
3/9	Harney (4)	WKU	
3/14	Harney (5)	Georgia State	
3/27	Jones (1)	Auburn	
3/30	Logue (2)	Bellarmine	
4/6	Rigsby (1)	Louisville	
4/25	Rigsby (2)	Alabama	

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# WILDCATS RECORD WHEN...

<b>WIEBCATS</b>		
	<u>2021</u>	MINGIONE
Record		
Home		
Away Neutral		
SEC	0-0 9_9	48-60
Home		
Road		
Non-Conference		
Home		
Road		
Neutral Non-Power Five		
Postseason		
r 0513685011		
Day games	16-7	90-54
Night games	9-6	
One-run games	6-5	24-19
Two-run games		
Five+-run games Extra-inning games	10-6 4 0	
In shutouts		
Scoring first		96-38
Opponent scores first	4-9	
Scoring 10 or more runs	7-0	
Allowing 10 or more runs		
Scoring six runs or more	19-4	
Scoring four runs or less		
Allowing four runs or less		
Hitting home run(s)	1/-8 10.0	
Out-hitting an opponent		
Out-hit by opponent	3.10	15-69
Matching opponents hits		
vs. LHP	8-4	
vs. RHP	17-9	90-67
Leading after seventh inning	21-1	<u>117-9</u>
Trailing after seventh inning.	2-10	
Tied after the seventh inning Decided in the last at bat		0-0
Not committing an error		
Committing two or more error	rs 4-5	
-		
vs. Top 25		34-52
vs. Top 10		14-31
On Monday		
On Tuesday On Wednesday	8-2 1 0	
On Thursday		11=4 2_7
On Friday		32-26
On Saturday		
I On Sunday		
In February	4-0	25-14
I In March	14-4	
In April		35-33
In May		
In June In 1st Base Dugout		
In 3rd Base Dugout		
UNI WATCH		
HOME		
White top/White pants/Blue ca	ар 6-1	
Blue top/White pants/Blue ca		
Blue top/Pinstripe pants/Blue		
Blue top/White pants/Black ca	ap 0-0	
Black top/White pants/Black of Black top/White pants/Blue of	apZ=3	10-8 1_0
Black top/White pants/Blue ca Black top/Pinstripe pants/Camo		
Creams/Blue cap		
Pinstripes/Blue cap		
ROAD		
Gray top/Gray pants/Blue cap	0-1	12-15
Gray top/Gray pants/Black ca	p 1-1	3-4
Blue top/Gray pants/Blue cap		

Black top/Gray pants/Black cap ...... 1-2...... Black top/Gray pants/Blue cap ...... 0-0......

<u>TEAM</u>	HONO
KENTUCKY	17
Ole Miss	16
Vanderbilt	15
Arkansas	13
Miss. State	12
Georgia	11

# **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" 115 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 106-20 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 (2017-20)
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).

# **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 89 of 96 games in his career in which he's had a plate appearance, also had a 22-game streak, and a 14-game hit streak earlier in 2021.





Player	Doubles 2021 (career)	Triples 2021 (career)	Home Runs 2021 (career)	Totals 2021 (career)
Oraj Anu	5 (7)	1 (2)	7 (10)	13 (19)
Reuben Church	7 (7)	2 (2)	2 (2)	11 (11)
T.J. COLLETT	6 (23)	1 (2)	14 (40)	21 (65)
CHASE ESTEP	7 (8)	1 (1)	0 (1)	8 (10)
Trae Harmon	4 (6)	0 (0)	2 (6)	6 (12)
Cam Hill	1 (11)	1 (1)	2 (3)	4 (15)
COLTYN KESSLER	8 (23)	0 (1)	5 (10)	13 (34)
Zeke Lewis	0 (6)	0 (0)	0 (2)	0 (8)
Jacob Plastiak	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)	2 (2)
JOHN RHODES	11 (21)	0 (1)	8 (9)	19 (31)
RYAN RITTER	5 (5)	1 (1)	3 (3)	9 (9)
Alonzo Rubalcaba	2 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)	2 (2)
Jaren Shelby	0 (12)	0 (0)	0 (7)	0 (19)
Austin Schultz	10 (22)	2 (3)	4 (Ì1́)	16 (36)
TOTALS	67 (172)	9 (15)	48 (116)	124 (304)

# 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 *Colle-giate 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 walkoff 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."

# **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 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.



# 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.



# T.J. COLLETT

### <u>2021</u>

- NCBWA National Player of the Week (4/26/21)
  Collegiate Baseball co-National Player of the Week (4/26/21)
- SEC co-Player of the Week (4/26/21)
- Senior CLASS Award nominee
- First-Team Preseason All-America, DH (Perfect Game, 2021)
- First-Team Preseason All-SEC, DH (Perfect Game, 2021)
- First-Team Coaches Preseason All-SEC, 1B (2021)

# <u>2020</u>

- 2020 UK Athletics "Mr. Wildcat"
- SEC Co-Player of the Week (3/9/20)
- Perfect Game National Player of the Week (3/9/20)
  Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Week (3/9/20)

• SEC Brad Davis Community Service Leader Award (2020)

- 2020 UK Athletics Frank G. Ham Society of Character Inductee
- No. 26 First Baseman (D1Baseball)
- Perfect Game Preseason All-SEC, 1B (2020)
- Perfect Game No. 7 senior in nation (2020)

# <u>2019</u>

- All-Cape Cod League Team (2019)
- Cape Cod League All-Star (2019)
- Cape Cod League Home Run Derby (2019)
- Rocket Mortgage by Quicken Loans College Home Run Derby (2019)
- No. 9 corner infield prospect, Cape Cod League (D1Baseball, 2019)
- SEC Player of the Week (4/15/19)
- Coaches Preseason First-Team Áll-SEC (2019)
- 2019 Draft SEC Prospect, No. 33 (D1 Baseball)

# <u>2018</u>

• Collegiate Baseball National Player of the Week (2/26/18)

• Perfect Game Collegiate Summer League All-Star (2017)

• Perfect Game Collegiate Summer League Player of Week (2017)

No. 1 Perfect Game Collegiate Summer League Prospect (Baseball America)

#### **OTHER**

- SEC Academic Honor Roll (2018, 2019, 2020)
- SEC First-Year Academic Honor Roll (2017)

• Drafted in the 40th round of the 2016 MLB Draft (Minnesota Twins)



WILDCATS

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- 1. Aaron McGlone (1997-2000) 177
- 2. AJ Reed (2012-14) 168
- 3. Mike Botkin (1979-82) 162
- 4. Mitch Knox (1986-87) 157
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- 12. Sawyer Carroll (2007-08) 139

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- 1. Andy Green (1997-2000) 277
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- 3. Mike Botkin (1979-82) 241
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- 20. John Shelby (2004-06) 177
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- 38. Max Kuhn (2012-14) 133
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# **2021 SPLITS**

	G	AVG.	R	Н	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	Κ	SB
OVERALL	38	.289	280	364	67	9	48	218	141	318	53
SEC	18	.266	102	160	24	2	24	92	62	165	23
NON-SEC	20	.310	138	204	43	7	24	126	79	153	30
HOME	28	.302	183	273	51	9	38	167	106	207	41
AWAY	10	.255	57	91	16	0	10	51	35	111	12
NEUTRAL											
DAY	23	.302	151	223	40	8	34	136	88	185	30
NIGHT	15	.270	89	141	27	1	14	82	53	133	23
WINS	25	.322	191	267	55	9	34	174	99	185	47
LOSSES	13	.225	49	97	12	0	14	44	42	133	6
FEBRUARY	4	.314	28	37	11	1	5	24	12	22	8
MARCH	18	.297	114	180	33	7	20	105	76	146	25
APRIL	16	.274	98	147	23	1	23	89	53	150	20
MAY											

# **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.

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. 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 has provided quality innings tand can 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.



MULTI-RBI GAMES						
MULT PLAYER T.J. COLLETT JOHN RHODES ORAJ ANU COLTYN KESSLER AUSTIN SCHULTZ TRAE HARMON CHASE ESTEP REUBEN CHURCH RYAN RITTER CAM HILL JACOB PLASTIAK JAREN SHELBY ZEKE LEWIS DREW GRACE	<b>RBIG</b> 2021 14 7 5 4 3 3 3 3 2 1 0 0 0	AMES <u>Career</u> 41 13 9 13 11 7 4 3 5 1 11 3 1				

# **CURRENT HIT/REACH BASE STREAKS**

(listed alphabetically; *career)						
PLAYER	LONGEST*	CURRENT	REACH SAFE			
ANU	5	4	15			
COLLETT	13	4	11			
CHURCH	10	2	2			
ESTEP	6	3	3			
GRACE	1	-	2			
HARMON	3	-	3			
HILL	5	-	6			
Hord	1	1	1			
KESSLER	11	3	3			
Lewis	7	-	-			
LIEBERT	1	1	1			
PLASTIAK	4	-	-			
RHODES	10	-	3			
RITTER	5	3	3			
RUBALCABA	4	-	1			
SCHULTZ	14	3	3			
SHELBY	5	-	-			





# WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME...

	1EN WAS I HE 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. Georgia State (March 12-14, 2021)
SWEPT A ROAD SERIES (THREE OF MORE GAMES):	at Auburn (March 26-27, 2021)
DEFEATED A TOP 5 / TOP 10 OPPONENT:	AT No. 5 Louisville, 11-7, April 6, 2021
RECORDED A TRIPLE PLAY: PLAYED AN EXTRA-INNING GAME:	vs. Louisville (April 18, 2017; 7-2-6) 10 innings, at Auburn; W, 8-6 (March 26, 2021)
Scored 20 or more runs in a game:	21, vs. Appalachian State (Feb. 22, 2020)
HIT SIX HOME RUNS IN A GAME (SEE BELOW FOR 7 HR)	at Western Kentucky (April 23, 2019; Bowling Green Ballpark)
HIT SIX HOME RUNS IN A GAME (SEE BELOW FOR 7 HR)	vs. Alabama (April 25, 2020)
HIT SEVEN HOME RUNS IN A GAME. HIT FOUR HOME RUNS IN AN INNING:	8th, vs. Dayton (Feb. 21, 2020)
Drew 10 or more walks in a game:	10, vs. Dation (1eb. 21, 2010) 10, vs. Canisius (March 2, 2019)
GOT HIT BY 10 OR MORE PITCHES IN A GAME:	10, vs. CANISIOS (WARCH 2, 2019) 10, vs. MONMOUTH (MARCH 6, 2010) * TIED NCAA RECORD
HIT BY THREE OR MORE PITCHES IN A GAME.	Matt Golda (3, vs. Appalachian State, Feb. 22, 2020)
STOLE EIGHT BASES IN A GAME:	at Auburn (April 25, 2010)
STOLE 30 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE BASES AT TEAM:	33, 2021 (OPENED THE SEASON 33-FOR-33)
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 AND JOHN RHODES (VS. ALABAMA, APRIL 25, 2021)
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:	T.J. COLLETT (VS. ALABAMA, APRIL 23, 2021)
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. Butler, 6-5, NINE INNINGS, COLTYN KESSLER TWO-RUN DOUBLE (MARCH 23, 2021)
HAD A WALK-OFF HIT OR WALK (NON-HR):	COLTYN KESSLER TWO-RUN DOUBLE, VS. BUTLER, 6-5, NINE INNINGS (MARCH 23, 2021)
HAD A WALK-OFF GRAND SLAM:	Riley Mahan (vs. Alabama, April 9, 2016)
HIT AN INSIDE THE PARK HOMER:	Riley Mahan (at LSU, vs. April 4, 2015)
HOMERED IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	Coltyn Kessler (vs. Alabama, April 25; vs. Eastern Kentucky, April 27, 2021)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	Coltyn Kessler (vs. Alabama, Apr. 25 (DH); vs. Eastern Kentucky, Apr. 27, 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:	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. Alabama, April 25, 2021)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE AT BATS:	T.J. Collett (vs. Alabama, April 25, 2021)
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. ALABAMA, APRIL 25, 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:	T.J. COLLETT, 3 HITS, 4 WALKS, 1 HBP (AT MISS. STATE AND LOUISVILLE, APRIL 3 AND 6, 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: HAD FIVE RBLIN A GAME:	JT Riddle, 6 (vs. Niagara, Feb. 17, 2013) T.J. Collett (vs. Alabama, April 25, 2021)
HAD FIVE RBI IN A GAME: HAD SIX RBI IN A GAME:	I.J. COLLETT (VS. ALABAMA, APRIL 23, 2021) Ryan Ritter (at Louisville, April 6, 2021)
HAD SIX RDI IN A GAME: 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 20, 2016)
HIT HOME RUNS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE PLATE:	Oraj Anu (vs. Cincinnati, March 3, 2020)
STOLE THREE OR MORE BASES IN A GAME:	Austin Schultz (3, vs. Ball State, Mar. 6, 2021)
STOLE THREE OR MORE BASES IN A GAME.	Jaren Shelby (5, vs. Eastern Kentucky, Feb. 26, 2019)
WALKED FOUR OR MORE TIMES IN A GAME:	Ryan Johnson (vs. Indiana, May 7, 2019)
STRUCK OUT 10 OR MORE IN A GAME:	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 COMPLETE GAME.	Zack Thompson (x1 Florida, March 29, 2019) 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)
	IUM DANNUN (VS. GEURGIA STATE, IVIARCH TO, 19/1, VV, 3-1 IN / INNINGS; SEASON OPENER)

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# 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 playing his first three seasons at Clemson. His 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.

# **TAKE 'EM TO CHURCH**

Freshman infielder Reuben Church has made an immediate impact as the starting third baseman, flashing his hit tool and raw power, plus a strong arm at hot corner. Church recorded a hit in each of his first 10 games, the fourth-longest such streak for a freshman in UK history. He came up huge in the Cats' first SEC road game, driving in five runs, the most for a freshman since A.J. Reed had six vs. Buffalo on Feb. 24, 2012. He blasted a critical three-run home run late in that win at Auburn.

# THE OLYMPIC TIES THAT BIND

UK's Oraj Anu and Wyatt Hudepohl hit the genetic gold mine, as both players have immediate family members who reached the Summer Olympics. Anu's mother, Oralee Fowler, was member of the 1980 and 1984 Bahamas track team as a sprinter, whole Hudepohl's uncle, Joe, won three Olympic swimming medals during 1992 and '96 Olympics.

# **CLUB 100**

Two current Wildcats - T.J. Collett and Austin Schultz - each have become members of the program's career 100-Hit Club and another, Coltyn Kessler is on the verge of joining them.

Collett hit the mark with a ringing double against Norfolk State on March 7, 2020, while Schultz became the 54th member of the 100-hit club with a two-hit day against LSU on April 11, 2021. He reached the century mark in just 89 career games. He is batting over .300 for his career.

# **UK CAREER 100-HIT CLUB**

- 1. Andy Green (1997-2000) 277
- 2. Aaron McGlone (1997-2000) 274
- 3. Mike Botkin (1979-82) 241
- 4. Evan White (2015-17) 233 Spencer Graeter (2001-04) - 233
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- 30. Thomas McCarthy (2011-12) 153 Braden Kapetyn (2009-11) - 153
- 32. JaVon Shelby (2014-16) 150
- **33. T.J. COLLETT (2017-) 148** Luke Becker (2016-18) - 148 Ka'ai Tom (2014-15) - 148
- 36. Sean Coughlin (2006-07) 142
- 37. Zach Reks (2016-17) 137
- 38. Max Kuhn (2012-14) 133
- 39. Thomas Bernal (2012-15) 130 Brian Spear (2007-08) - 130

- 41. Mike Breyman (2003-04) 127
- 42. Chad Stewart (2003-04) 125
- 43. Chris Wade (2008-09) 123
- 44. Taylor Black (2010-11) 121 Marcus Nidiffer (2007-10) - 121
- 46. Michael Williams (2009-12) 119
- 47. Troy Squires (2015-18) 118
- 48. Gunner Glad (2009-10) 115
- 49. AUSTIN SCHULTZ (2019-) 114
- 50. Marcus Carson (2014-17) 112
- 51. Shaun Lehmann (2005-06) 111
- 52. Storm Wilson (2014-17) 109
- 53. Micheal Thomas (2011-14) 107
- 54. Connor Heady (2014-17) 106

# **COLTYN KESSLER (2018-) - 97**



# RANKINGS

OPPONENTS IN THE POLLS								
TEAM	BA	D1	USA	PG	BWA			
ALABAMA	-	-	-	-	RV			
BALL STATE	-	-	RV	-	-			
Florida	16	14	12	13	8			
GEORGIA	22	-	23	-	21			
LOUISVILLE	5	7	7	4	11			
LSU	-	-	RV	-	RV			
MISSISSIPPI ST.	4	6	5	5	5			
S. CAROLINA	12	13	15	10	14			
TENNESSEE	7	4	4	7	4			
VANDERBILT	2	2	2	3	2			

	KENTUCKY WEEK-BY-WEEK							
IN THE NATIONAL POLLS								
TEAM	BA	D1	USA	PG	BWA			
PRESEASON	-	-	-	-	-			
Week 1	-	-	-	-	-			
WEEK 2	-	-	-	-	-			
Week 3	-	-	-	-	-			
Week 4	-	-	-	-	RV			
Week 5	-	-	RV	-	RV			
WEEK 6	-	-	RV	-	RV			
Week 7	-	-	RV	-	RV			
WEEK 8	-	-	RV	-	RV			
Week 9	-	-	-	-	RV			
Week 10	-	-	-	-	RV			
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	RANK	RECORD					
MISSISSIPPI STATE	5*	0-3					
Louisville	5*	1-0					
Georgia	20~	1-2					
Louisville	3!	0-1					
TENNESSEE	4%						

TOTAL		2-6	
	vs. Top 10	1-4	

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

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# HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

# **2021 HOME RUN TRACKER**

BY LOCA	ATION	NO	PLAYER (#)	OPPONENT	ON	INN.	OUT	COUNT	RHP/LHP
AT HOME	38	1	Collett (1)	Miami (Ohio)	1	1	1	2-2	RHP
ON ROAD	10	2	Anu (1)	Miami (Ohio)	0	1	1	3-1	RHP
NEUTRAL	0	3	Hill (1)	Miami (Ohio)	0	1	2	0-0	RHP
NEUTRAL	0	4	Rhodes (1)	Milwaukee	2	2	2	3-1	RHP
		5	Church (1)	Milwaukee	0	6	0	1-1	RHP
BY PITC		6	Rhodes (2)	Eastern Kentucky	1	5	0	0-1	RHP
VS. RIGHT	42	7	Anu (2)	Ball State	1	1	2	1-2	RHP
VS. LEFT	6	8	Ritter (1)	Ball State	0	2	1	1-1	RHP
		9	Collett (2)	Georgia State	1	1	2	2-2	RHP
BY CON	FERENCE	10	Rhodes (2)	Georgia State	2	2	1	1-0	RHP
vs. SEC	24	11	Collett (3)	Georgia State	1	5	1	1-1	LHP
VS. NON-SEC	24	12	Harmon (1)	Georgia State	0	7	1	2-2	LHP
	21	13	Collett (4)	Georgia State	1	1	2	1-2	RHP
BY OUTS	2	14	Anu (3)	Murray State	2	3	0	0-0	RHP
		15	Collett (5)	Murray State	0	5	2	2-1	RHP
WITH NO OUT	13	16	Harmon (2)	Murray State	0	5	2	0-2	RHP
WITH ONE OUT	17	17	Rhodes (3)	Murray State	1	7	0	2-1	RHP
WITH TWO OUT	18	18	Collett (6)	Murray State	0	7	0	2-0	RHP
		19	Collett (7)	Missouri	0	2	0	2-2	RHP
BY RUN	NERS ON	20	Rhodes (5)	Auburn	0	8	1	1-0	RHP
SOLO	26	21	Church (2)	Auburn	2	8	2	0-1	RHP
TWO-RUN	14	22	Collett (8)	Auburn	2	1	1	3-2	RHP
THREE-RUN	8	23	Kessler (1)	Auburn	0	1	2	1-0	RHP
	0	24	Anu (4)	Auburn	0	7	2	0-1	RHP
GRAND SLAM	0	25	Rhodes (6)	Bellarmine	1	1	1	1-2	RHP
		26	Collett (9)	Mississippi State	1	4	1	1-1	RHP
BY COU		27	Ritter (2)	Louisville	2	2	1	2-2	LHP
AHEAD IN COUN		28	Ritter (3)	LSU	0	7	2	0-1	RHP
EVEN IN COUNT	23	29	Hill (2)	LSU	0	3	1	2-2	RHP
BEHIND IN COUN	NT 14	30	Kessler (2)	LSU	1	1	2	2-1	RHP
FULL COUNT	1	31	Schultz (1)	LSU	1	3	0	1-1	RHP
FIRST PITCH	7	32	Anu (5)	LSU	1	7	1	0-0	RHP
TWO STRIKE	16	33	Plastiak (1)	Bellarmine	2	1	2	0-2	RHP
TWO STRIKE	10	34	Schultz (2)	Bellarmine	0	2	0	0-1	RHP
	OF DAY	35	Anu (6)	Georgia	0	2	1	0-1	RHP
		36	Collett (10)	Georgia	0	4	0	1-2	RHP
	RE/AFTER 6 P.M. EST)	37	Schultz (3)	Georgia	1	9	2	2-2	LHP
DAY GAMES	34	38	Schultz (4)	Louisville	0	6	1	0-1	LHP
NIGHT GAMES	14	39	Collett (11)	Alabama	0	3	0	1-0	RHP
		40	Kessler (3)	Alabama	0	5	1	1-1	RHP
		41	Kessler (4)	Alabama	0	2	0	2-2	RHP
HR BY POS	SITION	42	Rhodes (7)	Alabama	0	2	1	0-0	RHP
		43	Collett (12)	Alabama	2	2	2	2-2	RHP
C - 5	LF - 4	44	Collett (13)	Alabama	0	5	0	0-0	RHP
1B - 14	CF - 5	45	Anu (7)	Alabama	0	5	0	0-1	RHP
2B - 0	RF - 9	46	Rhodes (8)	Alabama	0	5	2	1-1	RHP
SS - 3	DH - 5	47	Collett (14)	Alabama	0	6	2	0-0	LHP
3B - 3	PH - 0	48	Kessler (5)	Eastern Kentucky	1	5	2	0-0	RHP

#### HR BY INNING

1ѕт - 11	6тн - 3
2nd - 10	7тн - 6
3rd - 4	8тн - 2
4тн - 2	9тн - 1
5тн - 9	10+ - 0

# 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 Reuben Church T.J. Collett Chase Estep Drew Grace Trae Harmon Cam Hill Coltyn Kessler Zeke Lewis Kirk Liebert Jake Plastiak John Rhodes Ryan Ritter Alonzo Rubalcaba Austin Schultz Jaren Shelby	3 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/13/21) 2 (at Auburn; 3/26/21) 4 (vs. vs. Xavier; 3/20/18) 3 (vs. LSU; 4/9/21) 2 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20) 2 (at Louisville; 4/6/21) 2 (vs. Alabama; 4/25/21) 3 (vs. Alabama; 4/25/21) 3 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20) 1 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 2 (at Georgia; 4/18/21) 3 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/10/20) 4 (vs. Murray St.; 3/16/21) 2 (vs. Louisville; 4/20/21) 3 (vs. Alabama; 4/25/21) 3 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20)	3 (AT GEORGIA; 4/18/21) 5 (AT AUBURN; 3/26/21) 5 (vs. ALABAMA; 4/25/21) 3 (vs. GEORGIA ST.; 3/12/21) 3 (vs. OAKLAND; 3/8/20) 3 (vs. APP. STATE; 2/22/20) 3 (vs. LSU; 4/10/21) 3 (vs. EASTERN KY.; 4/27/21) 4 (vs. CANISIUS; 3/2/19) 1 (vs. WESTERN KY., 3/9/21) 3 (vs. BELLARMINE; 4/13/21) 4 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21) 6 (AT LOUISVILLE; 4/6/21) 1 (vs. GEORGIA ST.; 3/13/21) 4 (vs. SEMO; 2/18/20) 3 (AT LIPSCOMB; 4/10/19)	2 (AT LOUISVILLE; 4/6/21) 3 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21) 3 (vs. Alabama; 4/23/21) 3 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/10/20) 1 (vs. Eastern Ky.; 4/27/21) 4 (vs. App. State; 2/22/20) 2 (vs. Alabama; 4/25/21) 2 (vs. LSU; 4/11/21) 2 (vs. MILWAUKEE; 2/27/21) 2 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 1 (vs. Alabama; 4/25/21) 3 (vs. MURRAY STATE; 3/4/20) 3 (AT LOUISVILLE; 4/6/21) 2 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/12/21) 3 (vs. Oakland; 3/8/20)
PITCHERS 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	INNINGS (most recent) 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. Butler; 3/23/21) 6.0 (vs. Alabama; 4/25/21) 6.0 (vs. MIAMI [OHIO]; 3/27/18) 7.0 (vs. Norfolk St.; 3/7/20) 3.0 (vs. LSU; 4/9/21) 2.1 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 3.0 (vs. Bellarmine; 4/13/21) 7.0 (vs. Alabama; 4/25/21) 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. Evansville; 2/18/18) 8.0 (at Georgia; 4/16/21)	<b>STRIKEOUTS</b> (most recent) 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 (at Louisville; 4/6/21) 6 (vs. Western Ky.; 3/9/21) 9 (at Georgia; 4/17/21) 8 (vs. Evansville; 2/18/18) 12 (vs. Georgia St.; 3/13/21) 5 (vs. Bellarmine; 3/30/21) 2 (vs. Bellarmine; 3/30/21) 2 (vs. Bellarmine; 3/30/21) 3 (vs. Ball State; 3/6/21) 5 (vs. Ball State; 3/6/21) 5 (vs. Ball State; 3/6/21) 8 (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)	PITCHES (most recent) 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) 84 (at Georgia; 4/17/21) 78 (vs. Evansville; 2/18/18) 104 (vs. Tennessee; 4/19/19) 33 (vs. Bellarmine; 3/30/21) 35 (vs. Miami [Ohio]; 2/23/21) 55 (vs. Bellarmine; 4/13/21) 89 (vs. Milwaukee; 2/27/21) 63 (vs. Arkansas; 5/3/19) 43 (vs. Cincinnati; 3/3/20) 112 (vs. Tennessee; 4/18/19) 54 (vs. APP. State; 2/23/20) 68 (vs. Evansville; 2/18/18) 110 (at Georgia; 4/16/21)

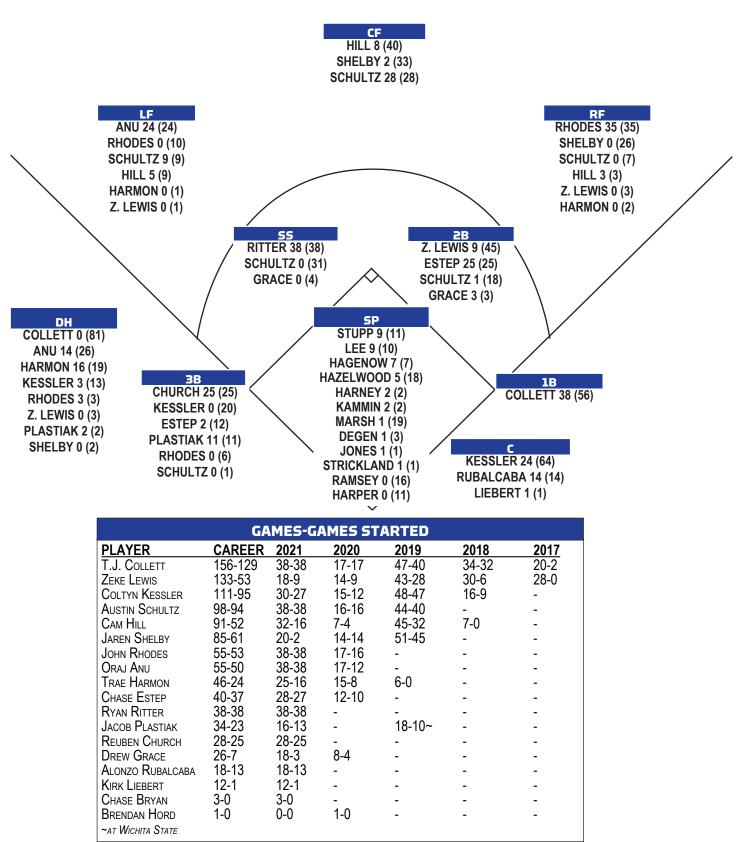








# STARTS BY POSITION AT UK 2021 (CAREER)





# 2021 HONORS

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

- NATIONAL CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK (COLLEGIATE BASEBALL, 4/26/21)
- NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK (NCBWA, 4/27/21)
- SEC CO-PLAYER OF THE WEEK: APRIL 26, 2021
- SENIOR CLASS AWARD CANDIDATE (2021)
- 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 NDUCTEE

# RYAN HAGENOW (FR., RHP)

- MIDSEASON FRESHMAN ALL-AMERICA (PERFECT GAME)
- 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)

#### 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 made the the Miami Marlins 2021 Opening Day roster and Zach Reks is on the defending World Series champion Los Angeles Dodgers 40-man roster.







### **"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 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
3/23/21	Butler	6-5	Two-Run Double
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

The Cats have walked it off eight times since Nick Mingione took over as head coach before the 2017 season.

# **CATS IN THE PROS**

### 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 Zach Pop - Miami Marlins JT Riddle - Minnesota Twins Taylor Rogers - Minnesota Twins Ka'ai Tom - Pittsburgh Pirates 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) <sup>^</sup>ZACH REKS (DODGERS) CHRIS RUSIN (ROCKIES) LOGAN SALOW (DODGERS) CHANDLER SHEPHERD (TWINS) ZACK THOMPSON (CARDINALS)





# **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	<b>R</b> ITTER	CHURCH	Lewis
MILWAUKEE (DH-1)	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	ANU	RUBALCABA	HILL	<b>R</b> ITTER	CHURCH	Lewis
MILWAUKEE (DH-2)	SCHULTZ	RHODES	COLLETT	Anu	CHURCH	Hill	<b>R</b> ITTER	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	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	CHURCH	HARMON	SHELBY	Rubalcaba	<b>R</b> ITTER
GEORGIA STATE	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	CHURCH	HARMON	ESTEP	Rubalcaba	RITTER
GEORGIA STATE	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Estep	Lewis	Rubalcaba	RITTER
GEORGIA STATE	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	ESTEP	GRACE	Rubalcaba	<b>R</b> ITTER
MURRAY STATE	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	ESTEP	CHURCH	Kessler	<b>R</b> ITTER
MISSOURI	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Estep	CHURCH	Kessler	RITTER
MISSOURI	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Estep	CHURCH	Kessler	<b>R</b> ITTER
MISSOURI	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Kessler	CHURCH	ESTEP	RITTER
BUTLER	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Kessler	CHURCH	ESTEP	RITTER
AUBURN	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Kessler	CHURCH	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER
AUBURN (DH-1)	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Kessler	CHURCH	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER
AUBURN (DH-2)	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Kessler	CHURCH	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER
BELLARMINE	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Kessler	CHURCH	ESTEP	RITTER
MISSISSIPPI ST.	SCHULTZ	ΑΝυ	RHODES	COLLETT	HARMON	Kessler	CHURCH	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER
MISSISSIPPI ST.	SCHULTZ	Kessler	RHODES	COLLETT	CHURCH	ΑΝυ	ESTEP	RITTER	Hill
MISSISSIPPI ST.	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	ΑΝυ	CHURCH	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER	Hill
LOUISVILLE	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	HARMON	ΑΝυ	PLASTIAK	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER
LSU	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	ΑΝυ	HARMON	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH
LSU	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	ΑΝυ	Estep	<b>R</b> ITTER	Plastiak	HILL
LSU	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	ΑΝυ	Estep	<b>R</b> ITTER	Plastiak	HILL
BELLARMINE	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	ΑΝυ	Estep	<b>R</b> ITTER	Plastiak	HILL
GEORGIA	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	ΑΝυ	RITTER	PLASTIAK	CHURCH	ESTEP
GEORGIA	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	ΑΝυ	Plastiak	<b>R</b> ITTER	ESTEP	CHURCH
GEORGIA	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	RHODES	Kessler	ΑΝυ	Plastiak	<b>R</b> ITTER	ESTEP	Rubalcaba
LOUISVILLE	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	ΑΝυ	Kessler	PLASTIAK	RHODES	<b>R</b> ITTER	Rubalcaba	GRACE
ALABAMA	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	ΑΝυ	Kessler	RHODES	PLASTIAK	<b>R</b> ITTER	Rubalcaba	Estep
ALABAMA (DH-1)	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	ΑΝυ	Kessler	PLASTIAK	RHODES	<b>R</b> ITTER	HILL	Estep
ALABAMA (DH-2)	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	ΑΝυ	Kessler	PLASTIAK	RHODES	<b>R</b> ITTER	HILL	Estep
EASTERN KENTÜCKY	SCHULTZ	COLLETT	ΑΝυ	Kessler	PLASTIAK	RHODES	RITTER	HILL	ESTEP



# **KENTUCKY STARTING LINEUP**

GAME	C	1B	<b>2B</b>	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
MIAMI (OHIO)	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	GRACE	RITTER	Plastiak	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	ΑΝυ
MILWAUKEE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	CHURCH	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	ΑΝυ
MILWAUKEE (DH-1)	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	CHURCH	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	ΑΝυ
MILWAUKEE (DH-2)	LIEBERT	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	CHURCH	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	ΑΝυ
EASTERN KENTUCKY	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	CHURCH	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	ΑΝυ
EVANSVILLE	Kessler	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	CHURCH	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	ΑΝυ
BALL STATE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	CHURCH	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	ΑΝυ
BALL STATE	Kessler	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	CHURCH	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES	ΑΝυ
BALL STATE	RUBALCABA	COLLETT	Lewis	RITTER	CHURCH	SCHULTZ	SHELBY	RHODES	ΑΝυ
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	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MURRAY STATE	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MISSOURI	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MISSOURI	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MISSOURI	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
BUTLER	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
AUBURN	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER	CHURCH	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
AUBURN (DH-1)	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
AUBURN (DH-2)	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH	Anu	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
BELLARMINE	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER	CHURCH	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MISSISSIPPI ST.	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER	CHURCH	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
MISSISSIPPI ST.	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	CHURCH	HILL	SCHULTZ	RHODES	ΑΝυ
MISSISSIPPI ST.	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER	CHURCH	HILL	SCHULTZ	RHODES	ΑΝυ
LOUISVILLE	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER	Plastiak	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
LSU	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	<b>R</b> ITTER	CHURCH	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	HARMON
LSU	Kessler	COLLETT	Estep	RITTER	Plastiak	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES
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BELLARMINE	Kessler	COLLETT	Estep	RITTER	Plastiak	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	HILL	RHODES
GEORGIA	Kessler	COLLETT	Estep	RITTER	CHURCH	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	Plastiak
GEORGIA	Kessler	COLLETT	Estep	RITTER	CHURCH	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	Plastiak
GEORGIA	Rubalcaba	COLLETT	Estep	RITTER	Plastiak	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	Kessler
LOUISVILLE	Rubalcaba	COLLETT	GRACE	RITTER	Plastiak	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	Kessler
ALABAMA	Rubalcaba	COLLETT	Estep	RITTER	Plastiak	ΑΝυ	SCHULTZ	RHODES	Kessler
ALABAMA (DH-1)	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	PLASTIAK	Hill	SCHULTZ	RHODES	ΑΝυ
ALABAMA (DH-2)	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	PLASTIAK	Hill	SCHULTZ	RHODES	ΑΝυ
EASTERN KENTUCKY	Kessler	COLLETT	ESTEP	RITTER	PLASTIAK	HILL	SCHULTZ	RHODES	ΑΝυ

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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**

MINGIONE VS. ALL OPPONE	ENTS
OPPONENT RE	ECORD
OPPONENT RI Alabama	3-3
Appalachian State	3-0
Arkansas	
Auburn Austin Peay	
Ball State	
Bellarmine	
Boston College	
Butler	
Canisius	
Cincinnati	
Delaware Eastern Kentucky	
Evansville	
Florida	
Georgia	5-7
Georgia State	
Houston	
Indiana	
Liberty	
Louisiana	
Louisville	
LSU	
Miami (Ohio)	
Michigan	1-0
Middle Tennessee	3-0
Milwaukee Mississippi State	3-0
Mississippi State	
Morehead State	
Murray State	3-1
Norfolk State	
North Carolina	0-3
North Carolina State Northern Kentucky	
Oakland	
Ohio	
Old Dominion	
Ole Miss	4-2
Sam Houston State	
South Carolina	
Southeast Missouri Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	1-0 1.0
St. Joseph's	1-0 1-0
TCU	
Tennessee	
Tennessee-Martin	
Tennessee Tech	
Texas A&M Texas Tech	
UC-Santa Barbara	
UNC Wilmington	
USC Upstate	
Vanderbilt	2-7
Western Carolina	
Western Kentucky	
Wofford Wright State	
Xavier	
TOTALS:	139-93
(*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)

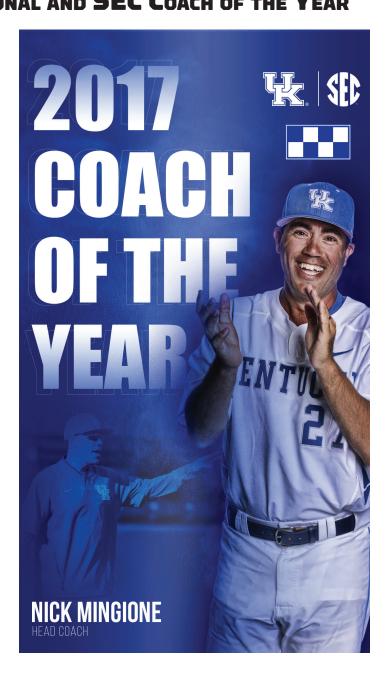
**5** - College World Series (1999, 2003-05, 2013)

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

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

L - Senior CLASS Award winner (2018)

L - 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.

# 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 WILDCATS ON THE MAP

KENTUCKY

# 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)

COLE STUPP (IVIILTON)

# 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)

### <u>OHIO (3)</u>

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 Apr 27, 2021) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)



#### Record: 25-13 Home: 20-8 Away: 5-5 Conference: 9-9

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	Зb	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	ро	а	е	fld%
25 Coltyn Kessler	.394	32-27	99	13	39	8	0	5	17	62	.626	16	2	25	2	.483	1	2	0-0	206	14	4	.982
2 Austin Schultz	.344	38-38	157	36	54	10	2	4	19	80	.510	17	3	34	2	.418	0	0	16-18	60	1	2	.968
5 T.J. Collett	.319	38-38	138	31	44	6	1	14	46	94	.681	18	9	28	3	.425	2	0	1-1	285	14	3	.990
33 Trae Harmon	.303	25-16	66	8	20	4	0	2	11	30	.455	11	1	22	0	.400	2	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000
47 Ryan Ritter	.299	38-38	127	17	38	5	1	3	18	54	.425	9	1	30	4	.345	2	6	5-5	58	98	7	.957
28 Oraj Anu	.288	38-38	146	27	42	5	1	7	29	70	.479	10	4	35	2	.348	1	0	3-3	29	1	0	1.000
6 Reuben Church	.266	28-25	94	14	25	7	2	2	16	42	.447	5	3	32	1	.317	2	0	0-0	10	40	2	.962
12 Chase Estep	.262	28-27	103	12	27	7	1	0	14	36	.350	7	0	24	1	.304	2	0	3-3	32	68	3	.971
1 John Rhodes	.237	38-38	135	37	32	11	0	8	26	67	.496	21	12	28	2	.385	1	0	7-7	61	6	0	1.000
8 Kirk Liebert	.333	12-1	6	5	2	0	0	0	1	2	.333	0	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	25	4	0	1.000
9 Alonzo Rubalcaba	.293	18-13	41	8	12	2	0	0	2	14	.341	6	2	11	1	.400	1	0	1-1	136	3	1	.993
37 Cam Hill	.245	32-16	53	16	13	1	1	2	7	22	.415	9	6	18	0	.412	0	1	9-9	40	2	0	1.000
26 Jacob Plastiak	.234	16-13	47	3	11	1	0	1	6	15	.319	4	1	15	1	.302	1	0	1-1	4	5	3	.750
4 Zeke Lewis	.125	18-9	24	7	3	0	0	0	2	3	.125	3	0	6	2	.214	1	4	5-6	12	12	0	1.000
7 Drew Grace	.091	18-3	11	3	1	0	0	0	3	1	.091	4	0	4	1	.313	1	1	0-0	10	13	0	1.000
30 Jaren Shelby	.077	20-2	13	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	.077	1	0	4	0	.143	0	0	0-1	12	0	1	.923
51 Chase Bryan	.000	3-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.289	38	1260	240	364	67	9	48	218	593	.471	141	44	318	22	.376	17	14	53-57	990	314	31	.977
Opponents	.247	38	1254	183	310	64	10	30	173	484	.386	119	56	367	17	.335	18	9	20-26	946	312	40	.969

LOB - Team (290), Opp (284). DPs turned - Team (21), Opp (23). CI - Team (1), C. Kessler 1. IBB - Team (6), T. Collett 3, A. Schultz 1, R. Church 1, J. Plastiak 1, Opp (4). Picked off - R. Church 1, D. Grace 1, R. Ritter 1.

# (All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app g	s (	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	Зb	hr l	b/avg	wp	hp	bk s	fa s	sha
16 Cole Stupp	3.18	4-3	9 9	9	0	0/1	0	56.2	64	24	20	6	53	10	2	3	.278	1	6	0	2	1
48 Zack Lee	4.07	4-3	9 9	9	1	1/0	0	42.0	44	20	19	10	40	12	1	3	.273	4	8	0	1	1
50 Mason Hazelwood	2.13	3-0	6	5	0	0/1	0	25.1	21	7	6	9	32	5	1	1	.228	0	0	1	1	1
49 Austin Strickland	2.70	1-0	11	1	0	0/1	0	16.2	9	10	5	8	26	2	1	2	.164	0	5	0	1	1
24 Ryan Hagenow	2.74	1-2	8	7	0	0/0	0	23.0	15	11	7	15	27	5	0	0	.183	6	7	0	2	0
54 Daniel Harper	2.79	2-0	15 (	0	0	0/1	0	19.1	17	7	6	5	19	4	1	1	.243	3	1	1	4	2
21 Wyatt Hudepohl	3.07	0-0	11 (	0	0	0/1	0	14.2	11	6	5	6	11	3	0	1	.196	3	1	0	0	0
31 Alex Degen	3.24	1-0	6	1	0	0/1	0	8.1	9	3	3	2	9	1	0	1	.265	0	2	0	0	0
34 Sean Harney	3.76	3-0	13 2	2	0	0/0	5	26.1	26	11	11	7	38	5	0	4	.265	0	8	1	1	0
22 Dillon Marsh	5.00	0-1	9	1	0	0/0	0	18.0	14	11	10	4	22	1	1	4	.203	1	2	0	1	0
45 Holt Jones	5.40	1-0	15	1	0	0/0	1	21.2	21	14	13	6	17	5	1	2	.263	5	5	0	3	1
38 Jimmy Ramsey	6.17	2-0	10 (	0	0	0/0	0	11.2	14	13	8	3	9	5	0	1	.280	2	4	0	1	0
35 Cole Daniels	6.89	1-3	13 (	0	0	0/1	0	15.2	14	15	12	12	18	4	0	1	.237	2	3	0	0	1
46 Seth Logue	7.30	1-0	9 (	0	0	0/3	2	12.1	11	11	10	12	22	1	1	2	.244	4	1	0	1	0
39 Hunter Rigsby	7.50	0-0	7 (	0	0	0/0	2	6.0	8	6	5	2	7	0	1	1	.333	0	0	0	0	1
40 Zach Kammin	9.49	1-1	7	2	0	0/1	0	12.1	12	14	13	12	17	1	0	3	.245	2	3	0	0	0
Totals	4.17	25-13	38 3	8	1	4/3	10	330.0	310	183	153	119	367	64	10	30	.247	33	56	3	18	9
Opponents	5.99	13-25	38 3	8	0	0/0	7	315.1	364	240	210	141	318	67	9	48	.289	30	44	6	17	14

PB - Team (4), C. Kessler 2, K. Liebert 1, A. Rubalcaba 1, Opp (5). Pickoffs - Team (5), C. Kessler 2, M. Hazelwood 2, C. Daniels 1, Opp (3). SBA/ATT - C. Kessler (12-16), A. Rubalcaba (8-8), M. Hazelwood (4-5), H. Jones (2-4), C. Stupp (3-4), S. Logue (3-4), R. Hagenow (2-2), H. Rigsby (2-2), A Strickland (1-1), J. Ramsey (1-1), W. Hudepohl (1-1), Z. Lee (0-1), K. Liebert (0-1), Z. Kammin (1-1).







### 2021 Kentucky Baseball Conference statistics for Kentucky (as of Apr 25, 2021) (Conference games only Sorted by Batting avg)



#### Record: 9-9 Home: 5-4 Away: 4-5 Conference: 9-9

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%
25 Coltyn Kessler	.406	18-18	64	10	26	4	0	4	9	42	.656	11	2	18	1	.506	0	1	0-0	128	8	1	.993
5 T.J. Collett	.357	18-18	70	17	25	3	0	8	24	52	.743	7	4	12	3	.444	0	0	0-0	151	9	1	.994
2 Austin Schultz	.307	18-18	75	16	23	3	1	2	9	34	.453	7	2	19	1	.381	0	0	5-7	39	0	1	.975
28 Oraj Anu	.261	18-18	69	9	18	3	0	4	13	33	.478	4	1	18	1	.311	0	0	0-0	19	1	0	1.000
47 Ryan Ritter	.233	18-18	60	7	14	2	0	1	5	19	.317	5	0	16	2	.284	2	3	4-4	27	50	3	.963
1 John Rhodes	.219	18-18	64	16	14	3	0	3	8	26	.406	9	5	18	0	.359	0	0	5-5	24	3	0	1.000
12 Chase Estep	.190	18-18	63	5	12	5	0	0	9	17	.270	5	0	15	1	.243	2	0	2-2	24	46	3	.959
6 Reuben Church	.182	14-12	44	5	8	1	0	1	6	12	.273	3	1	20	1	.245	1	0	0-0	6	19	2	.926
33 Trae Harmon	.129	9-8	31	2	4	0	0	0	2	4	.129	4	0	11	0	.229	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
26 Jacob Plastiak	.308	9-8	26	2	8	0	0	0	3	8	.308	3	1	7	0	.387	1	0	1-1	1	3	0	1.000
37 Cam Hill	.286	14-6	21	9	6	0	1	1	3	11	.524	3	3	6	0	.444	0	1	5-5	16	2	0	1.000
9 Alonzo Rubalcaba	.286	2-2	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	.286	0	0	1	0	.286	0	0	0-0	16	0	0	1.000
30 Jaren Shelby	.000	8-0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	3	0	.000	0	0	0-1	2	0	0	1.000
7 Drew Grace	.000	6-0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	3	3	0	1.000
8 Kirk Liebert	.000	4-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
4 Zeke Lewis	.000	5-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	1-1	1	0	0	1.000
Totals	.266	18	601	102	160	24	2	24	92	260	.433	62	19	165	10	.350	6	7	23-26	462	156	14	.978
Opponents	.275	18	597	107	164	28	7	18	103	260	.436	60	27	142	9	.360	14	5	10-14	463	148	18	.971

LOB - Team (130), Opp (134). DPs turned - Team (12), Opp (11). IBB - Team (5), T. Collett 3, J. Plastiak 1, R. Church 1, Opp (4). Picked off - R. Ritter 1.

# (Conference games only 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	fa s	sha
16 Cole Stupp	3.83	2-3	66	0	0/0	0	40.0	50	21	17	4	37	8	2	3	.298	1	4	0	2	0
48 Zack Lee	4.00	3-2	66	1	1/0	0	27.0	30	13	12	8	21	7	1	3	.291	1	2	0	1	0
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49 Austin Strickland	2.57	1-0	6 0	0	0/0	0	7.0	4	5	2	5	10	1	1	0	.190	0	3	0	1	1
54 Daniel Harper	3.52	1-0	60	0	0/0	0	7.2	7	4	3	2	7	2	0	1	.280	2	0	0	3	2
21 Wyatt Hudepohl	3.60	0-0	20	0	0/0	0	5.0	4	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	.200	1	0	0	0	0
50 Mason Hazelwood	4.50	0-0	22	0	0/0	0	8.0	8	5	4	3	3	1	1	0	.267	0	0	0	1	0
40 Zach Kammin	5.14	0-0	3 0	0	0/0	0	7.0	3	4	4	6	5	0	0	3	.125	2	1	0	0	0
34 Sean Harney	5.40	2-0	52	0	0/0	0	16.2	17	10	10	5	23	3	0	3	.266	0	6	1	0	0
39 Hunter Rigsby	5.40	0-0	4 0	0	0/0	1	3.1	3	3	2	2	3	0	0	0	.273	0	0	0	0	1
45 Holt Jones	6.48	0-0	60	0	0/0	1	8.1	8	6	6	2	6	1	1	1	.286	3	2	0	3	1
22 Dillon Marsh	6.94	0-1	5 0	0	0/0	0	11.2	11	9	9	3	10	0	1	3	.239	0	1	0	1	0
35 Cole Daniels	8.10	0-1	4 0	0	0/0	0	3.1	7	6	3	6	5	2	0	0	.368	1	1	0	0	0
31 Alex Degen	9.00	0-0	2 0	0	0/0	0	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	.400	0	0	0	0	0
24 Ryan Hagenow	9.64	0-2	22	0	0/0	0	4.2	3	5	5	7	7	1	0	0	.200	0	4	0	2	0
38 Jimmy Ramsey	13.50	0-0	2 0	0	0/0	0	2.0	4	6	3	0	1	1	0	0	.364	2	2	0	0	0
46 Seth Logue	40.50	0-0	2 0	0	0/0	0	1.1	3	6	6	5	3	0	0	0	.429	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	5.20	9-9	18 18	1	1/0	2	154.0	164	107	89	60	142	28	7	18	.275	14	27	1	14	5
Opponents	5.25	9-9	18 18	0	0/0	4	154.1	160	102	90	62	165	24	2	24	.266	16	19	0	6	7

PB - Team (1), C. Kessler 1, Opp (5). Pickoffs - Team (2), M. Hazelwood 1, C. Kessler 1, Opp (1). SBA/ATT - C. Kessler (8-11), M. Hazelwood (2-3), C. Stupp (2-3), R. Hagenow (2-2), A. Rubalcaba (2-2), W. Hudepohl (1-1), H. Jones (0-1), S. Logue (1-1), H. Rigsby (1-1), A Strickland (1-1), Z. Lee (0-1).