



15-7 (2-4 SEC)

FEBRUARY

14	AT LIPSCOMB [ESPN+]	[DH-1]	W, 11-0 (7)
14	AT LIPSCOMB [ESPN+]	[DH-2]	L, 3-1
16	AT LIPSCOMB [ESPN+]		CCD.
21	AT BELMONT		W, 2-1
22	AT BELMONT		W, 12-0 (7)
23	AT BELMONT		W, 9-5
25	EVANSVILLE		W, 24-3 (7)
26	MOREHEAD STATE		W, 8-2
28	HOFSTRA		W, 7-5

MARCH

1	HOFSTRA		W, 6-1
2	HOFSTRA		W, 9-1
4	AT EASTERN KENTUCKY [ESPN+]		W, 16-0 (7)
5	EASTERN KENTUCKY		CCD.
7	WOFFORD		W, 12-2 (7)
8	WOFFORD		L, 12-5
9	WOFFORD		W, 2-1
11	NORTHERN ILLINOIS		W, 9-2
14	AT #3 GEORGIA*		L, 12-6
15	AT #3 GEORGIA*		W, 10-7
16	AT #3 GEORGIA*		L, 17-10
18	MURRAY STATE		L, 5-4
21	#16 AUBURN*		L, 8-7
22	#16 AUBURN*		L, 8-7 (11)
23	#16 AUBURN* [SECN]		W, 6-0
25	XAVIER		6:30 P.M.
28	AT TEXAS A&M*		7 P.M.
29	AT TEXAS A&M*		3 P.M.
30	AT TEXAS A&M*		2 P.M.

APRIL

3	OLE MISS* [SECN]		7 P.M.
4	OLE MISS*		6:30 P.M.
5	OLE MISS*		2 P.M.
8	AT LOUISVILLE [ACCN]		8 P.M.
11	TEXAS*		6:30 P.M.
12	TEXAS* [SECN]		NOON
13	TEXAS* [SECN]		NOON
15	MIAMI (OHIO) [SECN]		7 P.M.
18	AT TENNESSEE*		6:30 P.M.
19	AT TENNESSEE*		6 P.M.
20	AT TENNESSEE*		1 P.M.
22	LOUISVILLE		6:30 P.M.
25	SOUTH CAROLINA*		6:30 P.M.
26	SOUTH CAROLINA*		4:30 P.M.
27	SOUTH CAROLINA*		1 P.M.
29	AT WESTERN KENTUCKY [ESPN+]		7 P.M.

MAY

2	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE*		7 P.M.
3	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE*		3 P.M.
4	AT MISSISSIPPI STATE* [SECN]		1 P.M.
9	OKLAHOMA*		6:30 P.M.
10	OKLAHOMA* [SECN]		12:30 P.M.
11	OKLAHOMA*		1 P.M.
13	NORTHERN KENTUCKY		6:30 P.M.
15	AT VANDERBILT*		7 P.M.
16	AT VANDERBILT*		7 P.M.
17	AT VANDERBILT*		3 P.M.
20-25	SEC TOURNAMENT#		

* SEC game

SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.)

Games broadcast on SECN+ unless otherwise noted



AT THE BALLPARK

KENTUCKY VS XAVIER MARCH 25 / 6:30 PM ET KENTUCKY PROUD PARK



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2025 RECORD: 15-7 (2-4 SEC)
COACH: NICK MINGIONE
OVERALL RECORD: 277-173 (.616) - 9TH YEAR
AT UK: SAME

XAVIER MUSKETEERS

2025 RECORD: 11-13 (2-1 BIG EAST)
COACH: BILLY O'CONNOR
OVERALL RECORD: 193-194 (.499) - 8TH YEAR
AT XAVIER: SAME

DATE/TIME: MARCH 25 / 6:30 P.M. ET
RADIO: UK SPORTS NETWORK; UKATHLETICS.COM (98.5 FM LEXINGTON)
PxP - DARREN HEADRICK
WATCH LIVE: SECN+

- UK HAS WON 24 OF ITS PAST 27 MIDWEEK CONTESTS.
- UK WILL TRAVEL TO PRESEASON No. 1 TEXAS A&M THIS WEEKEND.
- UK HAS OUTSCORED ITS OPPONENTS 183-95 THIS SEASON.
- UK AVERAGES 8.3 RUNS PER GAME.
- UK IS 19TH IN THE NATION IN TEAM ERA (3.71), 18TH IN WHIP (1.24) AND IS 10TH IN FEWEST HITS ALLOWED PER NINE (6.98).
- UK HAS STOLEN 56-OF-67 BASES ON THE SEASON. THAT RANKS 18TH NATIONALLY.
- UK HAS STOLEN HOME THREE TIMES THIS SEASON BY THREE DIFFERENT PLAYERS (KYUSS GARGETT, COLE HAGE AND LUKE LAWRENCE).
- UK IS 5TH NATIONALLY IN HBP (67).
- UK HAS THREE GRAND SLAMS IN 2025. THE FIVE IN 2007 IS THE KNOWN SCHOOL RECORD.
- COACH NICK MINGIONE HAS 277 CAREER WINS, SECOND ON UK'S ALL-TIME LIST. HE HAS THE HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE OF ANY COACH WHO HAS SKIPPED AT LEAST 100 GAMES FOR THE WILDCATS. HE IS THE 2017 AND 2024 SEC AND NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR.
- UK IS 101-44 SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2023 AND HAS 40 SEC VICTORIES OVER THAT SPAN.
- UK LOST ITS ENTIRE WEEKEND PITCHING STAFF, STARTING 1B, 2B, SS, 3B, LF, CF AND TWO MAIN RELIEF PITCHERS AFTER 2024.
- OF/DH COLE HAGE IS A THREE-TIME FIRST-TEAM ALL-IVY LEAGUE HONOREE AND HAD A SPARKLING UK DEBUT.
- HAGE ALSO REACHED BASE SIX CONSECUTIVE TIMES AT BELMONT WITHOUT RECORDING AN OFFICIAL AB (4 BB, 2 HBP).
- IF PATRICK HERRERA HAS 21 COMBINED WALKS AND HIT BY PITCH AGAINST ONLY EIGHT STRIKEOUTS.
- OF SHAUN MONTOYA WAS SECOND-TEAM ALL-MOUNTAIN WEST IN 2024.
- C RAPHAEL PELLETIER IS A TWO-TIME ALL-BIG XII HONORABLE MENTION HONOREE.
- FRESHMAN IF TYLER BELL WAS A SECOND ROUND PICK (NO. 66 OVERALL) IN THE 2024 MLB DRAFT AND HIGHEST DRAFTED PLAYER TO ATTEND COLLEGE.
- BELL NOTCHED HIS FIRST COLLEGIATE HIT AT BELMONT ON FEB. 21 AND FIRST CAREER HR A DAY LATER.
- UK CATCHERS DEVIN BURKES AND RAPHAEL PELLETIER COMBINE FOR 321 CAREER GAMES (281 STARTS), 970 AB
- LHP JACKSON NOVE HAS STRUCK OUT 25 BATTERS IN 13.2 IP (16.46/9 INN.)

PROBABLE PITCHER

RHP NATE HARRIS
3-0, 3.63
(4 GS, 17.1 IP, 12 H, 5 BB, 11 K)



LAST TIME OUT

- THE CATS DROPPED A SERIES VS. #16 AUBURN
- THE CATS LOST THE FIRST TWO GAMES 8-7, THE SECOND OF THEM IN 11 INNINGS.
- UK STAGED A FOUR-RUN RALLY TO TIE SATURDAY'S GAME IN THE NINTH.
- UK LOST THREE GAMES LAST WEEK BY A SINGLE RUN EACH.
- THE CATS PITCHED A TWO-HIT SHUTOUT ON SUNDAY.

WEEKEND STAR

TOMMY SKELDING, RHP
2 G, 1 SV, 0.00 ERA
(4.2 IP, H, 0 R, 0 BB, K
*FIRST CAREER SAVE



TEAM LEADERS

AVERAGE - .377; COLE HAGE
RUNS - 28; COLE HAGE
DOUBLES - 7; TYLER BELL
HOME RUNS - 6; COLE HAGE
RBI - 24; TYLER BELL
BASES ON BALLS - 15; COLE HAGE
STOLEN BASES - 10; COLE HAGE
WINS - 3; THREE PLAYERS
ERA - 1.04; TOMMY SKELDING
STRIKEOUTS - 35; BEN CLEAVER
INNINGS PITCHED - 30.1; BEN CLEAVER



2025 QUICK FACTS

University of Kentucky

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

Coaching Staff

Head Coach: Nick Mingione (Embry-Riddle, 2000)
 Career Record: 277-173 (.616); 9th season
 Record at UK: Same
 Best Time to Call: Contact SID
 Assistant Coach: Dan Roszel, 6th season (North Florida, 2000)
 Assistant Coach: Austin Cousino, 2nd season (Kentucky, 2016)
 Assistant Coach: Chase Slone, 1st season (Wright State, 2019)
 Chief of Staff: Brock Doud
 Director of Communications/PR: Matt May
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2024 Review

Overall Record: 46-16
 Home: 26-6
 Away: 16-5
 Neutral: 4-5
 Conference Record: 22-8
 Home: 11-4
 Away: 11-4
 Conference Finish: T-1st

History (through 2024)

All-Time Record: 2,101-1,942-25 (.517)
 All-Time Conference Record: 791-1,031-8 (.434)
 All-Time Conference Tournament Record: 26-42 (.382)
 Conference Tournament Titles: none
 Conference Titles: two (2006, 2024)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: 11
 NCAA Tournament Record: 28-23 (.549)
 Super Regional Appearances: three (2017, 2023, 2024)
 College World Series Appearances: one (2024)

Facility

Stadium: Kentucky Proud Park
 First Year: 2019
 Capacity: 5,000
 Dimensions: 335-375-400-365-320
 Record: 124-54 (.697)

2025 Outlook

Lettermen Returning/Lost: 15/25
 Starters Returning/Lost: 2 (2 positional, 0 pitchers)
 11 (7 positional, 4 pitchers)
 Newcomers: 29 (12 freshmen, 17 transfers)

Top Returning Position Players (2024 stats)

C Devin Burkes (Sr.): 239, 49 R, 14 2B, 3 HR, 35 RBI, 19-22 SB, .733 OPS
 OF James McCoy (Jr.): 218, 35 R, 4 2B, 6 HR, 25 RBI, 8-8 SB, .756 OPS

Top Returning Pitchers (2024 stats)

RHP Robert Hogan (Sr.): 24 APP, 3.10 ERA, 40.2 IP, SV, .222 OAA
 LHP Jackson Nove (Sr.): 28 APP, 6.16 ERA, 30.2 IP, 2 SV, 12.4 K/9
 LHP Evan Byers (Sr.): 22 APP, 3-1, 4.72 ERA, 26.2 IP

Key Players Lost (2024 stats)

IF Mitchell Daly: 300, 42 R, 15 2B, 7 HR, 45 RBI, 32 BB, 10 SB
 RHP Johnny Hummel: 24 APP, 3.48 ERA, 31 IP, 7 SV, .155 OAA
 DH Nick Lopez: 345, 57 R, 22 2B, 6 HR, 53 RBI, .937 OPS
 OF Nolan McCarthy: 288, 43 R, 12 2B, 8 HR, 41 RBI, 8 SB
 RHP Mason Moore: 18 GS, 9-4, 5.05 ERA, 92.2 IP, 83 K
 1B Ryan Nicholson: 306, 47 R, 10 2B, 23 HR, 63 RBI, 1.094 OPS
 RHP Cameron O'Brien: 36 APP, 4.54 ERA, 35.2 IP, 50 K
 2B Emilien Pitre: 301, 57 R, 20 2B, 10 HR, 58 RBI, 26 SB, 47 BB
 RHP Trey Pooser: 19 G/13 GS, 7-1, 3.50 ERA, 2 SV, 90 IP, 82 K
 SS Grant Smith: 235, 34 R, 8 XBH, 34 RBI, 6-8 SB
 OF Ryan Waldschmidt: 333, 66 R, 17 2B, 14 HR, 46 RBI, 25 SB, 1.079 OPS

Redshirts Eligible

IF Hudson Brown
 RHP Tommy Skelding

Transfers

RHP Nile Adcock
 RHP Chase Alderman
 RHP Oliver Boone
 RHP Simon Gregersen
 UT Cole Hage
 LHP Adam Hachman
 OF Carson Hansen
 LHP Cole Hentschel
 RHP Jaxon Jelkin
 IF Dylan Koontz
 IF Luke Lawrence
 OF Will Marcy
 RHP Nic McCay
 OF Shaun Montoya
 C Raphael Pelletier
 RHP Scott Rouse
 LHP Ethan Walker

Freshmen

C - Nolan Belcher, Ryan Schwartz
 IF - Tyler Bell, Aidan Larkin
 UT - Leighton Harris, Nate Harris, Khaleel Pratt, Ryan Schwartz
 RHP - Bradley Ferrell, Nate Harris, Tristan Hunter, Cameron Owens, Khaleel Pratt, Zak Spurrier
 LHP - Logan Grubb, Leighton Harris



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2025 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Jaxon Jelkin*	RHP	R/R	6-5	195	JR	Omaha, Neb./Houston
1	Patrick Herrera	IF	R/R	6-2	190	SR	Mesa, Ariz./Northwestern
2	Shaun Montoya	OF	L/R	6-0	180	SR	Rancho Cucamonga, Calif./San Diego State/UCI
3	Scott Rouse	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	SR	Seven Hills, Ohio/Radford
4	Raphael Pelletier	C	L/R	6-0	200	SR	Mascouche, Quebec/Kansas State
5	Nic McCay	P	R/R	6-0	210	SR	Carlisle, Iowa/South Dakota State
6	Tyler Bell	IF	S/R	6-1	200	FR	Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln-Way East HS
7	Devin Burkes	C	R/R	6-3	215	SR	Bradenton, Fla./Villages Charter HS
8	Griffin Cameron	OF	L/L	6-1	175	SO	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic HS
9	Ethan Hindle	IF	R/R	6-1	200	SO	Delafield, Wisc./Arrowhead HS
10	Luke Lawrence	IF	L/R	6-0	180	JR	Evergreen Park, Ill./Illinois State
11	Will Marcy	OF	R/R	6-3	210	SR	Raleigh, N.C./Memphis/NC State
12	Cole Hage	UT	R/R	6-3	240	SR	Fargo, N.D./Columbia University
13	James McCoy	OF/RHP	S/R	6-4	215	JR	Port St. Joe, Fla./Wesleyan (Ga.) HS
16	Hayden Smith	LHP	L/L	6-2	210	SO	Nicholasville, Ky./West Jessamine HS
17	Adam Hachman	LHP	L/L	6-5	225	R-FR	Wentzville, Mo./Arkansas
20	Tommy Skelding	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	R-FR	Atwater, Ohio/Marlington HS
21	Chase Alderman	RHP	R/R	6-5	215	SO	Morehead, Ky./Eastern Kentucky
22	Cole Hentschel	LHP	L/L	5-9	210	SR	Pine Bush, N.Y./Univ. of Richmond
23	Hudson Brown	IF	L/R	6-6	230	R-FR	Olive Branch, Miss./Northpoint Christian HS
24	Dylan Koontz	IF	L/R	6-0	215	SR	Huntersville, N.C./Campbell
25	Ryan Schwartz	C/UT	R/R	6-4	215	FR	Indian Trail, N.C./Combine Academy HS
29	Robert Hogan	RHP	R/R	6-0	190	SR	North Oaks, Minn./Texas A&M
31	Oliver Boone	RHP	R/R	6-4	215	SO	North Hollywood, Calif./Univ. of California Berkley
33	Kyuss Gargett	IF	S/R	6-1	190	SO	Anderson, Ind./Cathedral HS
34	Carson Hansen	OF	L/L	6-2	225	JR	Pewaukee, Wisc./Wisconsin-Milwaukee
35	Nolan Belcher	C	R/R	6-4	215	FR	Jonesboro, Ark./Walnut Ridge HS
36	Nate Harris	RHP/UT	R/R	6-4	225	FR	Yorkville, Ill./Yorkville HS
37	Logan Grubb	LHP	L/L	6-0	170	FR	Lawrenceburg, Ky./Anderson County HS
38	Zak Spurrier	RHP	R/R	6-2	220	FR	Elizabethtown, Ky./Central Hardin HS
39	Bradley Ferrell	RHP	R/R	6-3	185	FR	La Porte, Ind./South Central HS
40	Simon Gregersen	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	SR	Elk River, Minn./Indiana State
41	Evan Byers	LHP	L/L	5-11	185	SR	Nicholasville, Ky./Lexington Christian Academy
42	Khaleel Pratt	OF/RHP	S/R	6-5	220	FR	Evans, Ga./Augusta Christian School
43	Jackson Nove	LHP	L/L	6-5	230	SR	Fairfax, Iowa/Prairie HS
45	Leighton Harris	LHP/UT	L/L	6-3	215	FR	Lexington, Ky./Fredeick Douglass HS
46	Ethan Walker	LHP	L/L	6-2	195	JR	Midlothian, Va./Longwood
47	Aidan Larkin	IF	R/R	6-0	185	FR	Cartersville, Ga./Cartersville HS
48	Ben Cleaver	LHP	L/L	6-3	185	SO	Thompsons Station, Tenn./Independence HS
49	Tristan Hunter	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	FR	Forsyth, Mo./Forsyth HS
54	Nile Adcock	RHP	R/R	6-2	195	JR	Pinckneyville, Ill./Kaskaskia CC

*Will not play in 2025 due to injury before arriving at Kentucky

ALPHABETICAL

54	Nile Adcock	RHP
21	Chase Alderman	RHP
35	Nolan Belcher	C
6	Tyler Bell	IF
31	Oliver Boone	RHP
23	Hudson Brown	IF
7	Devin Burkes	C
41	Evan Byers	LHP
8	Griffin Cameron	OF
48	Ben Cleaver	LHP
39	Bradley Ferrell	RHP
33	Kyuss Gargett	IF
40	Simon Gregersen	RHP
37	Logan Grubb	LHP
12	Cole Hage	UT
17	Adam Hachman	LHP
34	Carson Hansen	OF
45	Leighton Harris	LHP/UT
36	Nate Harris	RHP/UT
22	Cole Hentschel	LHP
1	Patrick Herrera	IF
9	Ethan Hindle	IF
29	Robert Hogan	RHP
49	Tristan Hunter	RHP
0	Jaxon Jelkin	RHP
24	Dylan Koontz	IF
47	Aidan Larkin	IF
10	Luke Lawrence	IF
11	Will Marcy	OF
5	Nic McCay	RHP
13	James McCoy	OF/RHP
2	Shaun Montoya	OF
43	Jackson Nove	LHP
4	Raphael Pelletier	C
42	Khaleel Pratt	OF/RHP
3	Scott Rouse	RHP
25	Ryan Schwartz	C/UT
20	Tommy Skelding	RHP
16	Hayden Smith	LHP
38	Zak Spurrier	RHP
46	Ethan Walker	LHP

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nick Mingione (Embry-Riddle, 2000)
Career Record (all at Kentucky): 277-173 (.616); 9th season

Assistant Coach/Pitching: Dan Roszel, #15 (North Florida, 2000)
Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Austin Cousino, #91 (Kentucky, 2016)
Assistant Coach: Chase Slone, #26 (Wright State, 2019)
Chief of Staff: Brock Doud
Director of Player Development: Trevor Fitts
Director of Scouting and Analytics: Logan Salow
Analytics: Ryder Giles

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Aidan (Larkin)	A-dunn
Cousino	Coo-suh-no
Ferrell	Fare-l
Hachman	Hatch-man
Hage	h-AGE
Hentschel	Hent-shell
Khaleel (Pratt)	Caw-leel
Koontz	Coonz
Kyuss Gargett	Kai-us GAR-get
Leighton (Harris)	Lay-ton
Mingione	Min-G-own
Montoya	Mon-toy-uh
Nove	No-Vee
Raphael Pelletier	Pell-Tee-A
Rouse	Rous, like 'mouse'



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2025 HONORS

TYLER BELL

- NO. 13 TOP FRESHMAN (BASEBALL AMERICA, PERFECT GAME)
- NO. 47 PRESEASON SHORTSTOP (D1 BASEBALL)

DEVIN BURKES

- FIRST TEAM, PRESEASON ALL-SEC
- NO. 17 PRESEASON CATCHER (D1 BASEBALL)

BEN CLEAVER

- D1BASEBALL.COM SEC EXTRA PITCHER OF THE WEEK (WEEK 3)

ADAM HACHMAN

- NO. 83 SECOND-YEAR PLAYER (PERFECT GAME)

COLE HAGE

- SECOND TEAM, PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA (NCBWA)
- NO. 85 PRESEASON OUTFIELDER (D1 BASEBALL)

PATRICK HERRERA

- FRANK G. HAM SOCIETY OF CHARACTER
- FREAK SHEET, WEEK FIVE (BASEBALL AMERICA)

ROBERT HOGAN

- SECOND TEAM, PRESEASON ALL-SEC
- PRESEASON STOPPER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST
- NO. 42 PRESEASON RELIEVER (D1 BASEBALL)
- NO. 47 SENIOR (PERFECT GAME)

SIMON GREGERSEN

- PRESEASON STOPPER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST

LUKE LAWRENCE

- NO. 34 PRESEASON SECOND BASEMAN (D1 BASEBALL)

NIC MCCAY

- TOP 120 PRESEASON STARTING PITCHER (D1 BASEBALL)

GRAND THEFT HOME PLATE

The Cats have stolen home three times in 2025:

OPPONENT	PLAYER
Hofstra	Kyuss Gargett
Hofstra	Cole Hage
Georgia	Luke Lawrence

2025 PLAYER QUICK NOTES/TRENDS

- **NILE ADCOCK** - WENT 14-7 IN TWO SEASONS AT KASKASKIA CC.
- **CHASE ALDERMAN** - EXPECTED TO MISS 2025 SEASON.
- **TYLER BELL** - DRAFTED 66TH OVERALL IN 2024 MLB DRAFT, HIGHEST SELECTED HIGH SCHOOLER TO REACH A COLLEGE CAMPUS; HAS REACHED SAFELY IN EVERY GAME OF HIS COLLEGE CAREER.
- **HUDSON BROWN** - HAS AN .526 OBP (9 H, 8 BB, 3 HBP) IN 37 CAREER PLATE APPEARANCES.
- **DEVIN BURKES** - HAS STARTED 148 CAREER GAMES AND HAS MADE NCAA ALL-REGIONAL TEAM EACH OF THE PAST TWO SEASONS; 36TH ON UK'S CAREER HIT LIST.
- **EVAN BYERS** - WAS THE 2024 NCAA ELITE 90 AWARD WINNER (TOP STUDENT-ATHLETE). HE LEADS THE TEAM WITH 10 APPEARANCES.
- **GRIFFIN CAMERON** - HAS 77 STOLEN BASES OVER LAST TWO SUMMERS.
- **BEN CLEAVER** - SECOND CAREER START: 6 IP, H, 0 R, 11 K
- **KYUSS GARGETT** - HAD A SENSATIONAL FALL, GOING 6-OF-9 WITH 10 RBI, FOUR DOUBLES AND TWO STEALS.
- **SIMON GREGERSEN** - FINAL OUTING OF 2024 WAS 2.2 HITLESS INNINGS VS. KENTUCKY IN NCAA REGIONAL FOR INDIANA STATE.
- **COLE HAGE** - THREE-TIME FIRST TEAM ALL-IVY LEAGUE SELECTION; LEADS THE TEAM IN BATTING, RUNS, HOME RUNS AND SLUGGING.
- **CARSON HANSEN** - HOMERED ON TWO OF THE FIRST THREE PITCHES HE SAW IN 2025.
- **NATE HARRIS** - HAS STARTED FOUR MIDWEEK GAMES ON MOUND.
- **COLE HENTSCHEL** - HAD NINE SAVES IN 2024 FOR RICHMOND.
- **PATRICK HERRERA** - HAS FOUR CONSECUTIVE MULTI-HIT GAMES.
- **ETHAN HINDLE** - FOUR OF SEVEN HITS THIS SEASON HAVE GONE FOR EXTRA BASES.
- **ROBERT HOGAN** - ALLOWED JUST THREE HITS IN FIRST 8.2 POSTSEASON INNINGS IN 2024.
- **DYLAN KOONTZ** - HAD 15 EXTRA BASE HITS (8 HR) IN 87 SUMMER LEAGUE AT BATS.
- **LUKE LAWRENCE** - LED ILLINOIS STATE IN BATTING EACH OF HIS TWO SEASONS.
- **WILL MARCY** - 4-OF-5 WITH FOUR DOUBLES AND FOUR HBP IN FALL EXHIBITIONS.
- **NIC MCCAY** - IN HIS SEVENTH SEASON OF COLLEGE BASEBALL
- **JAMES MCCOY** - TWO-WAY PLAYER HAS ALLOWED ONE CAREER RUN ON THE MOUND.
- **SHAUN MONTOYA** - ONE OF THREE WILDCATS WHO ARE ENGAGED (DEVIN BURKES AND RYAN SCHWARTZ).
- **JACKSON NOVE** - CURRENTLY RANKS THIRD ON UK CAREER STRIKEOUTS PER NINE INNINGS CHART.
- **RAPHAEL PELLETIER** - TWO-TIME ALL-BIG XII HONORABLE MENTION (2023, 2024).
- **SCOTT ROUSE** - PITCHES WITH HARD SHELL CAP AFTER BEING HIT BY LINE DRIVE EARLY IN HIS COLLEGIATE CAREER.
- **ETHAN WALKER** - HAS STRUCK OUT 110 BATTERS IN 99.2 CAREER INNINGS.



WEEK SEVEN SCHEDULE FOR KENTUCKY BASEBALL

MONDAY - 24	TUESDAY - 25	WEDNESDAY - 26	THURSDAY - 27	FRIDAY - 28	SATURDAY - 29	SUNDAY - 30
Off	vs. Xavier 6:30 pm ET KPP SECN+	Travel	Practice	at Texas A&M 6:30 pm ET College Station SECN+	at Texas A&M 3 pm ET College Station SECN+	at Texas A&M 2 pm ET College Station SECN+

RECORD BREAKING 2024

In 2024, Kentucky set a new program record for most wins in a single season. The previous high was set at 45 by the 2012 NCAA Tournament squad. In addition to single season wins, the 2024 squad set program records for SEC wins, road wins, and SEC road wins on its way to the program's second SEC title and first MCWS appearance.

Last season, Kentucky won its first-ever game at the Men's College World Series in the most dramatic way possible, as Mitchell Daly hit a walk-off home run to left field. After missing the biggest stage in college baseball for the first 76 editions of the tournament, the Wildcats defeated NC State, 5-4, in 10 innings to open its first MCWS campaign. The Cats did not trail until the top of the ninth inning, when NC State score the go-ahead run on a wild pitch. Ryan Nicholson tied the game with a lead-off home run in the bottom of the ninth to force extras, allowing Daly to clinch the historic win for his team.

THE SKIP

Kentucky Head Coach Nick Mingione was named the 2024 National Coach of the Year for the second time in his eight-year tenure with the Wildcats, picking up the laurel from Perfect Game and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association's Dick Howser Trophy. Mingione, the 2024 SEC Coach of the Year, guided the Cats to the program's first-ever Men's College World Series berth, the program's second-ever SEC Regular Season Championship, a program record 46 wins, and a program best 22 SEC victories. Kentucky also reached a school-record ranking of No. 2 in all five major polls, as well as the program's highest national seed (2). In the NCAA Tournament, the Wildcats swept a regional for the first time, hosted the first-ever Lexington Super Regional, and claimed the first two Super Regional wins in Kentucky history on the way to Omaha. Mingione was also named the National Coach of the Year, as well as SEC Coach of the Year, in 2017 after taking the program to its first Super Regional during his first year at the helm.

YOU GET A ROS(ZEL)

Kentucky's pitching staff has benefitted greatly from the work of Dan Roszel, who has spent the majority of his coaching career at East Carolina and Kentucky. He also helped develop Atlanta star lefty Chris Sale. Since arriving at UK prior to the 2020 season his pitching staff has struck out 10 batters per nine innings. In 2022, the unit set the school record for strikeouts in a season with 593 and staff's under his guidance own three of the top four seasons in program history in that department. Roszel's groups also have the top two seasons in school history in shutouts. UK's combined ERA through his first five seasons was 4.78.

Roszel has a lengthy track record of producing big leaguers and saw three of his former players at Florida Gulf Coast, including Sale and MLBers Richard Bleier and Casey Coleman, inducted into the school's athletics Hall of Fame in the past two years.

AUSTIN, POWERED!

Former All-American, professional ballplayer, two-time Gold Glove winner and USA Baseball alum Austin Cousino returned to his alma mater last season as an assistant coach/recruiting coordinator on Nick Mingione's staff and provided immediate dividends. Cousino already has tapped into his immense professional scouting experience with a pair of organizations to get the Wildcats' recruiting off to a strong start with Cousino as its lead recruiter. The former Wildcat starred at UK from 2012-14 and is considered one of the top all-around players to have suited up for the Blue and White. He also played in both the Angels and Mariners' farm systems and reached Triple-A before a shoulder injury derailed his career.



BLUE BLOODED

Austin Cousino wasn't the only former Kentucky great to return to Lexington in the recent years, as former All-American and first team All-SEC pitcher Logan Salow came back to his Bluegrass roots as a graduate manager in 2023 and then was promoted to Director of Scouting and Analytics after last season. Salow was a critical component of the 2017 squad that became the first to reach a Super Regional in school history before being drafted by the Athletics in the sixth round and spending five seasons in professional baseball, where he struck out 11.9 batters per nine innings and reached Triple-A. He appeared 95 times in a UK uniform, pitching to a 3.40 earned run average and leaving as the program's single-season saves leader (12 in 2017,



WILDCATS RECORD WHEN...

	2025	MINGIONE
Record	15-7	277-173
Home	9-4	185-74
Away	6-3	76-86
Neutral	0-0	12-13
SEC	2-4	102-111
Home	1-2	57-48
Road	1-2	43-63
Non-Conference.....	13-3	164-47
Home	8-2	123-24
Road	6-1	34-21
Neutral.....	0-0	8-2
Non-Power Four	13-3	145-22
Postseason	0-0	19-17
Day games	13-4	186-102
Night games	2-3	92-71
One-run games	2-3	43-32
Two-run games	1-1	33-31
Five+run games	10-3	140-73
Extra-inning games	0-1	14-8
In shutouts	4-0	17-11
Scoring first	11-2	191-62
Opponent scores first.....	4-5	47-114
Scoring 10 or more runs.....	6-1	112-4
Allowing 10 or more runs	0-2	6-58
Scoring six runs or more.....	13-4	212-43
Scoring four runs or less	2-2	33-122
Allowing four runs or less.....	12-1	198-32
Hitting home run(s).....	9-5	193-96
Allowing home run(s)	4-5	118-129
Out-hitting an opponent	13-1	227-34
Out-hit by opponent.....	0-4	35-131
Matching opponents hits.....	2-2	13-7
vs. LHP	3-3	97-54
vs. RHP	12-4	176-121
Leading after seventh inning	15-1	232-14
Trailing after seventh inning	0-4	23-142
Tied after the seventh inning	0-2	14-14
Decided in the last at bat.....	0-2	38-21
Not committing an error	8-1	133-54
Committing two or more errors	3-3	38-60
vs. Top 25	2-4	80-102
vs. Top 10	1-2	38-61
On Monday	0-0	2-1
On Tuesday	3-1	61-17
On Wednesday	1-0	16-7
On Thursday	0-0	8-13
On Friday	4-3	68-48
On Saturday	3-2	62-55
On Sunday	4-1	63-32
In February	7-1	53-18
In March	8-6	110-43
In April	0-0	58-59
In May	0-0	48-47
In June	0-0	13-8
In 1st Base Dugout.....	3-3	101-62
In 3rd Base Dugout	12-4	175-110
UNI WATCH		
HOME		
White top/White pants/Blue cap.....	2-1	52-21
Blue top/White pants/Blue cap.....	1-2	38-11
Blue top/Pinstripe pants/Blue cap.....	0-0	14-5
Blue top/White pants/Black cap.....	0-0	1-0
Blue top/White pants/Camo cap	0-0	2-3
Black top/White pants/Black cap.....	1-0	17-12
Black top/White pants/Blue cap.....	0-0	1-1
Black top/White pants/Blue cap.....	0-0	1-1
Black top/White pants/Camo cap.....	0-0	2-0
Black top/Pinstripe pants/Black cap.....	1-0	6-1
Creams/Blue cap	1-0	22-7
Pinstripes/Blue cap	3-1	23-14
Pinstripes/Black cap	0-0	2-0
ROAD		
Gray top/Gray pants/Blue cap.....	0-0	15-19
Gray top/Gray pants/Black cap.....	0-0	6-9
Gray top/Gray pants/Gray cap	1-1	14-14
Blue top/Gray pants/Blue cap	1-0	25-28
Blue top/Gray pants/Gray cap	2-0	12-1
Black top/Gray pants/Black cap	2-2	17-30
Black top/Gray pants/Blue cap	0-0	1-0

tied with Trevor Gott) and No. 2 on the school's career saves list with 16.

Joining them this season is former righty Ryder Giles, who was a member of the 2023 Super Regional team. He joins the support staff after a year teaching baseball in his home state of North Carolina.

LOW RYDER

Like Austin Cousino and Logan Salow before him, former UK player Ryder Giles has returned to Lexington as a member of the staff. Giles played the 2023 season for the Cats and had a significant role in advancing to the Super Regional round after he transferred from East Carolina. He pitched in 26 games, going 1-1 with a save and 3.93 ERA.

PRESEASON ACCOLADES

Devin Burkes and Robert Hogan each received 2025 Preseason All-Southeastern Conference honors. Burkes earned First-Team honors and Hogan was voted to the second team by the league's coaches. Both were integral parts to Kentucky's first-ever trip to the College World Series last season.

ELITE 90

LHP Evan Byers was named the 2024 Elite 90 Recipient for Baseball, given to the top student-athlete at each of the NCAA's championship final sites. By having the top GPA among MCWS participants, Byers received the prestigious honor at the MCWS Opening Ceremonies. The Nicholasville, Kentucky native recently graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Animal Science, carrying a 4.0 GPA.

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 three or more runs on the scoreboard. The approach has been incredibly effective during the Mingione era and the Cats also are 211-41 under Mingione when scoring six or more runs. (See box on page 14 for Biggie Box innings)

BACK 2 BACK

Kentucky has qualified for back-to-back NCAA Regionals for the first time in program history, with both being hosted in Lexington. It is only the second time the Wildcats have made consecutive postseason appearances, with the Cats making the 1949 and 1950 NCAA District III Tournaments, but falling short of the Regional round in both tries.

LINE OF DEFENSE

Kentucky has featured one of the top defenses in the country for two straight years, backing up 2023's nation-leading .984 fielding percentage in a major way with a .980 clip and last season were featured on SportsCenter multiple times and boasted a league-high three members on the SEC All-Defensive Team. Before 2023, no Wildcat club had fielded at .980 or higher, and now, the Cats have reached that mark for in consecutive seasons.

#PACKKPP

The Big Blue Nation has shown up in support of their Wildcats in a major way, shattering single-game and three-game series attendance records in recent seasons. In 2024, UK broke the previous Kentucky Baseball attendance record of 6,796 set in Game 7 of the 2023 NCAA Lexington Regional. Game Two of the Tennessee series mark of 7,304 attendance stands as the new attendance record for the program, marking the first time 7,000+ people have attended a Kentucky baseball game. Overall, 21,023 people attended the series, smashing the previous record of 12,815 that was set in the final series at Cliff Hagan Stadium in 2018. UK then re-established a new record with its two Super Regional games versus Oregon State, including 7,558 fans at 9 p.m. local time on a Sunday night that saw the Cats advance to their first College World Series.



PORTAL POWER - THE TRILOGY

Having hit the jackpot in the NCAA transfer portal the past two seasons, Kentucky has mined gems from that fertile resource yet again.

On the position player side, the versatile group includes OF Carson Hansen (Milwaukee), OF Cole Hage (Columbia), IF Dylan Koontz (Campbell), IF Luke Lawrence (Illinois State), OF Will Marcy (NC State/Memphis), OF Shaun Montoya (San Diego State) and C Raphael Pelletier (Kansas State). Their total career numbers entering the season: 773 games played with 677 starts, 2,600 at bats, .300 average, 259 extra base hits, 439 RBI and 108 stolen bases.

Conversely, the group of RHP Chase Alderman (Eastern Kentucky), RHP Oliver Boone (California), RHP Simon Gregersen (Indiana State), LHP Adam Hachman (Arkansas), LHP Cole Hentschel (Richmond), RHP Nic McCay (South Dakota State), RHP Scott Rouse (Radford) and LHP Ethan Walker (Longwood) each have either massive experience, undeniable talent or both. In 202 games pitched (79 starts) entering the season it had pitched 566.1 innings with a 34-27 record, 21 saves, 645 strikeouts and 514 hits allowed.

OUI, OUI

Kentucky has a rich history with Canadian baseball players, including most recently with All-American infielder Emilien Pitre. Now senior C Raphael Pelletier, also from Ontario, is the latest French-Canadian to matriculate to Lexington. Pelletier is a two-time Honorable Mention All-Big XII honoree who began his career at Kansas State and is known for his power and defense. Like Pitre, he wears No. 4 and joins alumni James Paxton, Tristan Pompey, Zach Pop, Chris Bisson and other Canadians who have starred at UK.

CHICAGO CATS

Kentucky has tapped into the fertile Chicagoland recruiting soil in recent seasons, expanding ever-deeper into the Midwest for acquisition of talent. Zach Reks (MLB), Ryan Ritter (2022 Gold Glove), Jackson Gray (2023) and now Tyler Bell, Luke Lawrence and Nate Harris (2025). Bell, a second round selection in the 2024 MLB Draft, attended the same high school as Ritter.

#EVERYTHINGSCHOOL

Under the direction of athletics director Mitch Barnhart, UK has greatly enhanced its athletic profile across the entire department since his arrival. In recent years, volleyball and rifle each have national championships, football has had a 10-win season and Citrus Bowl championship, men's tennis finished national runners-up (2022), SEC Tournament Champions (2023, 2024), and SEC Regular Season Champions (2024), men's soccer completed an undefeated regular season and No. 1 overall seed in NCAA Tournament (2022), baseball reached a trio of Super Regionals (2017, 2023, 2024), reached its first CWS (2024) and won an SEC Championship (2024), softball advanced to the WCWS (2014), women's swimming won the SEC title (2021), track and field and gymnastics (2023 6th Place Finish) each cemented their status as elite programs on the national scene, and women's basketball won the SEC Tournament for the second time in 2022. That's not to mention the continued excellence of men's basketball and cheerleading, all of which culminated in a school-record ninth place finish in the Director's Cup standings for 2021-22.

THE NEW SEC

Beginning with the 2025 season, Oklahoma and Texas will deepen an already incredibly challenging league and the SEC has announced a new scheduling format that features a pair of permanent opponents for each school, including South Carolina and Vanderbilt for Kentucky. As previously announced, teams will play a three-game series against two permanent opponents and eight rotating opponents for a total of 30 conference games. Standings will be kept in a single-division format, eliminating divisional standings.

MINGIONE IS SUPER-B

Kentucky coach Nick Mingione is writing his name all over the school's record books. In addition to being on the coaching staff of all three teams that have hosted a regional (assistant in 2006, head coach in 2017 and 2023), he is the only head coach to guide UK to a Super Regional, now having done so three in the last seven NCAA Tournaments, and the Men's College World Series. Kentucky captured the heart of the Big Blue Nation in 2023, playing an exciting brand of baseball that led to large crowds, a top RPI rating and one of the 16 NCAA Regional host locations. When the Cats battled back and advanced to face eventual national champion LSU it marked the program's second-ever Super Regional appearance, both of which have been orchestrated during Coach Mingione's tenure.

It only set the stage for 2024, when the Cats shattered school attendance records, went 5-0 at home in the NCAA Tournament and won only their second SEC regular season title in history. For the effort, Mingione was named the SSEC and National Coach of the Year, both for the second time in his eight seasons as a head coach.

FIELD GENERALS

Kentucky may have the most experienced catching situation in the country with Devin Burkes and Raphael Pelletier behind the dish. Both are considered excellent defensive catchers and receivers and should be even better in 2025 as they provide depth at the position that allows each to stay fresh. In their careers, the two have played in 315 total games with 274 starts. They have collected over 1,000 career plate appearances with three Super Regional and a College World Series appearance, all as starters.

TWO WAY JAMES

Redshirt-junior UTL James McCoy returns as one of UK's most experienced players from the 2024 College World Series roster, having started 45 games a year ago, batting .218 with 11 extra base hits, 25 RBI, a .369 on-base percentage and eight stolen bases. McCoy is also a valuable asset to the Kentucky bullpen, often entering in late game situations. In his career, he has made nine appearances while notching one save.

LEAVE IT TO CLEAVER

Highly touted lefty Ben Cleaver was limited last season due to injuries, but came up clutch in a major way to clinch Kentucky's series win at Florida in 2024. Now healthy, The Slim Reaper™ is expected to take off in year two and if his appearance versus Morehead State in last fall's exhibition is any indication, he appears ready. In that outing he struck out six and did not allow a hit in 3.0 innings. In 2024 he struck out 11 of the 19 outs recorded.



2025 SPLITS

	G	AVG.	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
OVERALL	22	.288	183	199	44	3	23	167	112	141	56
SEC	6	.272	46	56	13	0	7	41	27	49	10
NON-SEC	16	.295	137	143	31	3	16	126	85	92	46
HOME	13	.303	106	123	27	1	10	94	60	81	43
AWAY	9	.267	77	76	17	2	13	73	52	60	13
NEUTRAL											
DAY	17	.288	141	151	33	1	18	126	88	105	47
NIGHT	5	.289	42	48	11	2	5	41	24	36	9
WINS	15	.308	143	140	32	2	16	125	84	87	43
LOSSES	7	.249	40	59	12	1	7	36	28	54	13
FEBRUARY	8	.289	74	69	19	1	8	67	49	50	18
MARCH	11	.290	89	101	19	2	13	81	56	69	33
APRIL											
MAY											
JUNE											

THE SPINS

RHP Robert Hogan was a key piece of the Kentucky bullpen last season, becoming one of its most trusted late-inning arms down the stretch. He earned a save in Kentucky's 2024 NCAA Tournament opener and then got seven critical outs over the final innings of the Super Regional clincher. In that appearance he had a crucial strikeout of eventual top overall MLB Draft pick Travis Bazzana and recorded the first two outs of the ninth inning with a one-run edge. He finished the season 1-0 with a 3.10 ERA in 40.2 innings over 24 appearances.

BISCUIT

One thing Kentucky fans have proven over the years is they love their nicknames and being unique in a conference full of tradition-rich programs. One of the latest examples is Dylan Koontz, a transfer from Campbell University (the same school that produced steady reliever Cameron O'Brien in 2024) who has a flavorful nickname. A nod to his penchant for making biscuits and gravy on Sundays, Koontz goes by "Big Biscuit" and embraces the name.

LONGWOOD --> LEXINGTON

In 2023, Kentucky mined the transfer portal for a relatively unknown first baseman who would go on to lead the Cats in home runs and endear himself to the Big Blue Nation with his leadership and raw emotion. In 2025, UK seeks to duplicate the success Hunter Gilliam had in Lexington with LHP Ethan Walker. Featuring a firm fastball and developing repertoire, Walker has a chance to follow in Gilliam's footsteps.

GARGETT GAINS

Sophomore IF Kyuss Gargett made the most of his opportunities during the two NCAA-allowed fall exhibition games, turning in two of Kentucky's most impressive single-game performances. Gargett batted a combined 6-of-9 with four runs scored, four doubles, two stolen bases and 10 RBI. The Indiana native drove in five runs in each of the two games.

ROUSE-ING PRESENCE

Senior RHP Scott Rouse is in his first season after previous stops at Ohio Dominican and, most recently, Radford. In two seasons there he started 17 games on the mound and posted a 5.72 ERA with strong strikeout rates. Interestingly, Rouse wears a reinforced hard shell cap for protection when he pitches after he was hit in the head with a line drive in 2023 that ended his season prematurely.

MULTI-HIT GAMES AT UK

PLAYER	2025	CAREER
TYLER BELL	8	8
HUDSON BROWN	2	2
DEVIN BURKES	5	37
GRIFFIN CAMERON	3	3
COLE HAGE	7	7
CARSON HANSEN	2	2
PATRICK HERRERA	7	10
ETHAN HINDLE	1	1
DYLAN KOONTZ	3	3
LUKE LAWRENCE	6	6
JAMES MCCOY	1	15
SHAUN MONTOYA	5	5

MULTI-RBI GAMES AT UK

PLAYER	2025	CAREER
TYLER BELL	5	5
DEVIN BURKES	5	27
GRIFFIN CAMERON	0	1
COLE HAGE	6	6
CARSON HANSEN	3	3
PATRICK HERRERA	3	5
ETHAN HINDLE	3	4
DYLAN KOONTZ	4	4
LUKE LAWRENCE	6	6
JAMES MCCOY	0	13
SHAUN MONTOYA	4	4

CURRENT HIT/REACH BASE STREAKS

(listed alphabetically; *career)

PLAYER	LONGEST*	CURRENT	REACH SAFE
BELL	6	3	19
BROWN	3	-	3
BURKES	11	9	6
CAMERON	2	-	6
GARGETT	2	-	-
HAGE	8	-	9
HANSEN	2	-	-
HERRERA	7	7	4
HINDLE	2	-	8
KOONTZ	4	-	-
LAWRENCE	5	1	6
MARCY	1	1	1
MONTOYA	7	-	17
MCCOY	8	-	1
PELLETIER	1	-	-
SCHWARTZ	-	-	1



Kentucky



DEVIN BURKES

THIEVES OF THE INDUSTRY

- In eight years under coach Nick Mingione the Wildcats have swiped 667 bases in 849 attempts, a success rate of 78.6 percent.
- In 2023, for the first time in school history (for which stats are available, 1969) the Cats had four players with at least 15 stolen bases.
- In 2024, UK stole more than 80 bases for the fourth time in Mingione's tenure.
- In 2021, the Cats stole 78 bases in 86 attempts. It was the highest success rate (90.7) of any Division I-A team with 50+ stolen bases.
- Catcher Devin Burkes is 32-of-41 in stolen base attempts for his career, including 19-of-22 in 2024.
- In total, 2025 incoming transfers have stolen 108 bases in their careers, including five players (Cole Hage, Carson Hansen, Luke Lawrence, Will Marcy and Shaun Montoya) who have at least 13. They are a combined 28-of-33 this season.
- Sophomore Griffin Cameron has 77 stolen bases in summer baseball the past two years, including 43 in 46 attempts in 2024 to finish second in the Northwoods League and set a Lakeshore Chinooks franchise record. He is 5-of-5 at Kentucky.

Kentucky has stolen at least 53 bases in each of the seven full seasons Mingione has been head coach and had more than 75 four times.

YEAR	SB/ATT
2017	63-95
2018	58-84
2019	85-116
2020	25-34
2021	78-86
2022	81-92
2023	94-123
2024	120-153
2025	56-67
Total	667-849



GRIFFIN CAMERON

TRACKING KENTUCKY'S EXTRA-BASE HITS				
Player	Doubles 2025 (career)	Triples 2025 (career)	Home Runs 2025 (career)	Totals 2025 (career)
TYLER BELL	7 (7)	0 (0)	3 (3)	10 (10)
HUDSON BROWN	3 (3)	0 (0)	0 (0)	3 (3)
DEVIN BURKES	6 (42)	0 (2)	2 (17)	8 (61)
GRIFFIN CAMERON	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
KYUSS GARGETT	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (3)
COLE HAGE [^]	5 (38)	0 (3)	6 (32)	11 (73)
CARSON HANSEN [^]	0 (26)	0 (1)	3 (14)	3 (41)
ETHAN HINDLE	2 (3)	0 (0)	1 (1)	3 (4)
DYLAN KOONTZ [^]	3 (11)	1 (1)	2 (8)	6 (21)
PATRICK HERRERA	5 (17)	0 (2)	1 (3)	6 (22)
LUKE LAWRENCE [^]	4 (27)	0 (4)	2 (8)	6 (39)
WILL MARCY [^]	0 (27)	1 (1)	0 (9)	1 (37)
JAMES MCCOY	1 (14)	0 (2)	0 (11)	1 (27)
SHAUN MONTOYA [^]	4 (31)	1 (8)	1 (6)	6 (45)
RAPHAEL PELLETIER [^]	2 (19)	0 (0)	0 (19)	2 (38)
TOTALS	44 (244)	3 (24)	23 (124)	70 (390)

IN THE NIC OF TIME

In 2023, UK baseball thrived, in part, behind seventh-year pitcher Darren Williams, whose experience and toughness provided invaluable. The Cats are banking on history repeating itself in the form of Nic McCay, who has had an impressive but injury-plague career that began in 2019 at South Dakota State. Although he has missed all or parts of the 20202, 2021 and 2023 seasons he still leads all active SEC players in innings pitched and strikeouts.

MR. IVY LEAGUE

Senior Cole Hage may be, literally, the smartest person in the room at all times. After graduating from Columbia University, the three-time All-Ivy League performer opted to take his shot at the vaunted SEC for his final season of college baseball. With unique size and speed he clearly posses special physical gifts but his mind may be even more impressive. He has routinely wowed coaches with the way he processes information, his recall skills and analytical prowess.

RINGING THE BELL

Freshman IF Tyler Bell is betting big on himself. The Chicago-area youngster was picked 66th overall in last summer's MLB Draft but did not agree to contract terms with the Tampa Bay Rays and instead enrolled at UK, making him the highest-ranked draft pick to make it to campus for the 2025 season. He will be draft eligible again after two seasons in Lexington.

HAVE MARCY!

Senior OF Will Marcy has made several pitstops (NC State/Memphis) in his career but has found a home that fits his vast skill set at UK. An elite defender in centerfield, he shined in the fall exhibitions (four doubles, four HBP) and owns a career batting average hovering around .300 with an OPS well over .800.

PATTY SWISS ARMY

Senior Patrick Herrera is the ultimate Swiss Armt knife for the Cats, a versatile infielder by trade who also played meaningful innings in the outfield in 2024. Although an illness delayed his development in 2023, Herrera provides coverage at multiple positions and is a career .300 hitter with a career on-base percentage over .450.

LAWRENCE OF LEXINGTON

Junior IF Luke Lawrence has assumed the role of tablesetter for the Cats after a stellar two seasons at Illinois State where he amassed 120 hits and 15 steals in just 95 games. He is well above average at

QUALITY STARTS (4)

(*6 IP, 3 OR FEWER EARNED RUNS)			
DATE	PITCHER (#)	IP	(H, R-ER, BB, K)
2/21	MCCAY (1)	6.0	(2, 1-0, 0, 7)
2/22	CLEAVER (1)	6.0	(1, 0-0, 0, 11)
3/1	CLEAVER (2)	7.1	(1, 0-0, 1, 3)
3/7	MCCAY (2)	6.0	(3, 1-0, 4, 3)

SAVES (3)

DATE	PITCHER (#)	OPPONENT
2/21	GREGERSEN (1)	BELMONT
3/15	ROUSE (1)	GEORGIA
3/23	SKELDING (1)	AUBURN



three infield positions and is reminiscent of former UK star Emilien Pitre. In 2024 with the Redbirds he constructed a 33-game reached base streak. The Chicago native also is an accomplished hockey player.

GONE IN 90 FEET

Sophomore Griffin Cameron has 77 stolen bases in summer baseball the past two years, including 43 in 46 attempts in 2024 to finish second in the Northwoods League and set a Lakeshore Chinooks franchise record. He is 3-of-3 at Kentucky and had three stolen bases in the two fall exhibition games.

POWER OF POSITIVITY

Redshirt junior catcher Devin Burkes has become beloved amongst teammates and fans because of his relentless positivity, pursuit of greatness and willingness to wait his turn and earn his opportunities in an increasingly impatient world. His infectious smile and edgy flair has made him one of college baseball’s most likeable student-athletes, even earning him the nickname The Happiest Man in College Baseball™, but where does it come from? He gets it from his momma, Denise.

“It comes from my mom,” Burkes said. “My brother and I didn’t always have the easiest upbringing. My mom and dad raised us to go around positive every day. Every day you’ve got something to live for, play for, love on somebody for because we don’t know who is going to be there when we wake up the next day. Got it from Momma Burkes.”

THE BIG INNING (25)	
(*3 or more runs scored; Blue shaded are SEC games)	
OPPONENT	RUNS
AT LIPSCOMB	3
AT LIPSCOMB	5
AT BELMONT	3
AT BELMONT	3
AT BELMONT	4
AT BELMONT	6
VS EVANSVILLE	7
VS EVANSVILLE	3
VS EVANSVILLE	9
VS MOREHEAD STATE	6
VS HOFSTRA	4
AT EKU	4
AT EKU	9
VS WOFFORD	4
VS WOFFORD	5
VS WOFFORD	3
VS NIU	3
VS NIU	3
AT GEORGIA	3
AT GEORGIA	3
AT GEORGIA	4
AT GEORGIA	3
VS MURRAY STATE	3
VS AUBURN	4
VS AUBURN	5

KENTUCKY HEAD COACH NICK MINGIONE HAS WON 277 CAREER GAMES AT THE SCHOOL. HE CURRENTLY RANKS SECOND ON THE ALL-TIME WINS LIST AND HAS THE HIGHEST WINNING PERCENTAGE OF ANY COACH WHO SPENT AT LEAST 100 GAMES AT THE SCHOOL.

COACH	VICTORIES	PCT.	SEASONS
KEITH MADISON (1979-2003)	735	.535	25
NICK MINGIONE (2017-)	277	.616	9
GARY HENDERSON (2009-16)	258	.564	8
JOHN COHEN (2004-08)	175	.610	5
HARRY LANCASTER (1947, 1951-65)	163	.500	16



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TWO-OUT RBI (52)	
PLAYER	RBI
TYLER BELL	7
HUDSON BROWN	3
DEVIN BURKES	4
GRIFFIN CAMERON	1
KYUSS GARGETT	1
COLE HAGE	8
CARSON HANSEN	2
PATRICK HERRERA	6
ETHAN HINDLE	5
DYLAN KOONTZ	5
LUKE LAWRENCE	6
JAMES MCCOY	1
SHAUN MONTOYA	3
TEAM	52

The Nick Mingione Show, a weekly radio sitdown with Kentucky's head man, is part of the UK Sports Network and hosted by team radio announcer Darren Headrick. It airs Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. ET beginning on March 10.

TRACKING KENTUCKY CAREER HIGHS (THROUGH 3/11)

PLAYER	HITS (most recent)	RBI (most recent)	RUNS (most recent)
TYLER BELL	3 (vs AUBURN; 3/21/25)	4 (vs WOFFORD; 3/8/25)	3 (AT BELMONT; 2/22/25)
HUDSON BROWN	2 (AT GEORGIA; 3/15/25)	1 (vs MURRAY ST.; 3/18/25)	1 (vs AUBURN; 3/23/25)
DEVIN BURKES	4 (vs EVANSVILLE; 2/25/25)	7 (vs. WRIGHT STATE; 2/26/23)	5 (vs EVANSVILLE; 2/25/25)
GRIFFIN CAMERON	3 (vs AUBURN; 3/22/25)	2 (vs LIPSCOMB; 3/2/24)	2 (vs AUBURN; 3/22/25)
KYUSS GARGETT	1 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)	1 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)	2 (vs LIPSCOMB; 3/3/24)
COLE HAGE	4 (vs LIPSCOMB; 2/14/25)	3 (AT GEORGIA; 3/14/25)	3 (vs WOFFORD; 3/7/25)
CARSON HANSEN	3 (AT BELMONT; 2/23/25)	3 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/1/25)	2 (AT ECU; 3/4/25)
PATRICK HERRERA	3 (vs LIPSCOMB; 3/2/24)	4 (AT ECU; 3/4/25)	3 (AT GEORGIA; 3/15/25)
ETHAN HINDLE	2 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)	4 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)	3 (AT ECU; 3/4/25)
DYLAN KOONTZ	2 (vs WOFFORD; 3/7/25)	4 (vs WOFFORD; 3/7/25)	4 (AT ECU; 3/4/25)
LUKE LAWRENCE	3 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)	3 (AT GEORGIA; 3/16/25)	2 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)
WILL MARCY	1 (vs NIU; 3/11/25)	1 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	1 (vs NIU; 3/11/25)
JAMES MCCOY	4 (AT OLE MISS; 3/30/24)	3 (vs. WMU (NCAAT); 5/31/24)	3 (AT SOUTH CAROLINA; 4/27/24)
SHAUN MONTOYA	4 (vs WOFFORD; 3/8/25)	4 (AT ECU; 3/4/25)	2 (vs WOFFORD; 3/8/25)
RAPHAEL PELLETIER	1 (AT GEORGIA; 3/14/25)	2 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	2 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)
RYAN SCHWARTZ	-	1 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	-
PITCHERS	INNINGS (most recent)	STRIKEOUTS (most recent)	PITCHES (most recent)
NILE ADCOCK	2.2 (vs AUBURN; 3/22/25)	3 (vs AUBURN; 3/22/25)	33 (vs AUBURN; 3/22/25)
EVAN BYERS	3.0 (vs. TEXAS A&M (CWS); 6/17/24)	3 (vs MISSOURI; 4/1/23)	41 (vs. TEXAS A&M (CWS); 6/17/24)
BEN CLEAVER	7.1 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/1/25)	11 (AT BELMONT; 2/22/25)	88 (AT GEORGIA; 3/15/25)
BRADLEY FERRELL	1.0 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/1/25)	-	17 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/1/25)
SIMON GREGERSEN	2.0 (vs AUBURN; 3/21/25)	3 (vs HOFSTRA; 2/28/25)	47 (vs HOFSTRA; 2/28/25)
LOGAN GRUBB	1.0 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	3 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	14 (vs NIU; 3/11/25)
LEIGHTON HARRIS	4.0 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	4 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	64 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)
NATE HARRIS	5.0 (vs NIU; 3/11/25)	5 (AT ECU; 3/4/25)	76 (vs MURRAY STATE; 3/18/25)
COLE HENTSCHEL	1.2 (AT GEORGIA; 3/16/25)	1 (AT GEORGIA; 3/16/25)	31 (AT GEORGIA; 3/16/25)
ROBERT HOGAN	3.2 (vs TENNESSEE; 4/21/24)	5 (vs LSU; 5/22/24)	66 (vs TENNESSEE; 4/20/24)
TRISTAN HUNTER	1.0 (vs NIU; 3/11/25)	3 (vs NIU; 3/11/25)	21 (vs NIU; 3/11/25)
Nic McCay	6.0 (vs WOFFORD; 3/7/25)	7 (AT BELMONT; 2/21/25)	97 (vs WOFFORD; 3/7/25)
JAMES MCCOY	2.0 (vs MURRAY STATE; 3/18/25)	1 (vs KENNESAW STATE; 3/9/24)	32 (vs KENNESAW STATE; 3/9/24)
JACKSON NOVE	3.0 (vs LIPSCOMB; 2/14/25)	6 (AT BELMONT; 2/21/25)	54 (AT AUBURN; 4/12/24)
SCOTT ROUSE	5.0 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)	7 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)	79 (AT GEORGIA; 3/15/25)
TOMMY SKELDING	4.0 (vs AUBURN; 3/23/25)	4 (AT GEORGIA; 3/14/25)	57 (vs AUBURN; 3/23/25)
HAYDEN SMITH	1.2 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/20/24)	3 (AT ECU; 3/4/25)	28 (vs. MOREHEAD; 2/20/24)
ZAK SPURRIER	1.0 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	2 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	17 (vs MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)
ETHAN WALKER	5.0 (vs WOFFORD; 3/9/25)	4 (vs WOFFORD; 3/9/25)	65 (vs HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)



Kentucky



WHAT'S IN A (NICK)NAME?

Koontz isn't the only Wildcat to garner a nickname. Several players have colorful monikers:

Dylan Koontz – Big Biscuit

Ben Cleaver – Slim Reaper

Patrick Herrera - Patty Pics

Nic McCay – Unc

Robert Hogan – Bobby Spins

DID YOU KNOW? WILDCATS TRIVIA ...

Oliver Boone - Father is the producer of acclaimed TV show Brooklyn: Nine-Nine and mother is an actress with over 200 voiceover credits

Ben Cleaver - Pitches left-handed but throws other balls right-handed

Kyuss Gargett - Held youth world deadlift record when he was 10

Cole Hentschel - Has three Rottweilers, all named 'Bud'

Patrick Herrera: Is an avid photographer and fashion guru

Ethan Hindle - Father, David, played cricket and rugby at the University of London

Luke Lawrence - Was a decorated hockey player in Chicago during high school

Nic McCay - Seventh-year senior who hit 15 home runs as a senior in high school

Raphael Pelletier - Represented Team Canada at the 2018 Pan-Am Games

Khaleel Pratt: Had back-to-back state titles in high school in both baseball and basketball

Hayden Smith - Hit by a car at age nine



2025 HOME RUN TRACKER

HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

BY LOCATION

AT HOME	10
ON ROAD	13
NEUTRAL	0

BY PITCHER

VS. RIGHT	20
VS. LEFT	3

BY CONFERENCE

VS. SEC	7
VS. NON-SEC	16

BY OUTS

WITH NO OUT	10
WITH ONE OUT	6
WITH TWO OUT	7

BY RUNNERS ON

SOLO	11
TWO-RUN	4
THREE-RUN	5
GRAND SLAM	3

BY COUNT

AHEAD IN COUNT	7
EVEN IN COUNT	6
BEHIND IN COUNT	10
FULL COUNT	0
FIRST PITCH	3
TWO STRIKES	6

BY TIME OF DAY

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

DAY GAMES	18
NIGHT GAMES	5

NO	PLAYER (#)	OPPONENT	ON	INN.	OUT	COUNT	RHP/LHP
1	HAGE (1)	LIPSCOMB	2	3	2	2-0	RHP
2	BURKES (1)	BELMONT	0	4	0	0-0	RHP
3	BELL (1)	BELMONT	2	5	0	3-1	RHP
4	HANSEN (1)	BELMONT	3	7	0	0-1	RHP
5	HANSEN (2)	BELMONT	0	3	0	0-0	RHP
6	KOONTZ (1)	EVANSVILLE	1	1	1	1-1	RHP
7	HAGE (2)	EVANSVILLE	0	4	0	0-1	RHP
8	LAWRENCE (1)	HOFSTRA	0	3	1	0-0	LHP
9	HANSEN (3)	HOFSTRA	1	6	2	1-2	RHP
10	HINDLE (1)	HOFSTRA	3	4	2	1-2	LHP
11	BELL (2)	EKU	0	5	1	2-1	RHP
12	MONTOYA (1)	EKU	3	5	1	0-2	RHP
13	HAGE (3)	EKU	0	5	1	0-1	RHP
14	HAGE (4)	WOFFORD	2	6	2	1-2	RHP
15	KOONTZ (2)	WOFFORD	1	6	2	2-1	RHP
16	BELL (3)	WOFFORD	2	3	2	2-0	RHP
17	HAGE (5)	GEORGIA	2	1	0	1-2	RHP
18	HERRERA (1)	GEORGIA	0	8	0	1-1	RHP
19	LAWRENCE (2)	GEORGIA	1	1	0	0-2	RHP
20	HAGE (6)	GEORGIA	0	1	0	2-2	RHP
21	BURKES (2)	GEORGIA	0	2	0	2-0	RHP
22	BURKES (3)	AUBURN	0	6	1	3-1	RHP
23	BELL (4)	AUBURN	0	4	2	0-1	LHP

HR BY POSITION

C - 3	LF - 6
1B - 2	CF - 2
2B - 2	RF - 1
SS - 5	DH - 2
3B - 1	PH - 1

HR BY INNING

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



2024 MLB DRAFT

Kentucky saw seven of its mainstays selected in the Major League Baseball Draft just weeks after the Wildcats' run to Omaha, including the first time in school history two Cats were taken in the first 60 picks. UK also had two players signed as free agents. The seven draftees were tied for third-most in the country.

In total, Kentucky saw its entire starting infield, left fielder and weekend rotation gobbled up by professional baseball.



"THE HOOK"

One of the personal touches to the Wildcats' 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 were 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.



RANKINGS

OPPONENTS					
TEAM	BA	D1	USA	PG	BWA
AUBURN	12	11	12	11	16
GEORGIA	4	3	3	2	2
LOUISVILLE	20	18	19	-	22
MISSISSIPPI ST.	-	-	RV	-	RV
MURRAY STATE	-	-	-	-	RV
OKLAHOMA	8	9	9	8	9
OLE MISS	15	15	15	-	20
SOUTH CAROLINA	-	-	-	-	RV
TENNESSEE	1	1	1	1	3
TEXAS	3	7	7	5	7
VANDERBILT	14	14	13	13	12

KENTUCKY WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS					
TEAM	BA	D1	USA	PG	BWA
PRESEASON	20	-	24	28	26
WEEK 1	23	-	24	-	RV
WEEK 2	23	-	RV	-	RV
WEEK 3	23	-	-	-	RV
WEEK 4	23	-	RV	-	RV
WEEK 5	24	-	RV	-	RV
WEEK 6	-	-	RV	-	RV

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

2025 VS. RANKED OPPONENTS		
TEAM	RANK	RECORD
AT GEORGIA	3!	1-2
VS AUBURN	16+	1-2

TOTAL 2-4
VS. TOP 10 1-2

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



WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME...

WON A SERIES VS. A No. 1 RANKED FOE:	vs. No. 1 TENNESSEE (2022)
WON A SERIES VS. A TOP 5 FOE:	vs. No. 2 ARKANSAS, 2-1 (MAY 3-5, 2024)
WON A SERIES VS. A TEAM RANKED No. 6-10:	vs. No. 7 OREGON STATE, 2-0 (JUNE 8-9, 2024)
WON A ROAD SERIES VS. RANKED OPPONENT:	AT No. 22 OLE MISS, 3-0 (MARCH 29-31, 2024)
SWEPT A HOME SERIES (THREE OR MORE GAMES):	vs. HOFSTRA (FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2, 2025)
SWEPT A ROAD SERIES (THREE OR MORE GAMES):	AT BELMONT (FEBRUARY 21-23, 2025)
DEFEATED A TOP 10 OPPONENT:	AT #3 GEORGIA, 10-7, MARCH 15, 2025
RECORDED A TRIPLE PLAY:	vs. LOUISVILLE (APRIL 18, 2017; 7-2-6)
PLAYED AN EXTRA-INNING GAME:	10 INNINGS, vs. NC STATE (MCWS); W, 5-4 (JUNE 15, 2024)
SCORED 20 OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:	24, vs. EVANSVILLE (FEBRUARY 25, 2025)
HIT SIX HOME RUNS IN A GAME (SEE BELOW FOR 7 HR)	vs. TENNESSEE (APRIL 21, 2024)
HIT SEVEN HOME RUNS IN A GAME:	vs. ALABAMA (APRIL 25, 2020)
HIT FOUR HOME RUNS IN AN INNING:	8TH, vs. DAYTON (FEB. 21, 2016)
DREW 10 OR MORE WALKS IN A GAME:	10, AT LOUISVILLE (APRIL 16, 2024)
GOT HIT BY 10 OR MORE PITCHES IN A GAME:	10, vs. MONMOUTH (MARCH 6, 2010) * TIED NCAA RECORD AT TIME
HIT BY THREE OR MORE PITCHES IN A GAME (PLAYER):	DYLAN KOONTZ (3, vs. HOFSTRA, MARCH 2, 2025)
STOLE EIGHT BASES IN A GAME:	vs. HOFSTRA (FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 2, 2025)
STOLE 30 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE BASES AS TEAM:	33, 2021 (OPENED THE SEASON 33-FOR-33)
LED OFF A GAME WITH A HOME RUN:	RYAN WALDSCHMIDT (vs. VANDERBILT, MAY 17, 2024)
LED OFF A GAME WITH A TRIPLE:	AUSTIN SCHULTZ (vs. EASTERN KENTUCKY, MARCH 2, 2021)
HIT A GRAND SLAM:	SHAUN MONTOYA AT EASTERN KENTUCKY, MARCH 4, 2025
HIT A WALK-OFF HOME RUN:	MITCHELL DALY, vs. NC STATE (MCWS), JUNE 15, 2024
HIT AN EXTRA-INNING, GAME-WINNING HOME RUN:	MITCHELL DALY, vs. NC STATE (MCWS), JUNE 15, 2024
HIT TWO HOME RUNS IN A GAME:	RYAN WALDSCHMIDT (vs ARKANSAS (SEC TOURNAMENT), MAY 24, 2024)
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:	CHASE STANKE (AT LSU, APRIL 14, 2023)
HAD A TRADITIONAL WALK-OFF WIN:	vs. NC STATE (MCWS), 5-4, 10 INN. (JUNE 15, 2024)
HAD A WALK-OFF HIT OR WALK (NON-HR):	EMILIEN PITRE, SINGLE, vs. EASTERN KENTUCKY, 10-0, 7 INNINGS (MARCH 5, 2024)
HAD A WALK-OFF GRAND SLAM:	RILEY MAHAN (vs. ALABAMA, APRIL 9, 2016)
HIT AN INSIDE THE PARK HOMER:	JAMES MCCOY (vs. SOUTH CAROLINA, MAY 5, 2023)
HOMERED IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	COLE HAGE (AT ECU, MARCH 4, 2025 AND vs. WOFFORD, MARCH 7, 2025)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	RYAN NICHOLSON (vs. ILLINOIS, INDIANA STATE, AND OREGON STATE, NCAA TOURNAMENT, JUNE 1, 2, 8, 2024)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES:	RYAN NICHOLSON (AT AUBURN, APRIL 11-13, 2024)
HOMERED IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE GAMES:	RYAN NICHOLSON (AT AUBURN, APRIL 11-13, AND AT LOUISVILLE, APRIL 16, 2024)
HOMERED IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES:	RYAN NICHOLSON (vs ALABAMA, APRIL 7, AT AUBURN, APRIL 11-13, 2024)
HOMERED IN FIVE CONSECUTIVE SEC GAMES:	GRANT SMITH (AT TENNESSEE, MAY 13-14, vs. FLORIDA, MAY 18-20, 2023)
HOMERED IN CONSECUTIVE AT BATS:	RYAN WALDSCHMIDT (vs ARKANSAS (SEC TOURNAMENT), MAY 24, 2024)
HOMERED IN THREE CONSECUTIVE AT BATS:	T.J. COLLETT (vs. ALABAMA, APRIL 25, 2021)
HOMERED IN FIRST AT-BAT OF THE SEASON:	CARSON HANSEN, AT BELMONT, FEBRUARY 22, 2025
HOMERED FOR FIRST CAREER HIT:	AUSTIN FAWLEY (vs. WKU, FEB. 27, 2024) AND LUKAS SCHRAMM AND ELI SMALL (AT USC UPSTATE, FEB. 18, 2024)
HOMERED IN FIRST AT-BAT OF THEIR CAREER:	ELI SMALL (AT USC UPSTATE, FEB. 18, 2024)
HOMERED IN FIRST GAME OF UK CAREER:	COLE HAGE (AT LIPSCOMB, FEB. 14, 2025)
HOMERED IN FIRST HOME AT BAT OF THEIR CAREER (GS):	AJ REED (vs. W. 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):	LUKE LAWRENCE AND COLE HAGE (AT GEORGIA, MARCH 16, 2025)
HIT THREE CONSECUTIVE HOME RUNS (TEAM):	LANCE RAY, BRADEN KAPTEYN AND MARCUS NIDIFFER (AT INDIANA, MAY 11, 2010)
SCORED FIVE OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:	DEVIN BURKES (5, vs. EVANSVILLE, FEBRUARY 25, 2025)
SCORED SIX OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:	ANDY BURNS (6, vs. MISSISSIPPI STATE, APRIL 19, 2009)
REACHED BASE SAFELY IN 8+ STRAIGHT PLATE APPEARANCES:	NICK LOPEZ (9), 6 HITS, 3 WALKS (AT AUBURN, AT LOUISVILLE, APRIL 13 AND 16, 2024)
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:	NICK LOPEZ (vs. MURRAY STATE, MARCH 12, 2024)
HAD SIX OR MORE HITS IN A GAME:	JT RIDDLE, 6 (vs. NIAGARA, FEB. 17, 2013)
HAD SIX RBI IN A GAME:	RYAN WALDSCHMIDT (AT LOUISVILLE, APRIL 16, 2024)
HAD SEVEN RBI IN A GAME:	DEVIN BURKES (vs. WRIGHT STATE, FEB. 26, 2023)
HAD EIGHT RBI IN A GAME:	LUKE BECKER (vs. MIAMI, OHIO, MARCH 12, 2017)
HIT HOME RUNS FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE PLATE:	NICK LOPEZ (AT AUBURN, APRIL 13, 2024)
STOLE THREE OR MORE BASES IN A GAME:	SHAUN MONTOYA (3, vs HOFSTRA, MARCH 1, 2025)
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:	PATRICK HERRERA (4, vs. MIAMI UNIVERSITY, MARCH 26, 2024)
HIT BY THREE OR MORE PITCHES:	DYLAN KOONTZ (3, vs. HOFSTRA, MARCH 2, 2025)
STRUCK OUT 10 OR MORE IN A GAME:	BEN CLEAVER (11, AT BELMONT, FEBRUARY 22, 2025)
PITCHED A NINE-INNING COMPLETE GAME:	DOMINIC NIMAN (vs ALABAMA, APRIL 6, 2024)
PITCHED A NINE-INNING SHUTOUT:	DOMINIC NIMAN (vs ALABAMA, APRIL 6, 2024)
PITCHED A NO-HITTER:	TOM BANNON (vs. GEORGIA STATE, MARCH 16, 1971; W, 3-1 IN 7 INNINGS; SEASON OPENER)
GOT NO-HIT:	vs. VANDERBILT (APRIL 22, 2022)



KENTUCKY BATTING ORDER

GAME	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
AT LIPSCOMB (DH-1)	LAWRENCE	MARCY	KOONTZ	MONTOYA	BELL	HAGE	McCOY	PELLETIER	HERRERA
AT LIPSCOMB (DH-2)	LAWRENCE	MARCY	BURKES	MONTOYA	HAGE	BELL	KOONTZ	HINDLE	GARGETT
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VS EVANSVILLE	LAWRENCE	MONTOYA	HAGE	BELL	HANSEN	BURKES	KOONTZ	HINDLE	McCOY
VS MOREHEAD STATE	LAWRENCE	HERRERA	HAGE	BELL	BURKES	MONTOYA	KOONTZ	MARCY	PELLETIER
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VS HOFSTRA	LAWRENCE	MONTOYA	HAGE	BELL	HANSEN	HINDLE	KOONTZ	BURKES	HERRERA
AT EASTERN KENTUCKY	LAWRENCE	MONTOYA	HAGE	BELL	HANSEN	HINDLE	KOONTZ	PELLETIER	HERRERA
VS WOFFORD	MONTOYA	LAWRENCE	HAGE	BELL	KOONTZ	HINDLE	HANSEN	PELLETIER	HERRERA
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VS WOFFORD	LAWRENCE	HAGE	BELL	MONTOYA	HERRERA	McCOY	BURKES	MARCY	PELLETIER
VS NIU	MONTOYA	LAWRENCE	HAGE	BELL	KOONTZ	HERRERA	BURKES	MARCY	PELLETIER
AT GEORGIA	MONTOYA	LAWRENCE	HAGE	BELL	KOONTZ	BURKES	HERRERA	CAMERON	PELLETIER
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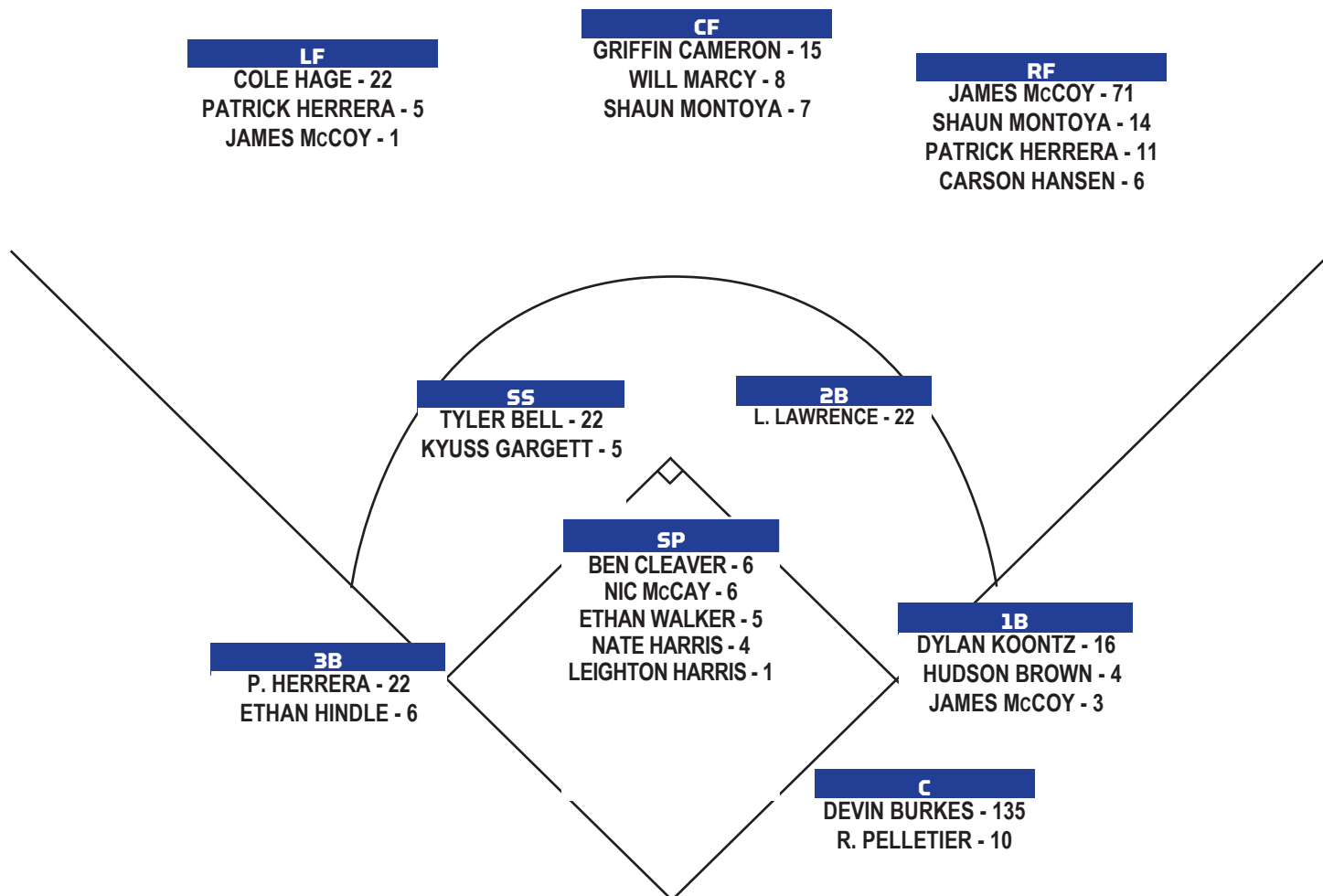


KENTUCKY STARTING LINEUP

GAME	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
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AT LIPSCOMB (DH-2)	BURKES	KOONTZ	LAWRENCE	BELL	HINDLE	HAGE	MARCY	MONTOYA	GARGETT
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GAMES STARTED AT KENTUCKY



GAMES-GAMES STARTED (POSITION PLAYERS)

PLAYER	CAREER	2025	2024	2023	2022
SHAUN MONTOYA	170-165	22-22	54-54\$	52-50\$	42-39\$
RAPHAEL PELLETIER	163-133	12-11	60-57#	57-53#	34-12#
DEVIN BURKES	159-148	18-16	60-59	61-61	20-12
COLE HAGE	152-147	22-22	42-42%	40-35%	48-48%
WILL MARCY	127-102	12-8	38-38^	45-33&	32-23&
LUKE LAWRENCE	117-107	22-22	56-56!	39-29!	-
PATRICK HERRERA	103-72	22-20	27-18	12-1	42-33@
JAMES McCOY	101-83	12-4	52-45	36-34	-
CARSON HANSEN	88-76	10-8	55-54*	23-14*	-
DYLAN KOONTZ	73-57	17-17	35-32+	0-0	21-8+
GRIFFIN CAMERON	24-14	15-7	9-7	-	-
KYUSS GARGETT	23-7	11-2	12-5	-	-
ETHAN HINDLE	20-15	13-11	7-4	-	-
HUDSON BROWN	15-6	15-6	-	-	-
RYAN SCHWARTZ	4-0	4-0	-	-	-

#KANSAS STATE; \$SAN DIEGO STATE; %COLUMBIA; ^MEMPHIS; &NC STATE; @NORTHWESTERN; *WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE; !ILLINOIS STATE; +CAMPBELL



CATS IN THE PROS

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

COLLIN COWGILL - CINCINNATI REDS (COACH)
TREVOR GOTT - OAKLAND ATHLETICS (DL)
ANDY GREEN - NY METS (FRONT OFFICE)
SEAN HJELLE - SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS
ZACH POP - TORONTO BLUE JAYS
TAYLOR ROGERS - CINCINNATI REDS
ZACK THOMPSON - ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SETH CHAVEZ (RAYS-DL)
KYLE CODY (GIANTS-AA)
CARSON COLEMAN - (YANKEES-DL)
MAGDIEL COTTO (PIRATES-A)
MITCHELL DALY (ANGELS - A)
TYLER GUILFOIL (ASTROS-AAA)
ZACH HAAKE (PHILLIES-AA)
SEAN HARNEY (METS-AA)
^DANIEL HARPER (PHILLIES-AA)
VINCE HARRISON - DAYTON DRAGONS (REDS-A, MANAGER)
HOLT JONES (MARLINS-A)
ZACK LEE (TIGERS-A)
JUSTIN LEWIS (GUARDIANS-AA)
ZACH LOGUE (KOREA)
LOGAN MARTIN (ROYALS-A)
MASON MOORE (WHITE SOX - A)
RYAN NICHOLSON (ANGELS - AA)
DOMINIC NIMAN (RAYS - Rk)
^EMILIE PITRE (RAYS - A)
TREY POOSER (RAYS - Rk)
JOHN RHODES (DODGERS-AA)
^RYAN RITTER (ROCKIES-AA)
ALONZO RUBALCABA (TIGERS-A)
GRANT SMITH (WHITE SOX - Rk)
TRAVIS SMITH (BREWERS - Rk)
AUSTIN STRICKLAND (GIANTS-A)
COLE STUPP (TIGERS-A)
^RYAN WALDSCHMIDT (DIAMONDBACKS - A)
EVAN WHITE (ANGELS-AAA)
^PARTICIPATED IN 2025 MLB SPRING BREAKOUT EVENT



MLB TRAINING GROUND

Kentucky has made its presence felt in the Major League Baseball Draft in recent years with 43 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), Zack Thompson (2019) and Ryan Waldschmidt (2024) the Cats have had three first-round selections under Mingione. In the last eight drafts:

- 23 Wildcats were selected in the first 10 rounds.
- 10 were selected in the first five rounds, including first-rounders Evan White (2017), Zack Thompson (2019) and Ryan Waldschmidt (2024).
- 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 27 underclassmen drafted during that span earned \$18.4 million in signing bonus money, an average of \$681,400 per player.
- 33 of the 43 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.

WALK IT OFF

The Cats' 10 most recent traditional walk-off victories

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	FINAL PLAY
6/15/24	NC State (MCWS)	5-4 (10)	Home Run
3/17/23	Mississippi State	5-4 (10)	Wild pitch
3/5/23	Indiana State	7-6	RBI Single
5/5/22	No. 1 Tennessee	3-2 (13)	RBI Single
3/13/22	High Point	4-3	Error
2/26/22	Western Michigan	13-12 (12)	Error
2/23/22	Bellarmino	3-2	RBI Double
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

The Cats have walked it off 19 times since Nick Mingione took over as head coach before the 2017 season, including five run rule games.



BASEBALL MINDS IN THE PROS

Former Wildcat Vince Harrison is the manager of the Dayton Dragons, the class High-A affiliate for the Cincinnati Reds, for the 2025 season. A former football and baseball player at Kentucky, Harrison has remained in the game of baseball and is one of three former players in non-playing roles with a Major League Baseball organization. Collin Cowgill remains an assistant coach with the Reds and former MLB manager and UK all-time hits leader Andy Green has joined the New York Mets' front office.



HEAD COACH NICK MINGIONE

Nick Mingione – who was named Kentucky’s head coach on June 13, 2016 – has already made his mark after just eight seasons in Lexington, becoming a respected piece of the UK Baseball program and local community, while guiding the Wildcats to their only Super Regional and first-ever College World Series appearance in school history.

In his rookie season as a head coach, Mingione proved a quick study as the 2017 Wildcats etched their name all over the school’s record books. The program made a trip to the NCAA Tournament Super Regionals for the first time and finished ranked in the Top 10 of every major college baseball poll. In year seven, Mingione repeated the feat by returning to the Super Regional and climbing into the Top 10 during the season.

UK has hosted a regional four times in history, all of which Mingione was on staff for, including twice as head coach.

Additionally, the Cats’ 43 wins in 2017 were just two shy of the school record and the most for a first-year coach in the program’s history. The 19 wins in Southeastern Conference play were the second-most in school history, just one shy of the 2006 championship team’s 20, which Mingione also was a part of as an assistant coach. In 2018, the Cats spent the majority of the season in the Top 25, including ten weeks in the Top 10. The 77 victories in Mingione’s first two seasons are the most in a two-year period at UK since John Cohen won 78 games in 2007-08.

Many of those accolades were again rewritten in a record-breaking 2024 season that earned Mingione his second SEC and National Coach of the awards. UK set a new school record with 46 victories and won the SEC regular season crown for just the second time.

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 42 players being selected. The 21 players selected in the 2017 and 2018 drafts were the most of any program in the country and Mingione has helped mentor two top 20 overall picks in first baseman Evan White (17th, 2017) and left-handed pitcher Zack Thompson (19th, 2019). He added a third first rounder in 2024 (Ryan Waldschmidt) and coupled that with Emilien Pitre (58) to have two UK players selected in the top 60 overall picks in its history.

His impact on the Commonwealth culminated in being named a Kentucky Colonel on Oct. 23, 2017. The designation is the highest honor a civilian can receive in Kentucky. He also was named the 2022 winner of the Fellowship of Christian Athlete’s Jerry Kindall Character in Coaching Award for his work on and off the field.

The Cats also have been dominant in the classroom. Zach Logue was named the SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year in 2017, Troy Squires won the prestigious Senior CLASS Award in 2018, the first Kentucky player to do so, and Marshall Gei was First-Team Academic All-America in 2019. T.J. Collett then became the second Wildcat in four years to win the Senior CLASS Award when he was honored in 2021. UK also has had an Academic All-American in five of the past six years and Evan Byers was named the NCAA Elite 90 Award winner for top student-athlete at the 2024 College World Series.

Entering 2025, the Cats have had a conference-best 274 players earn All-SEC academic honors, including a league-high 34 in 2020 and 39 in 2021. The program has earned the ABCA’s prestigious Team Academic Excellence Award, which requires a cumulative team grade point average of at least 3.00, each of the 2018, 2019, 2020, 202, 2022, 2023 and 2024 seasons, the only school in the SEC to accomplish that feat.

MINGIONE VS. ALL OPPONENTS	
OPPONENT	RECORD
Alabama	8-5
Appalachian State	3-0
Arkansas	4-9
Auburn	12-5
Austin Peay	3-0
Ball State	2-2
Bellarmine	4-0
Belmont	3-0
Boston College	0-1
Butler	1-0
Canisius	3-0
Cincinnati	2-1
Dayton	2-0
Delaware	0-1
Eastern Kentucky	9-1
Elon	2-1
Evansville	6-0
Florida	8-15
Georgia	12-12
Georgia State	3-0
High Point	3-0
Hofstra	3-0
Houston	1-0
Illinois	1-0
Indiana	7-2
Indiana State	4-0
Jacksonville State	3-0
Kansas	1-0
Kennesaw State	1-2
Liberty	0-1
Lipscomb	5-1
Louisiana	1-0
Louisville	4-9
LSU	4-11
Miami (Ohio)	6-0
Michigan	1-0
Middle Tennessee	3-0
Milwaukee	3-0
Mississippi State	6-6
Missouri	13-8
Morehead State	6-0
Murray State	6-2
Norfolk State	1-0
North Carolina	0-3
North Carolina State	3-1
Northern Illinois	1-0
Northern Kentucky	2-1
Oakland	5-0
Ohio	2-1
Oklahoma	0-0
Old Dominion	1-0
Ole Miss	8-4
Oregon State	2-0
Sam Houston State	1-0
Samford	0-1
South Carolina	11-13
Southeast Missouri	1-0
Southern Illinois	3-0
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	1-0
St. Joseph's	1-0
TCU	2-4
Tennessee	9-12
Tennessee-Martin	1-0
Tennessee Tech	4-0
Texas	0-0
Texas A&M	5-8
Texas State	1-0
Texas Tech	2-4
UC-Santa Barbara	3-0
UNC Wilmington	0-3
USC Upstate	5-0
Vanderbilt	7-15
Washington State	0-1
Western Carolina	1-0
Western Michigan	4-0
Western Kentucky	9-1
West Virginia	1-0
Wofford	3-1
Wright State	3-1
Xavier	4-1
TOTALS:	277-173

*2025 opponents in bold





Kentucky



NICK MINGIONE - TWO-TIME NATIONAL AND SEC COACH OF THE YEAR

MINGIONE BY THE NUMBERS

422 - SEC Academic Honor Roll selections

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

49 - All-Conference honors coached

49 - All-American honors coached

26 - Players who have reached MLB

22 - Seasons as a college baseball coach

12 - NCAA Regionals (2003-06, 2011-14, 2016, 2017, 2023, 2024)

7 - Conference championships (2003-06, 2012, 2016, 2024)

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

6 - College World Series (1999, 2003-05, 2013, 2024)

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

2 - National Championship finalists (2005, 2013)

2 - Senior CLASS Award winners (2018, 2021)

2 - SEC Coach of the Year (2017, 2024)

2 - National Coach of the Year (2017, 2024)

1 - NCAA Elite 90 winner (top academic award at College World Series) (2024)



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

Student. Person. Player.



2025 COACHING STAFF

15 - DAN ROSZEL



Career

2000: North Florida, Graduate Assistant
2001-02: Lake City Community College, Assistant Coach
2003-06: Gardner-Webb, Pitching Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
2007-08: Florida Gulf Coast, Assistant Coach/Pitching Coach
2009-10: College of Charleston, Pitching Coach/Recruiting Coordinator
2011-19: East Carolina, Pitching Coach
2020-Current: Kentucky, Pitching Coach

Roszel has had 39 pitchers sign pro contracts, 18 pitchers reach Major League Baseball, two top 15 overall picks and mentored star left-hander Chris Sale. He also has had 25 all-conference selections, 11 all-americans and two conference pitchers of the year.

91 - AUSTIN COUSINO



Career

2014-16: Played minor league baseball
2017-18: Graduate Assistant, Mississippi State
2018-19: Assistant Coach, Xavier
2019-22: Area Scout, Detroit Tigers
2022-23: Area Scout, Tampa Bay Rays
2024-Current: Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator, Kentucky

Cousino, a former all-american, Gold Glover and two-time USA Baseball member while at Kentucky, has already coached 26 players to the professional ranks in his short coaching career.

26 - CHASE SLONE



Career

2020: Wright State, Volunteer Assistant
2021-23: Wright State, Assistant (Hitting and Infield)
2024: Wright State, Associate Head Coach (Hitting and Infield)
2025- : Kentucky, Assistant Coach

A standout player at Wright State who became the school's hitting coach, Slone is considered a young assistant quickly on the rise for his intelligence, offensive acumen and ability to relate to players. In 2024, the Raiders' offense ranked in the Top 20 nationally in a number of offensive categories.



2025 COACHING STAFF



TREVOR FITTS - PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Career

2015-16: South Alabama, Grad Assistant
2017-18: Mississippi State, Director of Operations
2018-19: Jacksonville State, Volunteer Assistant
2020-22: Austin Peay, Assistant Coach/ Pitching Coach/ Interim Head Coach
2022-23: Southwest MS CC, Assistant Coach/ Pitching Coach
2023: Detroit Tigers (West Michigan Whitecaps), Assistant Pitching Coach
2024: Kentucky, Director of Player Development

Fitts, who started on the mound in Game 1 of the 2013 College World Series, joined UK's staff in the summer and brings a wealth of pitching knowledge. Counting his year as State's Director of Ops he has had 31 total pro players, including nine who have made it to MLB.

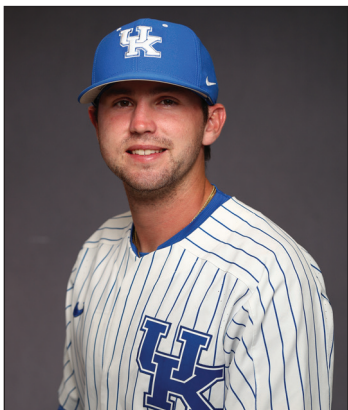


LOGAN SALOW - SCOUTING/ANALYTICS

Career

2014-17: Played at Kentucky
2017-18: Oakland Athletics organization
2018-22: Los Angeles Dodgers organization
2023-2024: Kentucky, graduate manager
2024-2025: Director of Scouting and Analytics, Kentucky

Salow is Kentucky royalty, a homegrown kid who turned him into an All-American in 2017, was drafted and played parts of six seasons in the professional ranks before returning to his alma mater as a graduate manager. He was part of the first team in school history to advance to the Super Regionals in a season where he tied the school single season record with 12 saves.



RYDER GILES - ANALYTICS

Career

2019-22: Played at East Carolina
2023: Played at Kentucky
2024: Director of Player Development/Head Coach 17U Team, Ghostlab NC (High Point, NC)
2025: Director of Scouting and Analytics, Kentucky

Giles began his playing career at East Carolina after being recruited by Kentucky pitching coach Dan Roszel to that school and finished his career in the Blue and White, providing invaluable leadership and a winning mentality to the 2023 Super Regional squad. Has innate ability to connect with others and has most recently been developing youth talent in his home state of North Carolina.



MLB DRAFT | MINGIONE ERA



FIRST ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
17	Evan White	2017	1B	Seattle
19	Zack Thompson	2019	LHP	St. Louis
31	Ryan Waldschmidt	2024	OF	Arizona

SECOND ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
45	Sean Hjelle	2018	P	San Francisco
58	Emilien Pitre	2024	IF	Tampa Bay

THIRD ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
76	John Rhodes	2021	OF	Baltimore
89	Riley Mahan	2017	IF	Miami
89	Tristan Pompey	2018	OF	Miami

FOURTH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
116	Ryan Ritter	2022	IF	Colorado
130	Kole Cottam	2018	C	Boston

SIXTH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
171	Logan Salow	2017	P	Oakland
182	Zach Haake	2018	P	Kansas City

SEVENTH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
220	Zach Pop	2017	P	LA Dodgers

EIGHTH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
227	Austin Strickland	2023	P	Pittsburgh
253	Tyler Guilfoil	2022	P	Houston
254	Sean Harney	2022	P	Tampa Bay
254	Luke Heyer	2018	IF	LA Dodgers

NINTH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
261	Luke Becker	2018	IF	San Diego
269	Chase Estep	2022	IF	New York Mets
279	Zach Logue	2017	P	Toronto

10TH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
285	Austin Schultz	2021	OF	Detroit
292	Ryan Nicholson	2024	1B	LA Angels
306	Trey Pooser	2024	P	Tampa Bay
310	Zach Reks	2017	OF	LA Dodgers

11TH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
317	Magdiel Cotto	2023	LHP	Pittsburgh Pirates
319	Justin Lewis	2017	RHP	Tampa Bay Rays

12TH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
349	Logan Martin	2023	RHP	Kansas City Royals
357	Cole Stupp	2022	RHP	Detroit Tigers
369	Justin Lewis	2018	RHP	Arizona Diamondbacks

14TH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
419	Holt Jones	2021	RHP	Miami Marlins

15TH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
439	Mason Moore	2024	RHP	Chicago White Sox
455	Travis Smith	2024	RHP	Milwaukee Brewers
462	Trey Dawson	2018	IF	Houston Astros

16TH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
490	Chris Machamer	2018	RHP	Boston Red Sox

17TH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
512	Daniel Harper	2022	RHP	Philadelphia Phillies

18TH ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
546	Dominic Niman	2024	LHP	Tampa Bay Rays

20+ ROUND

PICK	NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
23/686	Troy Squires	2018	C	Toronto Blue Jays
23/700	Connor Heady	2017	IF	Los Angeles Dodgers
32/947	Ben Aklinski	2018	OF	Philadelphia Phillies
32/971	Alec Maley	2018	RHP	Washington Nationals
33/998	Carson Coleman	2019	RHP	Tampa Bay Rays
34/1018	Ryan Shinn	2019	OF	New York Mets
40/1197	Andrew Miller	2018	LHP	Miami Marlins

(*Note: Only includes the main MLB amateur draft)

FREE AGENT SIGNEES

NAME	YEAR	POS	ORGANIZATION
Coltyn Kessler	2021	C	Miami Marlins
Daniel Harris IV	2022	IF	Colorado Rockies
Alonzo Rubalcaba	2022	C	Detroit Tigers
Seth Chavez	2023	RHP	Tampa Bays Rays
Zack Lee	2023	RHP	Detroit Tigers
Mitchell Daly	2024	IF	LA Angels
Grant Smith	2024	IF	Chicago White Sox



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.

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 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.

New black padding replaced the existing blue look for the 2023 season, including on the outfield fence, dugout railings and behind home plate.

UK'S RECORD AT KPP

Year	Overall	SEC
2019	16-15	2-13
2020 ^A	11-3	0-0
2021	22-13	6-9
2022	23-11	8-7
2023	29-7	11-4
2024	26-6	11-4
2025	9-4	1-2

^ACovid-shortened season

Total	140-59 (.704)	45-39
Attendance Record	7,558 vs. Oregon State (June 9, 2024)	
Three-Game Series	21,023 vs. Tennessee (April 19-21, 2024)	



TOP CROWDS IN KPP HISTORY

7,558	Oregon St.*	6/9/24
7,441	Oregon St.*	6/8/24
7,304	Tennessee	4/20/24
6,922	Tennessee	4/19/24
6,797	Tennessee	4/21/24
6,796	Indiana*	6/5/23
6,094	Indiana*	6/3/23
6,066	Illinois*	6/1/24
6,024	Arkansas	5/5/24

*NCAA Tournament

Series:		
21,023	Tennessee	2024
14,781	Arkansas	2024

BASEBALL IN THE BLUEGRASS

BIG BLUE NATION





Kentucky



2025 RADIO/TV SPOT CHART



**JAXON
JELKIN**



**PATRICK
HERRERA**



SHAUN MONTOYA



SCOTT ROUSE



**RAPHAEL
PELLETIER**



NIC MCCAY



TYLER BELL



**DEVIN
BURKES**



**GRIFFIN
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**ETHAN
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**LUKE
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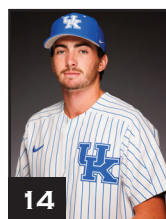
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**CHASE
ALDERMAN**



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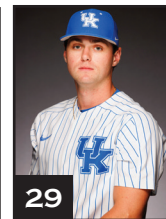
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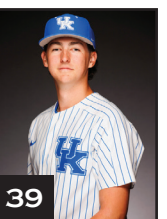
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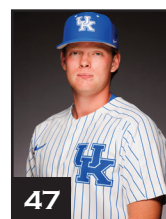
JACKSON NOVE



**LEIGHTON
HARRIS**



**ETHAN
WALKER**



AIDAN LARKIN



BEN CLEAVER



**TRISTAN
HUNTER**



NILE ADCOCK



WILDCATS BY STATE

ARIZONA(1)

PATRICK HERRERA (MESA)

ARKANSAS (1)

NOLAN BELCHER (JONESBORO)

CALIFORNIA (2)

OLIVER BOONE (NORTH HOLLYWOOD)
SHAUN MONTOKA (RANCHO CUCAMONGA)

FLORIDA (2)

DEVIN BURKES (BRADENTON)
JAMES MCCOY (PORT ST, JOE)

GEORGIA (2)

AIDAN LARKIN (CARTERSVILLE)
KHALEEL PRATT (EVANS)

ILLINOIS (4)

NILE ADCOCK (PINCKNEYVILLE)
TYLER BELL (FRANKFORT)
NATE HARRIS (YORKVILLE)
LUKE LAWRENCE (CHICAGO)

INDIANA (2)

BRADLEY FERRELL (LA PORTE)
KYUSS GARGETT (ANDERSON)

IOWA (2)

NIC MCCAY (CARLISLE)
JACKSON NOVE (FAIRFAX)

KENTUCKY (7)

CHASE ALDERMAN (MOREHEAD)
EVAN BYERS (NICHOLASVILLE)
GRIFFIN CAMERON (LEXINGTON)
LOGAN GRUBB (LAWRENCEBURG)
LEIGHTON HARRIS (LEXINGTON)
HAYDEN SMITH (NICHOLASVILLE)
ZAK SPURRIER (ELIZABETHTOWN)

MINNESOTA (2)

SIMON GREGERSEN (ELK RIVER)
ROBERT HOGAN (NORTH OAKS)

MISSISSIPPI (1)

HUDSON BROWN (OLIVE BRANCH)

MISSOURI (2)

ADAM HACHMAN (WENTZVILLE)
TRISTAN HUNTER (FORSYTHE)

NEBRASKA (1)

JAXON JELKIN (OMAHA)

NEW YORK (1)

COLE HENTSCHEL (PINE BUSH)

NORTH CAROLINA (3)

DYLAN KOONTZ (HUNTERSVILLE)
WILL MARCY (RALEIGH)
RYAN SCHWARTZ (INDIAN TRAIL)

NORTH DAKOTA (1)

COLE HAGE (FARGO)

OHIO (2)

SCOTT ROUSE (PARMA HEIGHTS)
TOMMY SKELDING (ATWATER)

QUEBEC (1)

RAPHAEL PELLETIER (MASCOCHE)

TENNESSEE (1)

BEN CLEAVER (CHAPEL HILL)

VIRGINIA (1)

ETHAN WALKER (SALEM)

WISCONSIN (2)

CARSON HANSEN (PEWAUKEE)
EVAN HINDLE (DELAFIELD)

WILDCATS BY POSITION

INFIELDERS

PATRICK HERRERA (SENIOR)
DYLAN KOONTZ (SENIOR)
LUKE LAWRENCE (JUNIOR)
KYUSS GARGETT (SOPHOMORE)
ETHAN HINDLE (SOPHOMORE)
HUDSON BROWN (R-FRESHMAN)
TYLER BELL (FRESHMAN)
AIDAN LARKIN (FRESHMAN)

OUTFIELDERS

WILL MARCY (SENIOR)
SHAUN MONTOKA (SENIOR)
CARSON HANSEN (JUNIOR)
JAMES MCCOY (JUNIOR)
GRIFFIN CAMERON (SOPHOMORE)
KHALEEL PRATT (FRESHMAN)

CATCHERS

DEVIN BURKES (SENIOR)
RAPHAEL PELLETIER (SENIOR)
NOLAN BELCHER (FRESHMAN)
RYAN SCHWARTZ (FRESHMAN)

LEFT-HANDED PITCHERS

JACKSON NOVE (SENIOR)
EVAN BYERS (SENIOR)
COLE HENTSCHEL (SENIOR)
ETHAN WALKER (JUNIOR)
BEN CLEAVER (SOPHOMORE)
HAYDEN SMITH (SOPHOMORE)
ADAM HACHMAN (R-FRESHMAN)
LEIGHTON HARRIS (FRESHMAN)
LOGAN GRUBB (FRESHMAN)

UTILITY

COLE HAGE (SENIOR)
LEIGHTON HARRIS (FRESHMAN)
NATE HARRIS (FRESHMAN)
KHALEEL PRATT (FRESHMAN)
RYAN SCHWARTZ (FRESHMAN)

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHERS

SIMON GREGERSEN (SENIOR)
ROBERT HOGAN (SENIOR)
NIC MCCAY (SENIOR)
SCOTT ROUSE (SENIOR)
NILE ADCOCK (JUNIOR)
JAXON JELKIN (JUNIOR)
JAMES MCCOY (JUNIOR)
CHASE ALDERMAN (SOPHOMORE)
OLIVER BOONE (SOPHOMORE)
TOMMY SKELDING (R-FRESHMAN)
BRADLEY FERRELL (FRESHMAN)
NATE HARRIS (FRESHMAN)
TRISTAN HUNTER (FRESHMAN)
KHALEEL PRATT (FRESHMAN)
ZAK SPURRIER (FRESHMAN)

TRACKING KENTUCKY'S RECORD BOOKS

RECORD CHASING / CAREER

Several players are making their way onto and up the career charts:

Strikeouts/9 innings

(Min. 50 Innings)		
1.	Tyler Guilfoil	2022 14.12
2.	Carson Coleman	2018-20 13.58
3.	JACKSON NOVE	2022-25 13.16
4.	Zack Thompson	2017-19 12.26
5.	Trevor Gott	2011-13 11.70
6.	Braden Kapteyn	2009-11 11.43
7.	Brian Reed	1991-94 11.09
8.	Ryan Hagenow	2021-24 10.97
9.	Austin Strickland	2021-23 10.90
10.	James Paxton	2007-09 10.88

Appearances

1.	Lorhn Frazier	1990-93 104
2.	Daniel Harper	2018-22 100
3.	Brock Baber	2005-08 98
4.	Logan Salow	2014-17 94
5.	Josh Paxton	1997-2000 92
6.	Jon Hooker	1998-01 82
7.	Andrew Albers	2005-08 81
	Walter Wijas	2010-13 81
9.	Aaron Tennyson	2003-06 77
10.	Scott Smith	1990-93 73

JACKSON NOVE	2022-25	68
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Stolen Bases

1.	Chad Green	1994-96 126
2.	Andy Green	1997-2000 81
3.	Paul Blandford	1995-96 66
	Terry Shumpert	1985-87 66
5.	Beau Moore	1998-01 56
6.	Chris Bisson	2008-10 48
	Austin Cousino	2012-14 48
8.	Anthony Morrow	1989-90 47
9.	Emilien Pitre	2022-24 46
10.	Jeff Michael	1990-93 42
	John Shelby	2004-06 42
	Ryan Waldschmidt	2023-24 42

DEVIN BURKES	2022-25	32
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MILESTONE TRACKER

Kentucky has numerous players bearing down on or just reached a personal career milestone markers, including:

200 HITS
SHAUN MONTOYA - 190
COLE HAGE - 187

150 HITS
DEVIN BURKES - 173
LUKE LAWRENCE - 141

100 HITS
RAPHAEL PELLETIER - 103

250 STRIKEOUTS
NIC MCCAY - 273

150 STRIKEOUTS
SCOTT ROUSE - 131
JACKSON NOVE - 115
ETHAN WALKER - 112

50 STOLEN BASES
SHAUN MONTOYA - 40
DEVIN BURKES - 32

KENTUCKY CAREER HITS LEADERBOARD

1.	Andy Green	1997-2000 277
31.	Thomas McCarthy	2011-12 153
	Braden Kapetyn	2009-11 153
33.	JaVon Shelby	2014-16 150
34.	Ka'ai Tom	2014-15 148
	Luke Becker	2016-18 148
36.	DEVIN BURKES	2022-25 147

SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS (through 3/23)

RUNS
3. COLE HAGE 165
LEADER - 202

DOUBLES
5. DEVIN BURKES 42
LEADER - 57

TRIPLES
3. SHAUN MONTOYA 8
LEADER - 11

STOLEN BASES
7. SHAUN MONTOYA 40
10. DEVIN BURKES 32
LEADER - 101

INNINGS PITCHED
1. NIC MCCAY 248.0

STRIKEOUTS
1. NIC MCCAY 273

APPEARANCES
4. JACKSON NOVE 68
8. ROBERT HOGAN 62
LEADER - 78



SINGLE-GAME RECORDS (2007-)

BATTING

Hits

6	JT Riddle	2/23/2013	Niagara
5	Nick Lopez	3/12/2024	Murray State
5	Jase Felker	3/27/2022	Georgia
5	Riley Mahan	4/21/2017	LSU
5	Zac Zellers	6/1/2012	Kent State
5	Mike Brown	3/4/2007	Milwaukee

Runs Scored

5	Devin Burkes	2/25/25	Evansville
5	Chase Estep	3/27/2022	Georgia
5	Ryan Johnson	4/23/2019	at WKU
5	Evan White	3/20/2016	at Georgia
5	Mike Brown	3/4/2007	Milwaukee

RBI

8	Luke Becker	3/12/2017	Miami (OH)
7	Devin Burkes	2/26/23	Wright State
7	JaVon Shelby	3/20/2016	at Georgia
6	Mitchell Daly	2/24/2024	vs. Texas St.
6	Nolan McCarthy	3/30/2024	at Ole Miss
6	Ryan Waldschmidt	4/16/2024	at Louisville
6	others		

Doubles

3	Many times
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Triples

2	Jackson Gray	3/4/2023	Indiana State
2	Matt McKinney	3/24/2007	LSU

Home Runs

3	T.J. Collett	4/25/2021	Alabama
3	Ryan Johnson	4/23/2019	at WKU

Stolen Bases

5	Jaren Shelby	2/26/2019	EKU*
(*Kentucky Proud Park opening game)			
4	Storm Wilson	2/14/2015	Richmond

Total Bases

13	Ryan Johnson	4/23/2019	at WKU
13	Tristan Pompey	2/21/2016	Dayton
13	Lance Ray	5/11/2010	at Indiana
12	T.J. Collett	4/25/2021	Alabama

Hit By Pitch

3	Nine times
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PITCHING

Innings

9.2	Zack Brown	4/22/2016	Arkansas
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Strikeouts

13	Zack Thompson (L)	3/29/2019	Georgia
13	Sean Hjelle (R)	2/23/2018	Oakland
13	Alex Meyer (R)	3/12/2011	Niagara
13	Alex Meyer (R)	2/20/2011	Miami (OH)
12	Zack Lee (R)	5/7/2023	South Carolina
12	Mason Hazelwood (L)	3/13/2021	Georgia St.
12	Dustin Beggs (R)	5/2/2015	Vanderbilt
12	Corey Littrell (L)	3/31/2013	Georgia
12	Jerad Grundy (L)	3/2/2013	Akron

Walks Issued

9	Zach Haake	3/31/2018	at Alabama
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Hits Allowed

15	Jerad Grundy	3/31/2013	Georgia
15	Aaron Tennyson	4/28/2006	Vanderbilt
14	Dustin Beggs	5/13/2016	Ole Miss

Runs Allowed

11	Grant Macciocchi	3/16/2019	at LSU
11	Justin Lewis	3/17/2018	at Arkansas

Most Hit Batters

4	Six times
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TEAM

Runs Scored

27	vs. UT-Martin	3/10/2007
26	vs. Ball State	3/8/2014
24	vs. Evansville	2/25/25
24	vs. Ball State	3/7/2014
22	at Mississippi State	4/19/2009

At-Bats

77	vs. Kent State (NCAA)	6/1/2012
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Hits

24	vs. Dayton	4/4/2012
22	at Missouri	4/14/2022

Doubles

8	vs. Tennessee-Martin	3/10/2007
8	vs. Georgia	5/25/2006

Triples

3	at Furman	2/17/2007
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Home Runs

7	Three times
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Walks

15	vs. Tennessee-Martin	3/10/2007
14	vs. Miami University	3/26/2024

Hit By Pitch

10	vs. Monmouth	3/6/2010
9	vs. Indiana	6/4/2023

Stolen Bases

8	vs. Hofstra	3/2/25
8	at Auburn	4/2/2010
7	at South Carolina	4/27/2024
7	at USC Upstate	2/17/2024
7	vs. Mississippi State	3/18/2023

Runs Allowed

20	at Indiana	3/15/2022
19	at Florida	5/21/2011
19	at Texas Tech	4/16/2019

Strikeouts

26	vs. Kent State (NCAA)	6/1/2012
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Strikeouts (9 inning game)

19	vs. Georgia State	3/13/2021
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Walks Allowed

13	Three times
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Home Runs Allowed

7	vs. Tennessee Tech	4/22/2014
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Errors

6	vs. Murray State	3/15/2010
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SINGLE-GAME RECORDS, PLAYER (MINGIONE ERA)

RUNS SCORED

5	Devin Burkes	vs. Evansville	2/25/25
	Chase Estep	vs. Georgia	3/27/22
	Ryan Johnson	at Western Kentucky	4/23/19

HITS

5	Nick Lopez	vs. Murray State	3/12/24
	Jase Felker	vs. Georgia	3/27/22
	Riley Mahan	vs. LSU	4/21/17

RBI

8	Luke Becker	vs. Miami (Ohio)	3/12/17
7	Devin Burkes	vs. Wright State	2/26/23
6	6 times		

DOUBLES

3	Devin Burkes	vs. Evansville	2/25/25
	Devin Burkes	vs. Wright State	2/26/23
	Alex Rodriguez	at Western Carolina	4/11/18
	Troy Squires	vs. Eastern Kentucky	3/6/18
	Tristan Pompey	vs. Evansville	2/18/18

HOME RUNS

3	T.J. Collett	vs. Alabama	4/25/21
	Ryan Johnson	at Western Kentucky	4/23/19

TOTAL BASES

13	Ryan Johnson	at Western Kentucky	4/23/19
12	T.J. Collett	vs. Alabama	4/25/21

HIT BY PITCH

3	6 times
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STOLEN BASES

5	Jaren Shelby	vs. Eastern Kentucky	2/26/19
3	Eight times		

HITS ALLOWED

13	Justin Lewis	at Arkansas	3/17/18
12	Cole Stupp	vs. LSU	4/9/21
11	Jimmy Ramsey	at Florida	4/26/19
	Sean Hjelle	vs. LSU	5/25/17
	Sean Hjelle	at North Carolina	2/17/17

RUNS ALLOWED

11	Grant Macciocchi	at LSU	3/16/18
	Justin Lewis	at Arkansas	3/17/18
10	Zach Haake	vs. South Carolina	4/7/18
	Sean Hjelle	vs. LSU	5/25/17
9	Sean Hjelle	vs. St. Joseph's	2/24/17

STRIKEOUTS

13	Zack Thompson	vs. Georgia	3/29/19
	Sean Hjelle	vs. Oakland	2/23/18
12	Zack Lee	vs. South Carolina	5/7/23
	Mason Hazelwood	vs. Georgia State	3/13/21

HOME RUNS ALLOWED

4	Justin Lewis	at Arkansas	3/17/18
	Zach Logue	at Missouri	4/15/17
3	Seven times		

MISC. RECORD/STREAKS

Most Runs in an Inning: 14, at Southern Illinois, 2023
Most Runs Scored: 24, vs. Evansville, 2025
Overall Winning Streak: 17 (2023)
Single-Season Winning Streak: 17 (2023)
SEC Winning Streak: 11 (2024)
Overall Losing Streak: Five (2021)
SEC Losing Streak: 11 from 2018-19
Home Winning Streak: 16 in 2023
Home Losing Streak: 6 in 2019
Road Winning Streak: 7 in 2023
Road Losing Streak: 7 in 2019
Largest Comeback: 8 vs. Western Michigan in 2022



SINGLE-SEASON RECORDS, PLAYER (MINGIONE ERA)

**Note: 2020 Covid-shortened season not included;
Min. 1 AB/Game; 25 innings pitched*

BATTING AVERAGE

.373	Evan White	2017
.361	Tristan Pompey	2017
.352	Kole Cottam	2018
	Zach Reks	2017
.349	Ryan Johnson	2019
.345	Nick Lopez	2024

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

.691	Luke Heyer	2018
.667	Kole Cottam	2018
.637	Evan White	2017
.618	Riley Mahan	2017
.610	Ryan Waldschmidt	2024
.607	T.J. Collett	2021

ON-BASE PERCENTAGE

.491	Jackson Gray	2023
.469	Ryan Waldschmidt	2024
.464	Tristan Pompey	2017
.461	Zach Reks	2017
.453	Evan White	2017
.448	Tristan Pompey	2018

RUNS SCORED

70	Tristan Pompey	2017
70	Jackson Gray	2023
66	Ryan Waldschmidt	2024
58	Riley Mahan	2017
57	Nick Lopez	2024
57	Chase Estep	2022
55	Devin Burkes	2023
53	Jase Felker	2023

HITS

96	Tristan Pompey	2017
88	Riley Mahan	2017
86	Zach Reks	2017
79	Evan White	2017
79	Nick Lopez	2024
77	Kole Cottam	2018
74	Jackson Gray	2023

DOUBLES

24	Evan White	2017
23	Riley Mahan	2017
22	Nick Lopez	2024
20	Tristan Pompey	2018

TRIPLES

6	Jackson Gray	2023
3	Jase Felker	2023
	Marcus Carson	2017
	Riley Mahan	2017

HOME RUNS

23	Ryan Nicholson	2024
19	Kole Cottam	2018
18	Luke Heyer	2018
16	T.J. Collett	2021
15	Riley Mahan	2017

RBI

71	Hunter Gilliam	2023
67	Riley Mahan	2017
63	Ryan Nicholson	2024
57	Luke Heyer	2018
58	Emilien Pitre	2024
53	Devin Burkes	2023
53	Nick Lopez	2024

WALKS

47	Emilien Pitre	2024
46	Tristan Pompey	2017
42	Zach Reks	2017
42	Emilien Pitre	2023
41	Jackson Gray	2023
41	Ryan Waldschmidt	2024

STOLEN BASES

26	Emilien Pitre	2024
25	Ryan Waldschmidt	2024
22	Austin Schultz	2021
21	Jase Felker	2023
20	Emilien Pitre	2023
19	Jackson Gray	2023

LOWEST ERA

0.93	Darren Williams (29.0 IP)	2022
1.59	Tyler Guilfoil (51.0 IP)	2022
1.80	Mason Moore (55.0 IP)	2023
1.95	Logan Salow (55.1 IP)	2017
2.13	Mason Hazelwood (25.1 IP)	2021
2.40	Zack Thompson (90.0 IP)	2019

LOWEST OPPONENT AVERAGE

.156	Tyler Guilfoil (51.0 IP)	2022
.164	Chris Machamer (34.0 IP)	2017
.164	Mason Moore (55.0)	2023
.184	Zack Thompson (90.0 IP)	2019

VICTORIES

11	Sean Hjelle	2017
9	Mason Moore	2024
8	Zack Thompson	2017
	Dominic Niman	2024
7	3 others	

SAVES

12	Logan Salow	2017
10	Chris Machamer	2018
7	Johnny Hummel	2024
6	Tyler Guilfoil	2022
	Sean Harney	2021
5	Carson Coleman	2019

APPEARANCES

36	Cameron O'Brien	2024
31	Logan Salow	2017
28	Jackson Nove	2024
	Daniel Harper	2019
	Cole Daniels	2019
26	Daniel Harper	2022
	Cole Ayers	2019
	Jimmy Ramsey	2018

INNINGS PITCHED

108.2	Sean Hjelle	2017
99.1	Sean Hjelle	2018
92.2	Mason Moore	2024
91.0	Justin Lewis	2017
90.0	Zack Thompson	2019
90.0	Trey Pooser	2024
87.0	Zach Logue	2017

STRIKEOUTS

130	Zack Thompson	2019
102	Sean Hjelle	2017
96	Zack Thompson	2017
92	Justin Lewis	2018
91	Sean Hjelle	2018



2025 Kentucky Baseball

Overall Statistics for Univ of Kentucky (as of Mar 24, 2025)

(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 15-7 Home: 9-4 Away: 6-3 Conference: 2-4

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%
12 Cole Hage	.377	22-22	77	28	29	5	0	6	18	52	.675	15	9	13	0	.525	0	0	10-12	25	1	1	.963
1 Patrick Herrera	.371	22-20	62	21	23	5	0	1	18	31	.500	14	7	8	1	.518	2	2	5-5	16	32	2	.960
7 Devin Burkes	.317	18-16	60	15	19	6	0	3	16	34	.567	9	2	9	0	.417	1	0	2-5	121	6	0	1.000
6 Tyler Bell	.310	22-22	84	23	26	7	0	4	24	45	.536	8	4	21	0	.380	4	0	5-7	25	59	2	.977
2 Shaun Montoya	.293	22-22	82	18	24	4	1	1	13	33	.402	9	9	12	0	.420	0	2	9-10	55	1	0	1.000
10 Luke Lawrence	.256	22-22	82	18	21	4	0	2	19	31	.378	11	7	9	1	.375	4	2	6-8	25	46	2	.973
24 Dylan Koontz	.231	17-17	52	11	12	3	1	2	18	23	.442	8	12	18	0	.438	1	0	1-1	97	10	4	.964
4 Raphael Pelletier	.114	12-11	35	4	4	2	0	0	3	6	.171	4	0	5	1	.200	1	1	1-1	74	6	2	.976
8 Griffin Cameron	.357	15-7	28	9	10	1	0	0	4	11	.393	6	0	7	1	.457	1	2	3-3	23	0	0	1.000
23 Hudson Brown	.346	15-6	26	6	9	3	0	0	6	12	.462	8	3	8	0	.526	1	0	1-1	35	3	1	.974
9 Ethan Hindle	.280	13-11	25	10	7	3	0	1	11	13	.520	7	8	7	0	.512	3	0	6-6	1	1	0	1.000
13 James McCoy	.267	12-4	15	3	4	1	0	0	2	5	.333	5	1	6	0	.476	0	1	1-1	24	1	0	1.000
34 Carson Hansen	.250	11-8	24	10	6	0	0	3	11	15	.625	4	2	10	0	.400	0	0	2-2	9	0	0	1.000
33 Kyuss Gargett	.182	11-2	11	3	2	0	0	0	2	2	.182	0	0	1	0	.182	0	0	2-3	0	0	1	.000
11 Will Marcy	.115	12-8	26	4	3	0	1	0	1	5	.192	4	2	5	1	.281	0	1	2-2	17	0	0	1.000
25 Ryan Schwartz	.000	4-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
Totals	.288	22	691	183	199	44	3	23	167	318	.460	112	67	141	5	.426	18	11	56-67	561	187	22	.971
Opponents	.211	22	686	95	145	17	3	18	86	222	.324	87	27	197	10	.321	7	5	16-24	543	198	18	.976

LOB - Team (174), Opp (156). DPs turned - Team (12), Opp (11). CI - Team (0), Opp (1). IBB - Team (1), S. Montoya 1, Opp (1).

Picked off - D. Burkes 2, D. Koontz 1, L. Lawrence 1, E. Hindle 1, R. Pelletier 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	bks	sfa	sha
5 Nic McCay	2.20	3-0	6	6	0	0/1	0	28.2	14	10	7	18	26	0	1	1	.144	1	7	0	2	0
48 Ben Cleaver	2.37	2-1	6	6	0	0/2	0	30.1	17	10	8	11	35	1	0	3	.162	0	3	0	0	0
16 Hayden Smith	0.00	0-0	5	0	0	0/1	0	3.2	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
37 Logan Grubb	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	1	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	.200	0	0	0	0	0
20 Tommy Skelding	1.04	0-0	6	0	0	0/2	1	8.2	5	3	1	3	8	1	0	1	.156	0	0	0	0	0
22 Cole Hentschel	2.08	0-1	4	0	0	0/1	0	4.1	4	1	1	3	2	0	0	1	.235	0	1	0	0	0
13 James McCoy	2.25	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	0	4.0	2	1	1	3	2	1	0	1	.167	0	0	0	1	0
45 Leighton Harris	2.57	1-1	3	1	0	0/0	0	7.0	11	2	2	3	7	0	0	0	.355	1	0	0	0	0
3 Scott Rouse	3.00	3-0	6	0	0	0/1	1	21.0	20	8	7	5	26	5	0	1	.244	1	2	0	0	0
49 Tristan Hunter	3.00	0-0	4	0	0	0/1	0	3.0	1	1	1	3	6	0	0	1	.100	0	0	0	0	0
36 Nate Harris	3.63	3-0	4	4	0	0/1	0	17.1	12	7	7	5	11	0	0	1	.194	1	2	0	2	1
43 Jackson Nove	5.27	0-2	7	0	0	0/0	0	13.2	8	11	8	7	25	3	0	1	.160	0	2	1	0	0
41 Evan Byers	5.40	2-0	10	0	0	0/1	0	6.2	4	4	4	2	8	0	0	0	.174	1	1	0	0	0
46 Ethan Walker	6.23	0-0	5	5	0	0/0	0	17.1	19	13	12	9	13	2	1	3	.288	0	2	0	1	3
40 Simon Gregersen	6.52	0-2	7	0	0	0/0	1	9.2	12	13	7	5	9	2	1	1	.308	0	2	0	0	1
54 Nile Adcock	6.75	1-0	6	0	0	0/0	0	5.1	7	4	4	4	5	1	0	1	.333	0	3	0	0	0
39 Bradley Ferrell	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	.500	0	0	0	1	0
29 Robert Hogan	13.50	0-0	5	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	3	4	4	4	2	0	0	1	.250	5	2	0	0	0
38 Zak Spurrier	13.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	3	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	.429	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3.71	15-7	22	22	0	4/4	3	187.0	145	95	77	87	197	17	3	18	.211	10	27	1	7	5
Opponents	8.60	7-15	22	22	0	0/0	3	181.0	199	183	173	112	141	44	3	23	.288	32	67	4	18	11

PB - Team (4), R. Pelletier 3, D. Burkes 1, Opp (2). Pickoffs - Team (2), E. Walker 1, D. Burkes 1, Opp (6). SBA/ATT - D. Burkes (11-12), R. Pelletier (5-8), B. Cleaver (3-4), E. Byers (3-4), E. Walker (3-4), S. Rouse (2-3), N. McCay (0-2), S. Gregersen (2-2), L. Harris (0-1), N. Adcock (0-1), R. Hogan (1-1), T. Skelding (1-1), J. McCoy (1-1).



Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Base on Balls (299 ranked)	113	11	112	VMI	202	Tennessee	179
Batting Average (299 ranked)	109	13	0.288	Richmond	0.340	LSU	0.337
Double Plays (298 ranked)	207	11	12	Stony Brook UAB USC Upstate	25 25 25	Arkansas	23
Double Plays Per Game (299 ranked)	211	10	0.55	Creighton	1.26	Arkansas	0.92
Doubles (299 ranked)	113	9	44	Georgia Tech	73	LSU	65
Doubles Per Game (299 ranked)	91	5	2.00	Georgia Tech	3.04	LSU	2.60
Earned Run Average (299 ranked)	19	7	3.71	Tennessee	2.23	Tennessee	2.23
Fielding Percentage (299 ranked)	99	11	0.971	Arkansas	0.988	Arkansas	0.988
Hit Batters (299 ranked)	208	9	27	Coppin St.	64	Missouri	42
Hit by Pitch (297 ranked)	5	2	67	Winthrop	73	Georgia	70
Hits (299 ranked)	197	15	199	UTSA	282	Georgia	281
Hits Allowed Per Nine Innings (299 ranked)	10	5	6.98	Vanderbilt	6.13	Vanderbilt	6.13
Home Runs (299 ranked)	134	14	23	Georgia	70	Georgia	70
Home Runs Per Game (299 ranked)	123	14	1.05	Georgia	2.69	Georgia	2.69
On Base Percentage (299 ranked)	32	7	0.426	VMI	0.481	Georgia	0.467
Runs (299 ranked)	74	10	183	Georgia	269	Georgia	269
Sacrifice Bunts (292 ranked)	85	2	11	Yale	27	Missouri	15
Sacrifice Flies (299 ranked)	8	1	18	Clemson	24	Kentucky	18
Scoring (299 ranked)	55	7	8.3	VMI	11.1	Tennessee	10.6
Shutouts (85 ranked)	4	1	4	Iowa Northeastern Southeastern La.	5 5 5	Kentucky	4
Slugging Percentage (299 ranked)	101	12	0.460	Georgia	0.626	Georgia	0.626
Stolen Bases (299 ranked)	18	2	57	VMI	134	Oklahoma	64
Stolen Bases Per Game (299 ranked)	17	2	2.59	VMI	5.58	Oklahoma	2.78
Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio (299 ranked)	66	14	2.26	Tennessee	4.12	Tennessee	4.12
Strikeouts Per Nine Innings (299 ranked)	65	13	9.5	Wake Forest	12.8	Vanderbilt	12.6
Triple Plays (1 ranked)				New Mexico St. UIC	1 1		
Triples (280 ranked)	203	11	3	Arizona	16	Oklahoma	9
Triples Per Game (296 ranked)	215	11	0.14	Arizona	0.70	Oklahoma	0.39
WHIP (299 ranked)	18	8	1.24	Tennessee	1.02	Tennessee	1.02
WL Pct (298 ranked)	56	12	0.682	Georgia	0.923	Georgia	0.923
Walks Allowed Per Nine Innings (299 ranked)	80	12	4.19	Arkansas	2.78	Arkansas	2.78



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