



3-1 (0-0 SEC)

FEBRUARY

13	AT UNC GREENSBORO	W, 13-2
14	AT UNC GREENSBORO (DH)	W, 11-3
14	AT UNC GREENSBORO (DH)	W, 10-6
17	MOREHEAD	L, 8-6
20	AT EVANSVILLE	4 P.M.
21	AT EVANSVILLE (DH)	1 P.M.
21	AT EVANSVILLE (DH)	TBA
24	WESTERN KENTUCKY	4 P.M.
27	ST. JOHN'S	4 P.M.
28	ST. JOHN'S	1 P.M.

MARCH

1	ST. JOHN'S	1 P.M.
3	AT EASTERN KENTUCKY [ESPN+]	5 P.M.
4	EASTERN KENTUCKY	4 P.M.
6	THE CITADEL	4 P.M.
7	THE CITADEL	1 P.M.
8	THE CITADEL	1 P.M.
10	BALL STATE	6:30 P.M.
13	ALABAMA*	6:30 P.M.
14	ALABAMA*	2 P.M.
15	ALABAMA*	1 P.M.
17	MARSHALL	2 P.M.
19	AT OLE MISS* [SECN]	8 P.M.
20	AT OLE MISS*	7:30 P.M.
21	AT OLE MISS*	3 P.M.
24	MURRAY STATE	6:30 P.M.
27	AT LSU*	7:30 P.M.
28	AT LSU*	3 P.M.
29	AT LSU*	1 P.M.
31	MIAMI (OHIO)	6:30 P.M.

APRIL

3	MISSOURI*	6:30 P.M.
4	MISSOURI*	2 P.M.
5	MISSOURI* [SECN]	1 P.M.
7	LOUISVILLE [SECN]	5:30 P.M.
10	AT AUBURN*	7 P.M.
11	AT AUBURN* [SECN]	8 P.M.
12	AT AUBURN* [SECN]	3 P.M.
17	VANDERBILT*	6:30 P.M.
18	VANDERBILT*	2 P.M.
19	VANDERBILT*	1 P.M.
21	AT LOUISVILLE [ACCN]	7 P.M.
24	AT SOUTH CAROLINA*	6:30 P.M.
25	AT SOUTH CAROLINA*	4 P.M.
26	AT SOUTH CAROLINA* [SECN]	3 P.M.

MAY

1	TENNESSEE*	6:30 P.M.
2	TENNESSEE*	2 P.M.
3	TENNESSEE*	1 P.M.
8	AT FLORIDA*	6:30 P.M.
9	AT FLORIDA*	4 P.M.
10	AT FLORIDA* [SECN]	NOON
12	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	6:30 P.M.
14	ARKANSAS*	6:30 P.M.
15	ARKANSAS*	6:30 P.M.
16	ARKANSAS*	2 P.M.
19-25	SEC TOURNAMENT#	

* SEC game; # SEC Tournament (Hoover, Ala.)



AT THE BALLPARK

#18 KENTUCKY AT EVANSVILLE

FEBRUARY 20-21 / 4 PM ET, 1, TBA
CHARLES H. BRAUN STADIUM



KENTUCKY WILDCATS

2026 RECORD: 3-1 (0-0 SEC)
 2025 RPI/SOS: 38/9
 COACH: NICK MINGIONE
 OVERALL RECORD: 296-193 (.605) - 10TH YEAR
 AT UK: SAME

EVANSVILLE ACES

2026 RECORD: 0-3 (0-0 MVC)
 2025 RPI/SOS: 262/249
 COACH: WES CARROLL
 OVERALL RECORD: 445-474 (.484) - 18TH YEAR
 AT EVANSVILLE: SAME

DATE/TIME:

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FRI. - ESPN+; SAT. - NO LIVE STREAM

- KENTUCKY OPENED ITS 10TH SEASON WITH COACH NICK MINGIONE AT THE HELM BY SWEEPING UNCG.
- UK DROPPED ITS HOME OPENER TO MOREHEAD STATE ON TUESDAY.
- COACH NICK MINGIONE HAS 296 CAREER WINS, SECOND ON UK'S ALL-TIME LIST. HE HAS THE SECOND 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 120-64 SINCE THE BEGINNING OF 2023 AND HAS 51 SEC VICTORIES OVER THAT SPAN.
- UK HAS REACHED THE NCAA TOURNAMENT EACH OF THE PAST THREE SEASONS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN PROGRAM HISTORY, INCLUDING THE 2024 COLLEGE WORLD SERIES.
- UK HAS THE FOURTH-MOST NCAA TOURNAMENT WINS (12) AMONG SEC SCHOOLS THE PAST THREE YEARS.
- UK WAS HIT BY A PITCH 151 TIMES 2025, 4TH NATIONALLY. THAT IS THE RECORD FOR A SINGLE SEASON IN SCHOOL HISTORY. UK HAS BEEN HIT 400 TIMES IN PAST THREE YEARS AND HAS ALREADY BEEN CLIPPED 18 TIMES IN FOUR GAMES THIS SEASON.
- IF TYLER CERNY HAS 49 CAREER HBP. THE TRANSFER SET HIS PREVIOUS SCHOOL'S CAREER RECORD.
- IN NINE YEARS UNDER COACH NICK MINGIONE THE WILDCATS HAVE SWIPE 769 BASES IN 972 ATTEMPTS, A SUCCESS RATE OF 79.1 PERCENT.
- UK SWIPE 23 BAGS IN AS MANY ATTEMPTS OPENING WEEKEND.
- UK HAS STOLEN 252 BASES THE PAST TWO SEASONS, SECOND-MOST AMONG POWER FOUR TEAMS.
- IF TYLER BELL WAS A SECOND ROUND PICK (NO. 66 OVERALL) WAS THE 2024 MLB DRAFT AND HIGHEST DRAFTED PLAYER TO ATTEND COLLEGE. HE PLAYED FOR THE UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM LAST SUMMER.
- BELL HAS REACHED SAFELY IN 55 OF HIS 57 CAREER GAMES. HE CURRENTLY IS OUT INDEFINITELY WITH AN INJURY.
- IF HUDSON BROWN HAS A CAREER-LONG NINE GAME HITTING STREAK.
- OF JAYCE THARNISH STOLE 32-OF-33 BASES DURING THE 2025 SEASON AND IS 42-OF-43 IN CAREER.
- RHPs CHASE ALDERMAN, OLIVER BOONE, JAXON JELKIN AND RYAN MULLAN ALL ARE BACK AFTER MISSING THE 2025 SEASON DUE TO VARIOUS INJURIES. JELKIN STRUCK OUT 10 OF 12 IN HIS UK DEBUT.
- LHP BEN CLEAVER ENTERS THE SEASON RANKED ON SEVERAL UK CAREER CHARTS: FEWEST HITS ALLOWED/9 INN. (2ND), WIN-LOSS PCT. (6TH) AND ERA (11TH). OPPONENTS HIT .185 OFF HIM IN 2025.

GAME 1

RHP JAXON JELKIN, JR.
 0-0, 0.00 ERA
 4.0 IP, 2 H, 10 K



GAME 2

LHP BEN CLEAVER, JR.
 0-0, 0.00 ERA
 4.0 IP, 2 H, 7 K



GAME 3

RHP NATE HARRIS, SO.
 0-0, 2.25 ERA
 4.0 IP, 3 H, 5 K



MIDWEEK RECAP

- THE CATS LOST TO MOREHEAD STATE, 8-6.
- UK FRESHMEN OWEN JENKINS AND BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE COMBINED TO DRIVE IN FIVE RUNS.
- RHP CHASE ALDERMAN RETURNED TO MOUND AFTER MISSING TWO SEASONS WITH INJURIES.
- LHP JACKSON SOUCIE PITCHED TWO SCORELESS INNINGS.
- STAR SS TYLER BELL REMAINS OUT INDEFINITELY.

STAT LEADERS

AVERAGE - .571, ALEX DUFFEY
 RUNS - 9, ETHAN HINDLE
 DOUBLES - 3, ETHAN HINDLE
 HOME RUNS - 1, LUKE LAWRENCE
 RBI - 7, LUKE LAWRENCE
 BASES ON BALLS - 6, ETHAN HINDLE
 STOLEN BASES - 5, ETHAN HINDLE & JAYCE THARNISH
 WINS - 1, THREE PLAYERS
 ERA - 0.00, THREE PLAYERS
 STRIKEOUTS - 10; JAXON JELKIN
 INNINGS PITCHED - 4.0, THREE PLAYERS



2026 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: 296-193 (.605); 10th season
 Record at UK: Same
 Best Time to Call: Contact SID
 Assistant Coach: Dan Roszel, 7th season (North Florida, 2000)
 Assistant Coach: Austin Cousino, 3rd season (Kentucky, 2016)
 Assistant Coach: Chase Sloane, 2nd season (Wright State, 2019)
 Chief of Staff: Brock Doud
 Director of Communications/PR: Matt May
 matt.may@uky.edu; (859) 806-7463 (cell); (859) 257-8504 (office)

2025 Review

Overall Record: 31-26
 Home: 20-10
 Away: 11-13
 Neutral: 0-3
 Conference Record: 13-17
 Home: 8-7
 Away: 5-10
 Conference Finish: 13th

History

All-Time Record: 2,132-1,968-25 (.520)
 All-Time Conference Record: 804-1,048-8 (.434)
 All-Time Conference Tournament Record: 26-43 (.377)
 Conference Tournament Titles: none
 Conference Titles: two (2006, 2024)
 NCAA Tournament Appearances: 12
 NCAA Tournament Record: 29-25 (.537)
 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: 144-64 (.692)

2026 Outlook

Lettermen Returning/Lost	16/25
Starters Returning/Lost	7 (5 positional, 2 pitchers)
	4 (3 positional, 1 pitcher)
Newcomers	23 (10 freshmen, 13 transfers)

Top Returning Position Players (2025 stats)

IF Tyler Bell (So.)	296, 51 R, 17 2B, 10 HR, 46 RBI, 11-16 SB, .907 OPS
IF Luke Lawrence (Sr.)	306, 50 R, 10 2B, 6 HR, 36 RBI, 12-17 SB, .822 OPS
OF Carson Hansen (Sr.)	283, 26 R, 7 HR, 26 RBI, .930 OPS, 99 AB
UT Ryan Schwartz (So.)	317, 4 2B, 2 3B, HR, 15 RBI, .961 OPS, 60 AB
IF Hudson Brown (RSo.)	265, 18 R, 8 2B, 3 HR, 20 RBI, 18 BB, .722 OPS

Top Returning Pitchers (2025 stats)

LHP Ben Cleaver (Jr.)	15 GS, 3.25 ERA, 83.0 IP, 54 H, 92 K, .185 OAA
RHP Nate Harris (So.)	13 GS, 4.70 ERA, 59.1 IP, 55 H, 45 K

Key Players Lost (2025 stats)

C Devin Burkes	224, 31 R, 14 XBH, 32 RBI, 43 career SB, 177 career starts
OF Cole Hage	322, 51 R, 13 2B, 12 HR, 44 RBI, 18 SB, 1.018 OPS
IF Patrick Herrera	288, 38 R, 11 XBH, 34 RBI, 46 BB/HBP, 14 SB, .834 OPS
RHP Nic McCay	5-0, 15 GS, 4.50 ERA, 72 IP, 53 H, 71 K
UT/RHP James McCoy	286/.448/.429, 7 SB; 2.45 ERA, 3 SV
LHP Jackson Nove	4.26 ERA, 38 IP, 54 K, 83 career app.

Redshirts Eligible (4)

RHP Chase Alderman
 RHP Jaxon Jelkin
 RHP Oliver Boone
 RHP/UT Cameron Owens

Transfers (13)

RHP Ira Austin IV
 RHP Jack Bennett
 RHP Burkley Bounds
 OF Scott Campbell Jr.
 IF Tyler Cerny
 C Alex Duffey
 RHP Connor Mattison
 RHP Ryan Mullan
 RHP Will Pryor
 LHP Jackson Soucie
 OF Jayce Tharnish
 RHP Bryson Treichel
 C/UT Tagger Tyson

Freshmen (10)

C - Owen Jenkins
 IF - Maxime Boies, Caeden Cloud, Michael Gardner
 OF - Ryan Foscolo, Braxton Van Cleave
 LHP - Will Coleman, Toby Peterson
 RHP - Lucas Hail, Jack Sams
 UT - Owen Jenkins, Toby Peterson



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2026 ROSTER

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
0	Jaxon Jelkin*	RHP	R/R	6-5	200	JR	Omaha, Neb./Houston
1	Caeden Cloud	IF	R/R	6-1	195	FR	Nixa, Mo./Nixa HS
2	Tyler Cerny	IF	R/R	6-2	195	SR	Greenwood, Ind./Indiana
3	Will Marcy	OF	R/R	6-3	200	SR	Raleigh, N.C./Memphis/NC State
4	Alex Duffey	C	L/R	6-1	190	SR	Bernardsville, N.J./Elon
5	Jack Bennett	RHP	R/R	6-2	220	SR	Paducah, Ky./Western Kentucky
6	Tyler Bell	IF	S/R	6-1	195	SO	Frankfort, Ill./Lincoln-Way East HS
7	Toby Peterson	LHP	L/L	6-2	195	FR	Palatine, Ill./Palatine HS
8	Nile Adcock	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	SR	Pinckneyville, Ill./Kaskaskia CC
9	Ethan Hindle	IF	R/R	6-1	200	JR	Delfield, Wisc./Arrowhead HS
10	Luke Lawrence	IF	L/R	6-0	180	SR	Evergreen Park, Ill./Illinois State
11	Scott Campbell Jr.	OF	R/R	6-0	180	SR	Macon, Ga./USC Upstate
12	Connor Mattison	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	JR	Goodyear, Ariz./Grand Canyon
13	Tagger Tyson	C/UT	R/R	6-1	195	JR	Mount Pleasant, S.C./Louisville
16	Ira Austin IV	RHP	R/R	6-2	170	SR	Metairie, La./Univ. of New Orleans
17	Cameron Owens*	RHP/IF	R/R	5-11	190	R-FR	Harrodsburg, Ky./Boyle County HS
19	Jack Sams	RHP	R/R	6-3	195	FR	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic HS
20	Tommy Skelding	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	SO	Atwater, Ohio/Marlington HS
21	Chase Alderman*	RHP	R/R	6-5	210	JR	Morehead, Ky./Eastern Kentucky
22	Burkley Bounds	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	SO	Lexington, Ky./Eastern Kentucky
23	Hudson Brown	IF	L/R	6-6	230	SO	Olive Branch, Miss./Northpoint Christian HS
24	Braxton Van Cleave	OF	L/R	6-3	220	FR	Arlington, Texas/Mansfield HS
25	Ryan Schwartz	UT	R/R	6-4	215	SO	Indian Trail, N.C./Combine Academy HS
28	Lucas Hail	RHP	R/R	5-10	175	FR	Brandenburg, Ky./Meade County HS
29	Owen Jenkins	C/UT	R/R	6-2	220	FR	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic HS
30	Bryson Treichel	RHP	R/R	6-4	200	SO	DeLand, Fla./North Florida
31	Oliver Boone*	RHP	R/R	6-4	210	SO	North Hollywood, Calif./Univ. of California Berkley
33	Ryan Foscolo	OF	R/R	6-3	185	FR	Oviedo, Fla./Hagerty HS
34	Carson Hansen	OF	L/L	6-2	220	SR	Pewaukee, Wisc./Wisconsin-Milwaukee
35	Jackson Soucie	LHP	L/L	6-5	240	SR	Cambridge, Ontario/South Carolina
36	Nate Harris	RHP	R/R	6-4	225	SO	Yorkville, Ill./Yorkville HS
37	Jayce Tharnish	OF	R/R	6-3	190	JR	Devon, Pa./St. Bonaventure
38	Ryan Mullan*	RHP	R/R	6-2	230	JR	Chino Hills, Calif./Loyola Marymount
41	Maxime Boies	IF	L/R	6-0	190	FR	Levis, Quebec/Northern Pre University
44	Michael Gardner	IF	R/R	6-1	175	FR	Oyster Bay, N.Y./Chaminade HS
45	Leighton Harris	LHP	L/L	6-3	220	SO	Lexington, Ky./Fredeick Douglass HS
47	Will Coleman	LHP	L/L	6-1	180	FR	Newburgh, Ind./Castle HS
48	Ben Cleaver	LHP	L/L	6-3	195	JR	Thompsons Station, Tenn./Independence HS
49	Tristan Hunter	RHP	R/R	6-2	185	SO	Forsyth, Mo./Forsyth HS
50	Will Pryor*	RHP	R/R	6-2	210	JR	Whitwell, Tenn./Belmont

*Redshirted 2025; ^Expected to miss the 2026 season

ALPHABETICAL

8	Nile Adcock	RHP
21	Chase Alderman	RHP
16	Ira Austin IV	RHP
6	Tyler Bell	IF
5	Jack Bennett	RHP
41	Maxime Boies	IF
31	Oliver Boone	RHP
22	Burkley Bounds	RHP
23	Hudson Brown	IF
11	Scott Campbell Jr.	OF
2	Tyler Cerny	IF
48	Ben Cleaver	LHP
1	Caeden Cloud	IF
47	Will Coleman	LHP
4	Alex Duffey	C
33	Ryan Foscolo	OF
44	Michael Gardner	IF
28	Lucas Hail	RHP
34	Carson Hansen	OF
45	Leighton Harris	LHP
36	Nate Harris	RHP
9	Ethan Hindle	IF
49	Tristan Hunter	RHP
0	Jaxon Jelkin	RHP
29	Owen Jenkins	C/UT
10	Luke Lawrence	IF
12	Connor Mattison	RHP
3	Will Marcy	OF
38	Ryan Mullan	RHP
17	Cameron Owens	RHP/IF
7	Toby Peterson	LHP/UT
50	Will Pryor	RHP
19	Jack Sams	RHP
25	Ryan Schwartz	OF/C
20	Tommy Skelding	RHP
35	Jackson Soucie	LHP
37	Jayce Tharnish	OF
30	Bryson Treichel	RHP
13	Tagger Tyson	C/UT
24	Braxton Van Cleave	OF

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Nick Mingione (Embry-Riddle, 2000)
Career Record (all at Kentucky): 296-192 (.607); 10th season

Assistant Coach/Pitching: Dan Roszel, #15 (North Florida, 2000)

Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator: Austin Cousino, #91 (Kentucky, 2016)

Assistant Coach: Chase Sloane, #26 (Wright State, 2019)

Chief of Staff: Brock Doud

Director of Player Development: Trevor Fitts

Director of Offensive Development: Matt Morrow

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Caeden	Cay-den
Cerny	Sir-knee
Cousino	Coos-uh-no
Foscolo	Foss-co-low
Jelkin	GEL-kin
Leighton (Harris)	Lay-ton
Maxime "Max" Boies	Max-M Buah (like 'blah')
Mingione	Min-G-own
Roszel	Rose-L
Soucie	Sue-C
Tharnish	Tar-nish
Treichel	Try-cull
Van Cleave	Van Cleeve





2026 SOCIAL MEDIA ROSTER

NAME	X	NAME	INSTAGRAM
NILE ADCOCK	@NILEADCOCK22	NILE ADCOCK	@ADCOCKNILE
CHASE ALDERMAN	@ALDERMAN_CHASE	CHASE ALDERMAN	@CHASE.ALDERMAN
IRA AUSTIN IV	@IRAUSTINIV1	IRA AUSTIN IV	@IRAUSTINIV
TYLER BELL	@BELLTYLER28	TYLER BELL	@BELLTYLER28
JACK BENNETT	@JACKBENNETT04	JACK BENNETT	@JACKBENNETT.24
MAXIME BOIES	@MAX_BOIES	MAXIME BOIES	@MAX_BOIES
OLIVER BOONE	@OLIVERBOONE35	OLIVER BOONE	@OLIEBOONE35
BURKLEY BOUNDS	@BOUNDSBURKLEY	BURKLEY BOUNDS	@BOUNDSBURKLEY
HUDSON BROWN	@HBROWN2318	HUDSON BROWN	@H_BROWN_18
SCOTT CAMPBELL	@SCOTTCAMPBELL_4	SCOTT CAMPBELL	@SCOTTCAMPBELL.4
TYLER CERNY	@TYLERJCERNY	TYLER CERNY	@TYLERJCERNY
BEN CLEAVER	@BEN34CLEAVER	BEN CLEAVER	@BEN34CLEAVER
CAEDEN CLOUD	@CAEDENCLOUD2025	CAEDEN CLOUD	@CAEDENCLOUD2025
WILL COLEMAN	@WILL_COLEMAN10	WILL COLEMAN	@WILL_COLEMAN10
ALEX DUFFEY	@DUFFEY_ALEX	ALEX DUFFEY	@ALEXDUFFEY_
RYAN FOSCOLO	@RYANFOSCOLO	RYAN FOSCOLO	@RYAN.FOSCOLO
MICHAEL GARDNER	@M_GARDNER96	MICHAEL GARDNER	@M.GARDNER96
LUCAS HAIL	@LUCASHAIL2025	LUCAS HAIL	@LUCASHAIL2
CARSON HANSEN	@CARSON34HANSEN	CARSON HANSEN	@CARSON.HANSEN
LEIGHTON HARRIS	@LCHARRIS7805	LEIGHTON HARRIS	@LEIGHTONHARRIS
NATE HARRIS	@NATEHARRIS1515	NATE HARRIS	@NATE_HARRIS15
ETHAN HINDLE	@EHINDLE_27	ETHAN HINDLE	@ETHAN.HINDLE27
TRISTAN HUNTER	@TRISTANHUNTER29	TRISTAN HUNTER	@TRISTAN_HUNTER10
JAXON JELKIN	@JAXONJ24	JAXON JELKIN	@JAXON_JELKIN
OWEN JENKINS	@OWEN_JENKINS10	OWEN JENKINS	@OWENJENKINS_10
LUKE LAWRENCE	@LUKEL1019	LUKE LAWRENCE	@LUKELAWRENCE1910
WILL MARCY	N/A	WILL MARCY	@WILLMARCY
CONNOR MATTISON	@CONNORMATTISON2	CONNOR MATTISON	@CONNOR.MATTISON12
RYAN MULLAN	@MULLANRYAN	RYAN MULLAN	@RYAN_MULLAN34
CAMERON OWENS	@CAMERON_OWENS08	CAMERON OWENS	@CAMERON_OWENS_8
TOBY PETERSON	@TOBYPETERSON9_	TOBY PETERSON	@TOBYPETERSON9_
WILL PRYOR	@WILL_PRY	WILL PRYOR	@PRYOR_WILL
JACK SAMS	@JACKSAM90594093	JACK SAMS	@JSAMS_19
RYAN SCHWARTZ	@RYAN SCHWARTZ25	RYAN SCHWARTZ	@_RYANSCHWARTZ
TOMMY SKELDING	@TOMMYSKELDING	TOMMY SKELDING	@TOMMYSKELDING
JACKSON SOUCIE	@JACKSONSOUCIE34	JACKSON SOUCIE	@JACKSONSOUCIE
JAYCE THARNISH	@JAYCETHARNISH	JAYCE THARNISH	@JAYCETHARNISH
BYRSON TREICHEL	@BRYSONTREICHEL_	BYRSON TREICHEL	@BRYSON.TREICHEL
TAGGER TYSON	@TAGGERTYSON	TAGGER TYSON	@TAGGERTYSON
BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE	@BRAXTON_VC	BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE	@BRAXTON_VC25
COACH MINGIONE	@COACH_MINGIONE	COACH MINGIONE	N/A
COACH COUSINO	@STR8CHED	COACH COUSINO	@AUSTINCOUSINO
COACH ROSZEL	@ROSZELD	COACH ROSZEL	@DANIELROZSEL
COACH SLONE	@CHASE_20_SLONE	COACH SLONE	@CHASESLONE26
KENTUCKY BASEBALL	@UKBASEBALL	KENTUCKY BASEBALL	@KENTUCKYBASEBALL



2026 PLAYER QUICK NOTES/TRENDS



NILE ADCOCK - TIED FOR THE SECOND MOST APPEARANCES ON THE TEAM IN 2025.



CHASE ALDERMAN - MISSED THE 2025 SEASON WITH A KNEE INJURY.



IRA AUSTIN IV - SIDE-ARMER WITH LATE-GAME EXPERIENCE.



TYLER BELL - DRAFTED 66TH OVERALL IN 2024 MLB DRAFT; HAS REACHED SAFELY 55 OF 57 GAMES IN COLLEGE; OUT INDEFINITELY WITH SHOULDER INJURY.



JACK BENNETT - HAS THROWN 171.1 INNINGS IN HIS CAREER WITH 13 WINS AND TWO SAVES.



OLIVER BOONE - MISSED THE 2025 SEASON WITH AN ELBOW INJURY.



BURKLEY BOUNDS - LEXINGTON NATIVE WHO STRUCK OUT FIVE IN 2.0 IP IN HIS UK DEBUT.



HUDSON BROWN - POSTED AN .804 OPS AS A R-FRESHMAN IN 2025 AND LED THE TEAM IN RBI IN THE NCAA REGIONAL.



SCOTT CAMPBELL - DELIVERED 22 EXTRA-BASE HITS AND 21 STOLEN BASES IN 2025; 2026 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN



TYLER CERNY - LED THE MLB DRAFT LEAGUE IN BATTING OVER THE SUMMER AND HAS BEEN HIT BY 45 PITCHES IN HIS CAREER.



BEN CLEAVER - DELIVERED SEVEN QUALITY STARTS IN 2025; LEFTIES BATTED JUST .165 AGAINST HIM.; 2026 PRESEASON ALL-AMERICAN



ALEX DUFFEY - 2ND TEAM ALL-CAA IN 2025; IN 131 CAREER GAMES ENTERING 2026 HAS SLASHED .310/.421/.442.



CARSON HANSEN - HOMERED ON TWO OF THE FIRST THREE PITCHES HE SAW AS A WILDCAT.



LEIGHTON HARRIS - NAMED THE NECBL SUMMER LEAGUE'S TOP PRO PROSPECT AFTER POSTING A 0.64 ERA IN 28 INNINGS.



NATE HARRIS - SERVED AS FRIDAY NIGHT STARTER IN 2025 AS A TRUE FRESHMAN.



ETHAN HINDLE - LED THE 2025 TEAM IN ON-BASE PERCENTAGE AND DREW 19 HBP.



TRISTAN HUNTER - HAD A 17.5 K/9 IP RATIO IN 2025 AND STRUCK OUT FIVE IN TWO INNINGS IN FALL EXHIBITION VS. WEST VIRGINIA.



JAXON JELKIN - DOMINATED IN UK DEBUT, STRIKING OUT 10 IN 4.0 IP



OWEN JENKINS - NO. 28 PLAYER IN 2025 RECRUITING CLASS BY PERFECT GAME, NO. 76 BY PREP BASEBALL REPORT. TRIPLED ON 2ND COLLEGIATE PITCH SEEN.



LUKE LAWRENCE - CHARTED 21 MULTI-HIT GAMES IN 2025 AND LED ALL RETURNING PLAYERS IN BATTING AVERAGE.



CONNOR MATTISON - HAS AVERAGED NEARLY 12 STRIKEOUTS PER NINE INNINGS OVER HIS CAREER; STRUCK OUT 7 IN 3.2 IP IN UK DEBUT.



WILL MARCY - MISSED MOST OF 2025 SEASON WITH BROKEN ANKLE.



RYAN MULLAN - MISSED THE 2025 SEASON WITH AN ELBOW INJURY SUFFERED AT PREVIOUS SCHOOL; RANKED 7TH IN INATION IN APPEARANCES IN 2024.



RYAN SCHWARTZ - CURRENTLY OWNS A 23-GAME REACHED BASE STREAK. HAS HIT IN 20 OF THOSE GAMES.



TOMMY SKELDING - STRUCK OUT THE SIDE IN FALL EXHIBITION VS. WEST VIRGINIA.



JACKSON SOUCIE - 6-FOOT-4 LEFTY UP TO 94 IN FALL AND HAS SEC EXPERIENCE (AT SOUTH CAROLINA).



JAYCE THARNISH - STANDOUT OF THE FALL WITH .429 AVG., 2 2B, 3B, HR, 6 R, 6 RBI, 2 BB, 2 SB, HBP



TAGGER TYSON - HAS COLLEGE WORLD SERIES EXPERIENCE AND HAD 12 EXTRA-BASE HITS IN JUST 81 AB IN 2025.





WEEK TWO SCHEDULE FOR KENTUCKY BASEBALL

MONDAY - 16	TUESDAY - 17	WEDNESDAY - 18	THURSDAY - 19	FRIDAY - 20	SATURDAY - 21	SUNDAY - 22
Practice	Morehead 8, at UK 6	Travel	Practice	at Evansville 4 pm ET Evansville, IN ESPN+	at Evansville DH 1 pm ET Evansville, IN	Off

2026 PRESEASON HONORS

IRA AUSTIN IV

- STOPPER OF THE YEAR PRESEASON WATCH LIST (NCBWA)

TYLER BELL

- PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, FIRST TEAM (JUST BASEBALL MEDIA)
- PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, THIRD TEAM (D1BASEBALL)
- PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, THIRD TEAM (PERFECT GAME)
- PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, FOURTH TEAM (NCBWA)
- PRESEASON GOLDEN SPIKES AWARD WATCH LIST
- PRESEASON COLLEGE PLAYER OF THE YEAR WATCH LIST (BASEBALL AMERICA)
- PRESEASON ALL-SEC, FIRST TEAM (COACHES)
- PRESEASON ALL-SEC (JUST BASEBALL MEDIA, PERFECT GAME)
- TOP 10 SOPHOMORES (PERFECT GAME)

SCOTT CAMPBELL JR.

- PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, FOURTH TEAM (NCBWA)

TYLER CERNY

- TOP 10 SENIORS (PERFECT GAME)

BEN CLEAVER

- PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA, FOURTH TEAM (NCBWA)
- PRESEASON ALL-SEC, SECOND TEAM (COACHES)
- FRANK G. HAM SOCIETY OF CHARACTER INDUCTEE

CAEDEN CLOUD

- TOP 100 FRESHMAN (PERFECT GAME)

NATE HARRIS

- TOP 100 SOPHOMORES (PERFECT GAME)

JAXON JELKIN

- TOP 3 SENIORS (PERFECT GAME)

OWEN JENKINS

- TOP 100 FRESHMAN (PERFECT GAME)

TOMMY SKELDING

- FRANK G. HAM SOCIETY OF CHARACTER INDUCTEE

BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE

- TOP 100 FRESHMAN (PERFECT GAME)

2025 SEASON REVIEW

In 2025, Kentucky followed up its first-ever College World Series appearance by earning a bid to the NCAA Tournament for a third consecutive season, the first time the program has ever accomplished the feat. UK had 11 wins vs. ranked teams and eliminated the host team in the Clemson Regional. The Cats had three Top Five wins.

At the same time, UK set a school record with 151 hit by pitch and stole 132 bases, third most on the school's single-season chart. UK's senior class that played their entire career in Lexington finished with 117 victories, one short of the school record for a single class.

THE SKIP

Kentucky Head Coach Nick Mingione was named the 2024 National Coach of the Year for the second time in his 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 nearly 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 six





Kentucky



WILDCATS RECORD WHEN...

	<u>2026</u>	<u>MINGIONE</u>
Record	3-1	296-193
Home	0-0	195-80
Away	3-0	83-96
Neutral	0-0	14-16
SEC	0-0	113-124
Home	0-0	64-53
Road	0-0	47-71
Non-Conference	3-1	172-53
Home	0-1	125-26
Road	3-0	37-23
Neutral	0-0	10-4
Non-Power Four	3-1	151-24
Postseason	0-0	21-20
Day games	3-1	201-111
Night games	0-0	97-82
One-run games	0-0	47-41
Two-run games	0-1	33-36
Five+ run games	2-0	149-77
Extra-inning games	0-0	16-11
In shutouts	0-0	18-11
Scoring first	3-0	206-73
Opponent scores first	0-1	51-123
Scoring 10 or more runs	3-0	120-5
Allowing 10 or more runs	0-0	7-59
Scoring six runs or more	3-1	226-48
Scoring four runs or less	0-0	37-134
Allowing four runs or less	2-0	209-35
Hitting home run(s)	1-0	205-109
Allowing home run(s)	2-1	126-142
Out-hitting an opponent	3-0	242-39
Out-hit by opponent	0-1	37-145
Matching opponents hits	0-0	15-8
vs. LHP	1-0	104-62
vs. RHP	2-1	186-131
Leading after seventh inning	3-0	246-16
Trailing after seventh inning	0-1	23-153
Tied after the seventh inning	0-0	16-18
Decided in the last at bat	0-0	41-27
Not committing an error	2-0	147-62
Committing two or more errors	0-1	37-68
vs. Top 25	0-0	89-113
vs. Top 10	0-0	42-69
On Monday	0-0	2-1
On Tuesday	0-1	64-22
On Wednesday	0-0	16-7
On Thursday	0-0	8-14
On Friday	1-0	71-54
On Saturday	2-0	70-60
On Sunday	0-0	67-35
In February	3-1	56-19
In March	0-0	112-45
In April	0-0	66-67
In May	0-0	54-54
In June	0-0	14-9
In 1st Base Dugout	0-0	104-70
In 3rd Base Dugout	3-1	190-122

UNI WATCH

HOME

White top/White pants/Blue cap	0-1	57-23
Blue top/White pants/Blue cap	0-0	40-11
Blue top/Pinstripe pants/Blue cap	0-0	15-5
Blue top/White pants/Black cap	0-0	1-0
Blue top/White pants/Camo cap	0-0	2-5
Black top/White pants/Black cap	0-0	18-12
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	3-0
Black top/Pinstripe pants/Black cap	0-0	6-1
Creams/Blue cap	0-0	22-8
Pinstripes/Blue cap	0-0	25-16
Pinstripes/Black cap	0-0	2-0

ROAD

Gray Vests	0-0	36-45
Gray top/Gray pants/Blue cap	0-0	16-19
Gray top/Gray pants/Black cap	0-0	6-10
Gray top/Gray pants/Gray cap	0-0	14-16
Blue top/Gray pants/Blue cap	0-0	25-31
Blue top/Gray pants/Gray cap	2-0	16-4
Black top/Gray pants/Black cap	1-0	19-34
Black top/Gray pants/Blue cap	0-0	1-0

*More "Record When..." on page 16

seasons was 4.75.

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 three years.

AUSTIN, POWERED!

Former All-American, professional ballplayer, two-time Gold Glove winner and USA Baseball alum Austin Cousino in 2024 returned to his alma mater 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.

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 221-44 under Mingione when scoring six or more runs. (See box on page 14 for Biggie Box innings)

BACK 2 BACK 2 BACK

Kentucky has qualified for back-to-back-to-back NCAA Regionals for the first time in program history, two of which were hosted in Lexington. During Mingione's eight seasons for which an NCAA Tournament has been held UK has made four regionals, three super regionals, a College World Series, hosted three regionals and one super regional.

TOURNAMENT EXCELLENCE

Kentucky has been one of the top teams in the SEC the past three seasons in the NCAA Tournament, ranking fourth amongst teams from the conference with 12 total victories. Only LSU, which has two national titles, Tennessee and Florida have more NCAAT wins. The Cats have 10 more wins in the tournament than longtime power Vanderbilt as well as more than Arkansas, Auburn, Georgia, South Carolina and Texas, amongst others.

RPI DARLINGS

One of the most important pieces to securing NCAA regional bids and any postential hosting opportunities is deeply tied to the Ratings Percentage Index - RPI - created and utilized by the NCAA to evaluate teams. Kentucky has been one of the nation's best in this tool over the past three seasons, ranking No. 8 in average RPI amongst Division I teams (2023-25).

LINE OF DEFENSE

Kentucky has featured one of the top defenses in the country during Coach Mingione's tenure, posting the five best single-season fielding percentage marks in the past five seasons. UK led the nation in 2023 with a .984 fielding percentage and followed it with a .980 clip in 2024 and three SEC All-Defensive Team members. Last season, UK fielded at .977. Before 2023, no Wildcat club had fielded at .980 or higher, and now, the Cats have reached that mark for in two of the past three seasons.

OUI, OUI

Kentucky has a rich history with Canadian baseball players, including most recently with All-American infielder Emilien Pitre. Now senior pitcher Jackson Soucie and freshman infielder and former Canadian Junior National Team member Maxime Boies (Max-M Buah like 'blah') joins alumni James Paxton, Tristan Pompey, Zach Pop, Chris Bisson and other Canadians who have starred at UK. Boies is from Quebec, while Soucie has from Ontario.



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 (2026). Bell, a second round selection in the 2024 MLB Draft, attended the same high school as Ritter and continues to work out with him when both are home.

#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 (it also was runner up in 2025 and has nine consecutive SEC championships) 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.

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 four teams that have hosted a regional (assistant in 2006, head coach in 2017, 2023 and 2024), he is the only head coach to guide UK to a Super Regional, now having done so three times in the last eight NCAA Tournaments, and the Men's College World Series. Mingione also has guided the program to an NCAA Regional in three consecutive seasons, the first time that has been accomplished in Lexington. Kentucky has captured the heart of the Big Blue Nation, playing an exciting brand of baseball that has bred large crowds, top RPI ratings and belief.

In 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 SEC and National Coach of the Year, both for the second time in his first seven full seasons as a head coach.

LEAVE IT TO CLEAVER

Lefty Ben Cleaver burst onto the scene in 2025 as one of the SEC's top weekend starters, leading UK in wins, innings pitched, strikeouts, ERA, batting average against and fewest hits allowed per nine innings. The Slim Reaper™ twice recorded 11 strikeouts and no walks in 6.0 innings, had seven quality starts and at 5.61 hits allowed per nine innings last season he ranked ninth nationally and 27th in WHIP (1.00). He has struck out 98 in 83.1 career innings.

"That guy is a winner," D1Baseball.com's Aaron Fitt said. "He gives you so much confidence. He's a trustworthy guy (on the mound). Just the old school pitchability lefty that carves people up."

RINGING THE BELL

Sophomore IF Tyler Bell is betting big on himself. The Chicago-area youngster was picked 66th overall in the 2024 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 last season. He will be draft eligible again after the 2026 season. He spent last summer in the famed Cape Cod League and the with the USA Collegiate National Team. (see pages 21-22 for more on Bell's freshman season and summer with USA Baseball).

"(Bell) has that superstar potential," D1Baseball.com's Aaron Fitt said. "He can be a first round draft pick, All-American. I think there's another step for him, too. I think he'll be a major league shortstop."

DEDICATED TO THE DETAILS

Tyler Bell is not just a talented player but when he made the decision not to sign an MLB contract out of high school he bet on himself and committed to mastering his craft and bettering himself in all areas of life. Bell maintains a disciplined lifestyle that includes Sunday meal prep for the week ahead, a 10 p.m. curfew for entertainment, early rising times and attention to details. It is not uncommon for the draft-eligible sophomore to be working on the finer points of his game before most people are out of bed and he often is having a "second breakfast" by 8 a.m.

HAVE MARCY!

Senior OF Will Marcy is back for his final season after playing only a handful of games in 2025 due to a broken lower leg suffered while baserunning. He is known for his terrific outfield defense, mostly in centerfield, and was just rounding into form last spring before getting injured.

LAWRENCE OF LEXINGTON

Senior IF Luke Lawrence in many ways is the engine that makes the Wildcats go. Playing a premium middle infield position as Tyler Bell's double play partner – and roommate – Lawrence was vital in the Cats reaching a regional in 2025. He led all UK returners in average (2nd overall), topped the team in hits, was second in runs, third in RBI and steals and had 16 extra base hits. He was the only player to hit over .300 in conference play, hit nearly .500 in postseason games and made the Clemson All-Regional team. Lawrence is hitting well above .300 for his collegiate career and is closing in on 200 hits and 30 stolen bases. The Chicago native also is an accomplished hockey player.





2025 FINAL SPLITS

	G	Avg.	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
OVERALL	4	.314	40	43	10	5	1	37	22	21	24
SEC											
NON-SEC	4	.314	40	43	10	5	1	37	22	21	24
HOME	1	.200	6	6	2	0	0	6	7	7	1
AWAY	3	.346	34	37	8	5	1	31	15	14	23
NEUTRAL											
DAY	4	.314	40	43	10	5	1	37	22	21	24
NIGHT											
WINS	3	.346	34	37	8	5	1	31	15	14	23
LOSSES	1	.200	6	6	2	0	0	6	7	7	1
FEBRUARY	4	.314	40	43	10	5	1	37	22	21	24
MARCH											
APRIL											
MAY											
JUNE											

A.D. - AFTER DEVIN

Perhaps the most jarring change for UK this spring will be the absence of longtime catcher Devin Burkes. Arguably the winningest and most influential player in school history, Burkes graduated after being the mainstay on three straight NCAA regional teams, two Super Regional clubs, the school's first College World Series team, second SEC championship team and he was a two-time Mr. Wildcat for the school, which is the highest honor bestowed upon a male athlete at the school. He finished having started 177 of 190 games played and was one of Coach Nick Mingione's most trusted players ever.

LIGHTING UP THE RADAR GUN

Senior righty Jaxon Jelkin is healthy and ready to cash in on his enormous potential this season. The twice-drafted fireballer sat out last spring as a midseason transfer while also continuing to recover from a previous injury. He drew rave reviews at the end of the season for his performance in live Abs against teammates and then topped out at 99 MPH last fall against West Virginia in an exhibition game.

"(Jelkin) has utterly electric stuff," D1Baseball.com's Aaron Fitt said. "It's not just velocity. It's the low slot with a turbo sinker. It's all there. It's real stuff. I'm betting on him getting more and more comfortable as he pitches more. I'm absolutely buying."

MAY THE SCHWARTZ BE WITH YOU

Sophomore UT Ryan Schwartz has quickly made himself one of the more indispensable pieces of the club, packaging immense talent with demonstrated performance. After a wrist injury rendered him less than 100 percent until midway through the 2025 season, he made an immediate impact the second half of the season, slinging .317/.461/.500 with seven extra base hits in 60 AB. He finished the season reaching base safely in each of the final 20 games and carried over his performance with a terrific summer. A highly ranked recruit out of high school, Schwartz could be an option at either corner outfield spot, first base and even on the mound after arriving as a catcher.

THE HARRIS TWINS

Although they are not related, sophomore pitchers Leighton and Nate Harris could each play vital roles in 2026. Nate became the Friday night starter last season and then pitched a gem to eliminate Clemson from the postseason on the Tigers' own field and is known for his even nature. Leighton did not see much game action in 2025 but was sensational over the summer in being named the NECBL's "Stephen Strasburg Top Pro Prospect" (0.64 ERA, 39:10 K/BB ratio in 28 IP).

MULTI-HIT GAMES AT UK

PLAYER	2026	CAREER
TYLER BELL	0	17
HUDSON BROWN	2	8
TYLER CERNY	1	1
CARSON HANSEN	0	8
ETHAN HINDLE	0	3
OWEN JENKINS	1	1
LUKE LAWRENCE	0	21
RYAN SCHWARTZ	0	3
JAYCE THARNISH	1	1

MULTI-RBI GAMES AT UK

PLAYER	2026	CAREER
TYLER BELL	0	11
SCOTT CAMPBELL JR.	1	1
HUDSON BROWN	0	4
CARSON HANSEN	0	7
ETHAN HINDLE	1	5
OWEN JENKINS	2	2
LUKE LAWRENCE	1	10
RYAN SCHWARTZ	0	3
B. VAN CLEAVE	1	1

CURRENT HIT/REACH BASE STREAKS

(listed alphabetically; *career)			
PLAYER	LONGEST*	CURRENT	REACH SAFE
BELL	11	1	4
BROWN	9	9	9
CAMPBELL	1	-	-
CLOUD	-	-	1
DUFFEY	2	2	2
CERNY	4	4	4
HANSEN	5	3	5
HINDLE	5	-	10
JENKINS	1	1	1
LAWRENCE	6	-	9
MARCY	1	-	-
SCHWARTZ	5	-	-
THARNISH	1	-	4
TYSON	-	-	1
VAN CLEAVE	1	1	1





Kentucky has stolen at least 58 bases in each of the eight full seasons Mingione has been head coach and had more than 75 six 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	132-163
2026	24-25
Total	769-972

THIEVES OF THE INDUSTRY

- In nine years under coach Nick Mingione the Wildcats have swiped 769 bases in 972 attempts, a success rate of 79.1 percent.
- Five players on the 2026 team have 20 or more career stolen bases.
- Jayce Tharnish is 42-of-43 in his career (5-of-5 in 2026)
- In 2025, seven players have at least 11 stolen bases.
- On April 19 at No. 2 Tennessee the Cats stole 10 bases. It is the most since single-game records began being kept in 2007.
- UK stole 252 bases in 2024 and 2025, second-most among Power Four teams.
- 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.

Stolen Bases, Team Single-Season

Stolen Bases	Season
1. 142	1996
2. 135	1995
3. 132	2025





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TRACKING KENTUCKY'S EXTRA-BASE HITS

Player	Doubles 2026 (career)	Triples 2026 (career)	Home Runs 2026 (career)	Totals 2026 (career)
TYLER BELL	0 (17)	0 (2)	0 (8)	0 (27)
HUDSON BROWN	1 (8)	0 (0)	0 (1)	1 (9)
SCOTT CAMPBELL JR.^	1 (12)	0 (0)	0 (11)	1 (23)
TYLER CERNY^	2 (49)	0 (6)	0 (30)	2 (85)
ALEX DUFFEY^	0 (24)	2 (2)	0 (10)	2 (35)
CARSON HANSEN	0 (27)	0 (3)	0 (16)	0 (46)
ETHAN HINDLE	3 (8)	1 (1)	0 (3)	4 (12)
OWEN JENKINS	0 (0)	1 (1)	0 (0)	1 (1)
LUKE LAWRENCE	0 (30)	0 (6)	1 (11)	1 (47)
WILL MARCY	0 (27)	0 (1)	0 (9)	0 (37)
RYAN SCHWARTZ	2 (5)	0 (2)	2 (3)	2 (8)
JAYCE THARNISH^	0 (17)	1 (6)	0 (7)	0 (30)
TAGGER TYSON^	0 (10)	0 (1)	0 (1)	0 (12)
BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE	1 (1)	0 (0)	0 (0)	1 (1)
TOTALS	10 (235)	5 (31)	1 (110)	16 (376)

(*NOTE: STATS ARE FOR ENTIRE CAREER AT D-I LEVEL; ^2026 IS FIRST SEASON AT KENTUCKY)

CERTAINLY CERNY

Senior infielder Tyler Cerny, a transfer from Indiana, comes to Lexington with extensive experience and a very similar profile to former Wildcat Mitchell Daly. Like Daly, Cerny has been a middle infielder throughout his career but made the transition to third base in the fall. Indiana's school record holder for HBP (45), he enters the season as the active career leader in the SEC for runs scored, hits and doubles while also ranking among the leaders in games played, triples, RBI and HBP. In an unusual coincidence, Cerny played against UK in the 2023 Lexington Regional and was ejected from a game for a celebration prop being brought onto the playing field.

CLUB MED

For much of the 2025 season the UK coaches deftly handled a pitching staff that was without three arms that were expected to be major contributors before eventually having it catch up to them in the hectic nature of the NCAA Regional. The Cats get two of those pitchers back, plus the electric right arm of Jaxon Jelkin after he sat out last season and the experienced Ryan Mullen after he missed last season at Loyola Marymount with an injury. The others (RHP Oliver Boone and RHP Chase Alderman) each have been cleared by doctors and enter 2026 full-go.

GONE IN 90 FEET

Kentucky has earned a reputation as one of the nation's most aggressive baserunning clubs under coach Nick Mingione, not only setting school records for stolen bases but also earning widespread attention for its unorthodox thefts of home plate and willingness to always try and take an extra base. The Cats continued to completely lean into that identity during the offseason when they brought in Jayce Tharnish, one of 2025's top stolen base artists. The outfielder swiped 32 bags in 33 attempts last season and is one of five players on the roster with 20 or more career steals.

BIG BLUE TO THE BONE

Nick Mingione's recruiting philosophy always has been to keep the best players from Kentucky at home in blue and white and that increasingly has meant via the transfer portal as well (RHP Darren Williams, to name one). The Cats played on those heartstrings again for this season, taking RHPs Jack Bennett and Burkley Bounds in the portal. Bennett (Paducah, Ky.) was Western Kentucky's Friday night starter last season as the Hilltoppers made a regional, while Bounds (Lexington) had a strong freshman season at Eastern Kentucky. A full list of players from the Commonwealth is on page 32.

QUALITY STARTS (0)

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

SAVES (0)

DATE PITCHER (#) OPPONENT





THE BIG INNING (5)

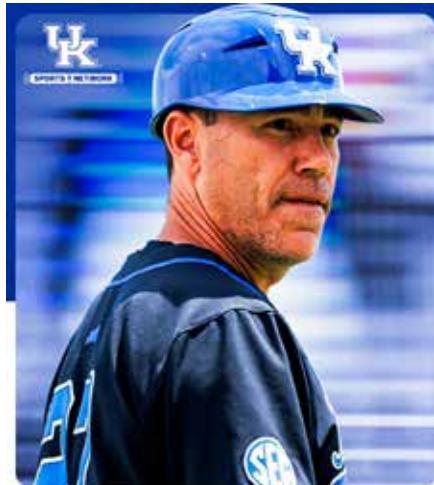
(*3 or more runs scored; Blue shaded are SEC games)

OPPONENT	RUNS
UNC GREENSBORO	8
UNC GREENSBORO	6
UNC GREENSBORO	3
UNC GREENSBORO	3
MOREHEAD STATE	3



KENTUCKY HEAD COACH NICK MINGIONE HAS WON 296 CAREER GAMES AT THE SCHOOL. HE CURRENTLY RANKS SECOND ON THE ALL-TIME WINS LIST AND IS SECOND FOR 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-)	296	.605	10
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

PLAYER	RBI
CAMPBELL JR.	1
DUFFEY	2
HINDLE	1
LAWRENCE	2
TEAM	6

TRACKING KENTUCKY CAREER HIGHS

PLAYER

PLAYER	HITS (most recent)	RBI (most recent)	RUNS (most recent)
TYLER BELL	4 (AT TEXAS A&M; 3/29/25)	4 (AT TEXAS A&M; 3/29/25)	3 (AT BELMONT; 2/22/25)
HUDSON BROWN	2 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	2 (AT TEXAS A&M; 3/30/25)	2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)
SCOTT CAMPBELL JR.	2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	1 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
TYLER CERNY	2 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	1 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
CAEDEN CLOUD	-	-	-
ALEX DUFFEY	3 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	3 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
CARSON HANSEN	3 (AT BELMONT; 2/23/25)	3 (VS HOFSTRA; 3/1/25)	2 (VS LOUISVILLE; 4/22/25)
ETHAN HINDLE	2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	4 (VS HOFSTRA; 3/2/25)	4 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
OWEN JENKINS	3 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	2 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	1 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
LUKE LAWRENCE	3 (VS XAVIER; 3/25/25)	4 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)	4 (VS SOUTH CAROLINA; 4/27/25)
WILL MARCY	1 (VS NIU; 3/11/25)	1 (VS MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	1 (VS NIU; 3/11/25)
RYAN SCHWARTZ	4 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	4 (VS OKLAHOMA; 5/10/25)	2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
JAYCE THARNISH	3 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)	1 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
TAGGER TYSON	-	-	-
BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE	1 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	3 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	-

PITCHERS

PITCHERS	INNINGS (most recent)	STRIKEOUTS (most recent)	PITCHES (most recent)
NILE ADCOCK	3.0 (VS SOUTH CAROLINA; 4/26/25)	4 (VS SOUTH CAROLINA; 4/26/25)	51 (VS SOUTH CAROLINA; 4/26/25)
CHASE ALDERMAN	3.2 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	4 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	69 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)
IRA AUSTIN IV	0.2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	-	26 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
JACK BENNETT	2.2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	3 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	43 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
BURKLEY BOUNDS	2.0 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	5 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	25 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
BEN CLEAVER	7.1 (VS HOFSTRA; 3/1/25)	11 (VS. OLE MISS; 4/5/25)	105 (AT TEXAS A&M; 3/30/25)
LEIGHTON HARRIS	4.0 (VS MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	4 (VS MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)	64 (VS MOREHEAD; 2/26/25)
NATE HARRIS	7.0 (VS SOUTH CAROLINA; 4/26/25)	7 (VS SOUTH CAROLINA; 4/26/25)	92 (VS SOUTH CAROLINA; 4/26/25)
TRISTAN HUNTER	1.1 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)	3 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)	21 (VS NIU; 3/11/25)
JAXON JELKIN	4.0 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)	10 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)	58 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)
CONNOR MATTISON	3.2 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)	7 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)	60 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/13/26)
RYAN MULLAN	1.1 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	1 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)	32 (AT UNC GREENSBORO; 2/14/26)
TOMMY SKELDING	4.0 (VS AUBURN; 3/23/25)	4 (AT GEORGIA; 3/14/25)	57 (VS AUBURN; 3/23/25)
JACKSON SOUCIE	2.0 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	1 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)	26 (VS MOREHEAD STATE; 2/17/26)





SHINY, NOT THARNISHED

The breakout star of the fall for UK was outfielder Jayce Tharnish, a transfer from St. Bonaventure with a speedy reputation. But the 6-foot-3 fleet-footed proved to have much more in his arsenal and was terrific in the Cats' two exhibitions, batting .429 with juice, stolen bases and an ability to get on base. Tharnish has stolen 37 of 38 bases in his career and fits the Wildcats' style of play like a glove.

JUICE JENKINS

Freshman Owen "O.J." Jenkins made quite an impression in the fall, particularly at the plate where he routinely produced quality at bats and ripped off 100+ MPH exit velocities with regularity. The Lexington native whose sister plays for UK's national runner-up volleyball team spent most of his time at catcher but did log some scrimmage time in the outfield. Coached by former UK great and longtime MLB pitcher Scott Downs at Lexington Catholic High School, Jenkins was a Top 30 player in the 2025 recruiting class and was invited to last summer's MLB Draft Combine.

DID YOU KNOW? WILDCATS TRIVIA ...

Jack Bennett - One of two married players on team

Oliver Boone - Father is the producer of acclaimed TV show Brooklyn: Nine-Nine and mother is an actress with over 200 voiceover credits; Actor Will Ferrell was first to learn of his birth; Direct descendant of Daniel Boone

Burkley Bounds - Brother-in-law is former UK standout JaVon Shelby

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

Alex Duffey - Was a Top Five Pro/Am player in NBA 2K23 video game

Carson Hansen - Father died in 2022 and wears No. 34 in his honor

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

Connor Mattison - Threw a no-hitter for Grand Canyon in 2024

Owen Jenkins - Is a Type-1 diabetic

Ryan Schwartz - One of two married players on team

Braxton Van Cleave - Born with clubbed foot and was told he would never be able to run

WE DON'T MOVE

Hit By Pitches (Since 1988)

Player, Season	HBP
1. Tyler Howe, 2008	27
2. Jackson Gray, 2023	25
3. Zac Zellers, 2012	21
Austin Cousino, 2013	21
5. Marcus Carson, 2017	20
Antone DeJesus, 2007	20
Taylor Black, 2010	20
8. Ethan Hindle, 2025	19
9. Braden Kapteyn, 2011	18
Micheal Thomas, 2013	18
Austin Cousino, 2014	18
John Rhodes, 2021	18
3 players in 2025	17

Hit By Pitch (Team), Single-Season

1. 151	2025
2. 132	2023
3. 117	2024
4. 109	2014
5. 106	2010

Multiple HBP, Single-Game (Career)

Tyler Cerny - 10

Ethan Hindle - 5

Scott Campbell Jr. - 5

Luke Lawrence - 2

Tagger Tyson - 2

Ryan Schwartz - 2





2026 HOME RUN TRACKER

HOME RUN BREAKDOWN	
BY LOCATION	
AT HOME	0
ON ROAD	1
NEUTRAL	0
BY PITCHER	
VS. RIGHT	1
VS. LEFT	0
BY CONFERENCE	
vs. SEC	0
vs. NON-SEC	1
BY OUTS	
WITH NO OUT	0
WITH ONE OUT	1
WITH TWO OUT	0
BY RUNNERS ON	
SOLO	0
TWO-RUN	0
THREE-RUN	0
GRAND SLAM	1
BY COUNT	
AHEAD IN COUNT	0
EVEN IN COUNT	1
BEHIND IN COUNT	0
FULL COUNT	0
FIRST PITCH	0
TWO STRIKES	0
BY TIME OF DAY	
(FIRST PITCH BEFORE/AFTER 6 P.M. EST)	
DAY GAMES	1
NIGHT GAMES	0

HR BY POSITION

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

HR BY INNING

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



“THE HOOK”

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

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

The London, Ky. native was a beloved teammate and member of UK Baseball and his family 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.



OFFBEAT WILDCATS RECORD VS.

	<u>2026</u>	<u>MINGIONE</u>
Primary Color		
Red/Crimson/Cardinal	0-0	73-51
Maroon	0-0	48-37
Blue/Baby Blue	0-1	23-5
Black	0-0	17-4
Green	0-0	12-2
Navy	3-0	22-6
Orange	0-0	37-35
Purple	0-0	20-15
Yellow/Gold	0-0	25-29
Mascot		
Animal	0-0	106-67
Bird	0-1	46-35
Amphibian/Reptile	0-0	10-19
Person/Character	3-0	92-63
Schools From the State of...		
Kentucky	0-1	42-17
Alabama	0-0	23-11
Arkansas	0-0	4-9
California	0-0	3-0
Delaware	0-0	0-1
Florida	0-0	8-15
Georgia	0-0	16-14
Illinois	0-0	6-0
Indiana	0-0	20-4
Kansas	0-0	1-0
Louisiana	0-0	5-11
Massachusetts	0-0	0-1
Michigan	0-0	10-0
Mississippi	0-0	15-15
Missouri	0-0	14-8
New York	0-0	6-0
North Carolina	3-0	15-8
Ohio	0-0	20-5
Oklahoma	0-0	3-1
Oregon	0-0	2-0
Pennsylvania	0-0	1-0
South Carolina	0-0	23-5
Tennessee	0-0	37-32
Texas	0-0	15-19
Virginia	0-0	2-1
Washington	0-0	0-1
West Virginia	0-0	1-2
Wisconsin	0-0	3-0

RANKINGS

OPPONENTS					
TEAM	BA	D1	USA	BWA	RPI
ALABAMA	-	-	RV	-	N/A
ARKANSAS	10	8	5	8	N/A
AUBURN	5	9	9	7	N/A
FLORIDA	24	12	16	16	N/A
LOUISVILLE	-	15	11	21	N/A
LSU	2	2	1	1	N/A
MURRAY ST.	-	-	RV	-	N/A
OLE MISS	16	-	RV	RV	N/A
TENNESSEE	13	13	15	12	N/A
VANDERBILT	-	-	18	RV	N/A
WKU	-	-	-	RV	N/A

*PRESEASON RANKINGS

KENTUCKY WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

TEAM	BA	D1	USA	BWA	RPI
PRESEASON	RV	18	RV	21	N/A
WEEK 1	25	18		18	N/A

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

2026 VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

TEAM	RANK	RECORD
TOTAL	0-0	
vs. TOP 10	0-0	

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



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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:	AT NO. 2 TENNESSEE, 2-1 (APRIL 18-20, 2025)
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. 2 TENNESSEE, 2-1 (APRIL 18-20, 2025)
SWEEPED A HOME SERIES (THREE OR MORE GAMES):	VS. NO. 14 OKLAHOMA (MAY 9-11, 2025)
SWEEPED A ROAD SERIES (THREE OR MORE GAMES):	AT UNC GREENSBORO (FEBRUARY 13-14, 2026)
DEFEATED A TOP 10 OPPONENT:	AT NO. 2 TENNESSEE, 8-2, APRIL 20, 2025
RECORDED A TRIPLE PLAY:	VS. LOUISVILLE (APRIL 18, 2017; 7-2-6)
PLAYED AN EXTRA-INNING GAME:	15 INNINGS, VS. NO. 2 TEXAS; W, 5-4 (APRIL 12, 2025)
SCORED 20 OR MORE RUNS IN A GAME:	24, VS. EVANSVILLE (FEBRUARY 25, 2025)
HIT FOR THE CYCLE:	KA'AI TOM (AT CINCINNATI, MARCH 11, 2015)
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:	11, VS LOUISVILLE (APRIL 22, 2025)
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 10 BASES IN A GAME:	AT TENNESSEE (APRIL 19, 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:	TYLER BELL (VS. SOUTH CAROLINA, APRIL 26, 2025)
LED OFF A GAME WITH A TRIPLE:	AUSTIN SCHULTZ (VS. EASTERN KENTUCKY, MARCH 2, 2021)
HIT A GRAND SLAM:	LUKE LAWRENCE (AT UNC GREENSBORO, FEBRUARY 13, 2026)
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. MIAMI (OH), 4-3, 9 INN. (APRIL 15, 2025)
HAD A WALK-OFF HIT OR WALK (NON-HR):	ETHAN HINDLE, BUNT SINGLE, VS. MIAMI (OH), 4-3, NINE INNINGS (APRIL 15, 2025)
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:	TYLER BELL (AT VANDERBILT, MAY 16-17, 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 FINAL AT BAT OF THEIR CAREER:	DEVIN BURKES (VS. WEST VIRGINIA (NCAA), JUNE 1, 2025)
HOMERED IN FIRST HOME AT BAT OF THEIR CAREER (GS):	AJ REED (VSW. BUFFALO, FEB. 24, 2012)
HIT BACK-TO-BACK HOME RUNS (TEAM):	TYLER BELL AND LUKE LAWRENCE (VS. OKLAHOMA; MAY 11, 2025)
HIT THREE CONSECUTIVE HOME RUNS (TEAM):	LANCE RAY, BRANDEN 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:	ETHAN HINDLE (4, AT UNC GREENSBORO, FEBRUARY 14, 2026)
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:	JAXON JELKIN (10, AT UNC GREENSBORO, FEBRUARY 13, 2026)
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:	TONY 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
UNCG	LAWRENCE	THARNISH	BELL	SCHWARTZ	CERNY	BROWN	HINDLE	JENKINS	CAMPBELL
UNCG (DH-1)	LAWRENCE	THARNISH	SCHWARTZ	BROWN	CERNY	DUFFEY	HINDLE	JENKINS	CAMPBELL
UNCG (DH-2)	LAWRENCE	THARNISH	SCHWARTZ	BROWN	CERNY	DUFFEY	HINDLE	TYSON	CAMPBELL
MOREHEAD STATE	LAWRENCE	THARNISH	SCHWARTZ	BROWN	CERNY	HINDLE	VAN CLEAVE	JENKINS	CAMPBELL



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KENTUCKY STARTING LINEUP

GAME	C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH
UNCG	JENKINS	BROWN	LAWRENCE	BELL	CERNY	CAMPBELL	THARNISH	SCHWARTZ	HINDLE
UNCG (DH-1)	JENKINS	BROWN	HINDLE	LAWRENCE	CERNY	CAMPBELL	THARNISH	SCHWARTZ	DUFFEY
UNCG (DH-2)	TYSON	BROWN	HINDLE	LAWRENCE	CERNY	CAMPBELL	THARNISH	SCHWARTZ	DUFFEY
MOREHEAD STATE	JENKINS	BROWN	HINDLE	LAWRENCE	CERNY	CAMPBELL	THARNISH	SCHWARTZ	VAN CLEAVE





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GAMES STARTED AT KENTUCKY

LF
SCOTT CAMPBELL - 4
RYAN SCHWARTZ - 2
CARSON HANSEN - 1

CF
CARSON HANSEN - 18
WILL MARCY - 8
JAYCE THARNISH - 4

RF
RYAN SCHWARTZ - 20
CARSON HANSEN - 9
ETHAN HINDLE - 3

SS
TYLER BELL - 57
LUKE LAWRENCE - 3

2B
LUKE LAWRENCE - 57
ETHAN HINDLE - 3

3B
ETHAN HINDLE - 11
TYLER CERNY - 4

SP
BEN CLEAVER - 16
NATE HARRIS - 14
JAXON JELKIN - 1
LEIGHTON HARRIS - 1

1B
HUDSON BROWN - 24

C
OWEN JENKINS - 3
TAGGER TYSON - 1

CAREER GAMES-GAMES STARTED IN D-I (POSITION PLAYERS)

PLAYER	CAREER	2026	2025	2024	2023	2022
TYLER CERNY	178-175	4-4	55-54#	60-60#	59-57#	-
LUKE LAWRENCE	156-146	4-4	57-57	56-56!	39-29!	-
ALEX DUFFEY	133-116	2-2	55-54+	52-48+	- 24-12+	-
WILL MARCY	129-102	2-0	12-8	38-38^	45-33&	32-23&
CARSON HANSEN	111-97	0-0	33-29	55-54*	23-14*	-
JAYCE THARNISH	90-82	4-4	46-44~	27-21~	13-13~	-
SCOTT CAMPBELL JR.	59-49	4-4	55-45@	-	-	-
TYLER BELL	57-57	1-1	56-56	-	-	-
HUDSON BROWN	47-33	4-4	43-29	-	-	-
TAGGER TYSON	35-20	2-1	33-19%	-	-	-
ETHAN HINDLE	37-31	4-4	25-22	7-4	-	-
RYAN SCHWARTZ	27-22	4-4	23-18	-	-	-
OWEN JENKINS	4-3	4-3	-	-	-	-
BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE	3-1	3-1	-	-	-	-
CAEDEN CLOUD	2-0	2-0	-	-	-	-
CAMERON OWENS	2-0	2-0	-	-	-	-

#INDIANA; #ILLINOIS STATE; +ELON; ^MEMPHIS; &NC STATE; *WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE; ~ST. BONAVENTURE; @UPSTATE; %LOUISVILLE



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RINGING THE BELL

INF TYLER BELL HAD A HISTORIC CAREER DEBUT AND ETCHED HIS NAME ACROSS THE SCHOOL'S FRESHMAN RECORDS LISTS. HE RANKED NEAR OR AT THE TOP IN EXTRA BASE HITS, RUNS, DOUBLES, HITS, HOME RUNS, RBI, SLUGGING PERCENTAGE AND STOLEN BASES.

TOTAL EXTRA BASE HITS

PLAYER	XBH
1. AUSTIN COUSINO (2012)	31
2. CHRIS WADE (2008)	29
TYLER BELL (2025)	29
4. JOHN WILSON (1998)	26
5. CHRIS GONZALEZ (1993)	24

RUNS SCORED

PLAYER	R
1. AUSTIN COUSINO (2012)	61
TYLER BELL (2025)	51
3. CHRIS GONZALEZ (1993)	48
4. ANTOINE DEJESUS (2005)	45
5. CHAD WRIGHT (2009)	40

HITS

PLAYER	H
1. AUSTIN COUSINO (2012)	83
2. CHRIS GONZALEZ (1993)	71
3. EVAN WHITE (2015)	69
4. CHRIS WADE (2008)	67
TYLER BELL (2025)	67
5. ANTOINE DEJESUS (2005)	66

DOUBLES

PLAYER	2B
1. CHRIS WADE (2008)	24
2. AUSTIN COUSINO (2012)	20
3. TYLER BELL (2025)	17
SETH MORRIS (2000)	17



HOME RUNS

PLAYER	HR
1. CHRIS GONZALEZ (1993)	10
TYLER BELL (2025)	10
3. AUSTIN COUSINO (2012)	9
JOHN WILSON (1998)	9
5. POOKIE JONES (1992)	8

RBI

PLAYER	RBI
1. CHRIS WADE (2008)	51
2. TYLER BELL (2025)	46
3. A.J. REED (2012)	43
CHRIS GONZALEZ (1993)	43
5. AUSTIN COUSINO (2012)	41

SLUGGING PERCENTAGE

PLAYER	SLG %
1. JOHN WILSON (1999)	.602
2. CHRIS GONZALEZ (1993)	.558
3. BILLY GRACE (2004)	.537
4. TYLER BELL (2025)	.522
5. AUSTIN COUSINO (2012)	.515

STOLEN BASES

PLAYER	SB
1. ANDY GREEN (1997)	20 (28 ATT.)
2. CHAD GREEN (1994)	17 (18 ATT.)
3. AUSTIN COUSINO (2012)	15 (16 ATT.)
4. JASON KIPNIS (2007)	11 (12 ATT.)
TYLER BELL (2025)	11 (16 ATT.)





USA! USA!



INFILDER TYLER BELL WAS SELECTED TO USA Baseball's 2025 COLLEGIATE NATIONAL TEAM, JOINING A LIST OF UK GREATS WHO HAVE PREVIOUSLY DONNED THE STARS AND STRIPES. HE WAS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO PARTICIPATE.

THE USCNT LAST SUMMER COMPETED IN THE 45TH USA vs. JAPAN COLLEGIATE ALL-STAR SERIES IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS ACROSS JAPAN. THE FRANKFORT, ILLINOIS NATIVE IS THE FIRST UK PLAYER SELECTED SINCE STAR LEFT-HANDED PITCHER ZACK THOMPSON.

BELL ETCHED HIS NAME ALL OVER UK'S FRESHMAN RECORDS LIST AND GOT STRONGER AS THE SEASON HAS PROGRESSED. HE REACHED BASE SAFELY IN 54 OF 56 CAREER GAMES (HE HAS STARTED EVERY GAME BUT ONE, WHICH HE MISSED WITH AN INJURY), INCLUDING OF THE FIRST 27. HE HAD 17 MULTI-HIT GAMES, LED THE TEAM IN RBI AND HAD A TEAM-BEST 29 EXTRA BASE HITS. HE ALSO IS THE FIRST FRESHMAN SINCE AT LEAST 2005 TO HAVE TWO FOUR-HIT GAMES.

WILDCATS TO BE SELECTED BY USA BASEBALL

2025 - TYLER BELL
2018 - ZACK THOMPSON
2016 - EVAN WHITE
2013 - AUSTIN COUSINO
2012 - AUSTIN COUSINO
1999 - JOHN WILSON
1996 - CHAD GREEN
1989 - BILLY WHITE
1986 - TOM DELLER
1986 - TERRY SHUMPERT





MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

COLLIN COWGILL - CINCINNATI REDS (COACH)
 ANDY GREEN - NY METS (FRONT OFFICE)
 SEAN HJELLE - FREE AGENT
 ZACH POP - PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES
 RYAN RITTER - COLORADO ROCKIES
 TAYLOR ROGERS - MINNESOTA TWINS

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

SETH CHAVEZ (RAYS-A)
 CARSON COLEMAN - (YANKEES-AA)
 MAGDIEL COTTO (PIRATES-A)
 MITCHELL DALY (ANGELS-AA)
 ADAM FOGEL (WHITE SOX)
 TREVOR GOT - (NATIONALS-AAA)
 TYLER GUILFOIL (ASTROS-AAA)
 SEAN HARNEY (DIAMONDBACKS-AAA)
 ^DANIEL HARPER (PHILLIES-AAA)
 HOLT JONES (MARLINS-A)
 ZACK LEE (TIGERS-A)
 ZACH LOGUE (KOREA)
 ^LOGAN MARTIN (GIANTS-A)
 MASON MOORE (WHITE SOX-A)
 RYAN NICHOLSON (ANGELS-AA)
 DOMINIC NIMAN (RAYS-A)
 JACKSON NOVE (WHITE SOX-Rk)
 EMILIEEN PITRE (RAYS-A)
 TREY POOSER (RAYS-A)
 JOHN RHODES (DODGERS-AA)
 TRAVIS SMITH (BREWERS-A)
 AUSTIN STRICKLAND (GIANTS-A)
 ZACK THOMPSON - (CARDINALS-AAA)
 RYAN WALDSCHMIDT (DIAMONDBACKS - AA)
 ETHAN WALKER (RED SOX)

[^]PARTICIPATED IN 2025 MLB ARIZONA FALL LEAGUE

WALK IT OFF

The Cats' 10 most recent traditional walk-off victories

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	FINAL PLAY
4/15/25	Miami (Ohio)	4-3	RBI Bunt Single
4/12/25	No. 2 Texas	5-4 (15)	Error
4/4/25	No. 9 Ole Miss	5-4 (10)	RBI Single
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	Bellarmine	3-2	RBI Double
3/23/21	Butler	6-5	Two-Run Double

The Cats have walked it off 22 times since Nick Mingione took over as head coach before the 2017 season, including five run rule games.



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.

BASEBALL MINDS IN THE PROS

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 in player development.

FORMER CATS SHINE IN 2025

It was a noteworthy 2025 for several former Wildcats. Ryan Waldschmidt was named the Arizona Diamondbacks' 2025 minor league player of the year and installed as the organization's top MLB prospect by Baseball America. MLBPipeline.com followed suit, ranking Waldschmidt as the No. 66 overall prospect in baseball, as well as Arizona's No. 1 prospect. He reached AA last summer and slashed .289/.419/.473 across two levels with 114 runs, 49 extra base hits, 78 RBI, 96 walks and 29 stolen bases.

The 2025 season closed with a pair of alumni winning a championship in the Arizona Fall League, MLB's premier prospect league. Pitchers Daniel Harper (Phillies) and Logan Martin (Giants) both played for the Surprise Saguaros.



HEAD COACH NICK MINGIONE

Nick Mingione – who was named Kentucky's head coach on June 13, 2016 – has already made his mark after just nine seasons in Lexington, becoming a respected piece of the UK Baseball program and local community, while guiding the Wildcats to three Super Regionals and a 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. A year later, Big Blue Nation took over Omaha.

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 at the time 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. The 2024 SEC championship team set a new mark with 22 wins. 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 43 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.

In 2018, 13 Cats were selected in the draft, the highest total of any program in the country. The total set a new program record for most draftees in a single year, shattering the previous mark of nine. Additionally, UK has had 23 players drafted in the first 10 rounds over the past eight seasons. The 27 underclassmen who have been drafted through 2024 and signed during Mingione's tenure have garnered a total of \$18.4 million in signing bonus money, more than \$681,400 per draftee.

Already, six players from the 2017 team – RHP Sean Hjelle, LHP Zach Logue, RHP Zach Pop, OF Zach Reks, LHP Zack Thompson and 1B Evan White – have made it to the big leagues. In all, 28 players coached by Mingione during his career have reached The Show.

Mingione – who spent eight seasons as an assistant to Cohen at Mississippi State – was an immediate hit with fans and community leaders. He made it a point to have his team involved in the community, part of his "Student Person. Player." guiding principle of the program, participating in numerous philanthropic events in Lexington while also taking time for more than 100 local speaking engagements.



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
Clemson	1-0
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	5-10
LSU	4-11
Marshall	0-0
Miami (Ohio)	7-0
Michigan	1-0
Middle Tennessee	3-0
Milwaukee	3-0
Mississippi State	6-9
Missouri	13-8
Morehead State	6-1
Murray State	6-2
Norfolk State	1-0
North Carolina	0-3
North Carolina State	3-1
Northern Illinois	1-0
Northern Kentucky	3-1
Oakland	5-0
Ohio	2-1
Oklahoma	3-1
Old Dominion	1-0
Ole Miss	9-6
Oregon State	2-0
Sam Houston State	1-0
Samford	0-1
South Carolina	13-14
Southeast Missouri	1-0
Southern Illinois	3-0
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville	1-0
St. John's	0-0
St. Joseph's	1-0
TCU	2-4
Tennessee	11-13
Tennessee-Martin	1-0
Tennessee Tech	4-0
Texas	1-2
Texas A&M	7-9
Texas State	1-0
Texas Tech	2-4
The Citadel	0-0
UC-Santa Barbara	3-0
UNC Greensboro	3-0
UNC Wilmington	0-3
USC Upstate	6-0
Vanderbilt	7-18
Washington State	0-1
Western Carolina	1-0
Western Michigan	4-0
Western Kentucky	9-2
West Virginia	1-2
Wofford	3-1
Wright State	3-1
Xavier	4-2
TOTALS:	296-193

(*2026 opponents in bold)



In his first season at UK his ethos for the program was on full display as UK players earned SEC Pitcher of the Year, SEC Scholar Athlete of the Year and SEC Community Service Team honors.

"Nick Mingione is exactly the kind of coach we hoped to hire when we began our search," UK Director of Athletics Mitch Barnhart said. "His passion, tactical mind and tireless recruiting efforts made him an important part of Mississippi State's staff during some great years for the program. More than that, he is a man of substance who is committed not only to developing young men as baseball players, but as students and people."

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.

Mingione took over the Kentucky program after serving as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator under Cohen at Mississippi State starting before the 2009 season. Working with the team's outfielders, first basemen and hitters, Mingione helped lead MSU to an incredible run of success, including the program's first Southeastern Conference regular-season championship since 1989 in 2016, a runner-up finish in the College World Series in 2013 and an SEC Tournament championship in 2012.

"This is an opportunity I've dreamed about for more than a decade," Mingione said. "From the moment I first stepped foot on campus I knew it would be a place I could call home. What an incredible feeling to be back. Kentucky is a special place and this baseball program has had great moments over the years, including some that I have been a part of."

Prior to his time at Mississippi State, Mingione spent two seasons at UK as an assistant under Cohen in 2006-07. UK won 33 SEC games in those two seasons, including in 2006 when UK claimed its first SEC championship. After the historic regular season, the Wildcats hosted an NCAA Regional for the first time. Mingione worked extensively at UK with the likes of All-American Collin Cowgill and John Shelby III.

Mingione has a sterling reputation as a recruiter. He also has an unmatched track record of player development, coaching 90 players selected in the MLB Draft, as well as 47 All-Americans and six conference players of the year. His first recruiting class at Kentucky was ranked in the Top 10 of all the major industry outlets.

The Cats also have been dominant in the classroom, having 31 players receive SEC Academic Honor Roll and First-Year Honor Roll in 2018, eight more than any other school in the conference. 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 2026, the Cats have had a conference-best 314 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, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 seasons, the only school in the SEC to accomplish that feat.

"Nick Mingione has been preparing for this opportunity for the last 13 years and I absolutely know that he will make the most of it," Cohen said. "He is one of the nation's elite recruiters. He is a brilliant tactician of the game. His ability to prepare kids for success in the SEC is of the highest level."

"He will make himself an irreplaceable part of the Kentucky baseball community and his wife is one of the finest people I've ever met. You try and surround yourself with people who make you a better coach and a better person. Nick Mingione has been that kind of person for me and like a member of my family."

"He's a special coach," LSU coach Jay Johnson said. "They know how to play. They know how to win. Their pitchers know exactly who they are, how to execute it. They know exactly the style of offense that they are, and they play it great. He's a special dude. He's a special competitor. He's a great coach and a great human

being."

Before rejoining Cohen at MSU, Mingione spent a season at Western Carolina as assistant coach and recruiting coordinator. There, Mingione helped lead the Catamounts to top-40 national ranking in 11 different offensive categories.

Prior to his first stint at Kentucky, Mingione spent three years as an assistant coach at Embry-Riddle University, his alma mater. The Eagles appeared in the NAIA College World Series in each of those seasons, culminating in a runner-up finish in 2005. Mingione also coached at Florida Gulf Coast in 2002, helping lay the foundation for the program before its inaugural season in 2003. He began his coaching career in 2001 at Mariner High School, his alma mater.

Mingione graduated from Embry-Riddle in 2000 with a degree in aerospace studies, as well as a triple minor in business, psychology and humanities. He was also a four-year letterman on the school's baseball team.

Away from coaching, Mingione travels often for both speaking engagements and mission trips. In 2013, he and six current and former members of the MSU program helped build houses and run baseball clinics for youth on the Bahamian island of Eleuthera. When he returned stateside, he was inducted into the "Be The Best You Are" Baseball Clinic Speaker Hall of Fame. Other past inductees include Ted Williams (2002), Ron Polk (2003), Leo Mazzone (2006) and Cohen (2008).

Mingione and his wife, Christen, have one son, Reeves.



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

MINGIONE BY THE NUMBERS

503 - SEC Academic Honor Roll selections

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

51 - All-Conference honors coached

50 - All-American honors coached

28 - Players who have reached MLB

23 - Seasons as a college baseball coach

13 - NCAA Regionals (2003-06, 2011-14, 2016, 2017, 2023, 2024, 2025)

7 - Academic All-Americans at Kentucky

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 Award winner (2024)

Kentucky head coach Nick Mingione, the second all-time winningest baseball coach in school history, has built his success on three foundational core beliefs - developing young men as students, as people and as players. His commitment to leadership and family values continues to show in the program achieving things it never has before - both on and off the field.

TEAM HONORS

- Guided program to first College World Series
- Has been on staff of both SEC championships
- Led program to all three Super Regional appearances
- Set school record for total wins and SEC wins in a season
- Only SEC school to win TEAM Academic Excellence award each of the past eight seasons
- First Senior CLASS Award winner in UK Athletics history
- Academic All-American five of past six years
- Every academic semester with a team GPA of at least 3.0 on 4.0 scale
- First SEC Pitcher of the Year honor
- Program has logged more than 1,000 hours of community service
- Led nation in fielding in 2023
- Coached student-athletes to top SEC community service honor, prestigious UK Sullivan Medal and top NCAA academic honor

COACHING HONORS

- Two-time National Coach of the Year
- Two-time Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes Jerry Kindall Character in Coaching Award
- Named a Kentucky Colonel (highest civilian honor in state)



Student. Person. Player.

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



2026 COACHING STAFF



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.

15 - DAN ROSZEL



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.



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.

26 - CHASE SLONE





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2026 COACHING STAFF



TREVOR FITTS - PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Coaching 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, brings a wealth of pitching knowledge. Counting his year as State's Director of Ops he has had 42 total pro players, including 16 who have made it to MLB.



MATT MORROW - OFFENSIVE DEVELOPMENT

Career

- 2015-18: Played at Wright State
- 2018-19: Pittsburgh Pirates Organization
- 2021-22: Volunteer Assistant Coach, Illinois-Chicago
- 2023-24: Assistant Coach/Hitting/Recruiting Coordinator, Wabash Valley Junior College
- 2025: Assistant Coach/Hitting, St. Louis University
- 2026-: Director of Offensive Development, Kentucky

Morrow joined the UK staff in summer 2025 after a heralded playing career at Wright State and successful coaching stops in the JUCO and D-I ranks. He's a two-time All-Horizon League and Freshman All-American player whose 2023 offense at Wabash led the nation in hits, runs and RBI on the way to a NJCAA World Series runner-up finish.



BROCK DOUD - CHIEF OF STAFF

Career

- 2005-06: Played at Lake Michigan College
- 2007-08: Played Hope College
- 2009: Student Assistant Coach, Hope College
- 2010-12: Graduate Assistant, Valdosta State
- 2013-15: Assistant Coach, Kalamazoo Valley C.C.
- 2016-18: Assistant Coach, Western Carolina
- 2020-: Director of Operations/Chief of Staff, Kentucky

An accomplished player at Lake Michigan College and Hope College, Doud had several successful stops as on on-field coach before arriving at Kentucky to run the program's operations. He was promoted to Chief of Staff before the 2025-26 season.



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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
358	Ethan Walker	2025	LHP	Boston Red Sox
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 SIGHNEES

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
Jackson Nove	2025	LHP	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.

UK'S RECORD AT KPP

Year	Overall	SEC
2019	16-15	2-13
2020*	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	19-10	8-7
2026	0-1	0-0
<small>*Covid-shortened season</small>		
Total	150-66 (.698)	52-44
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

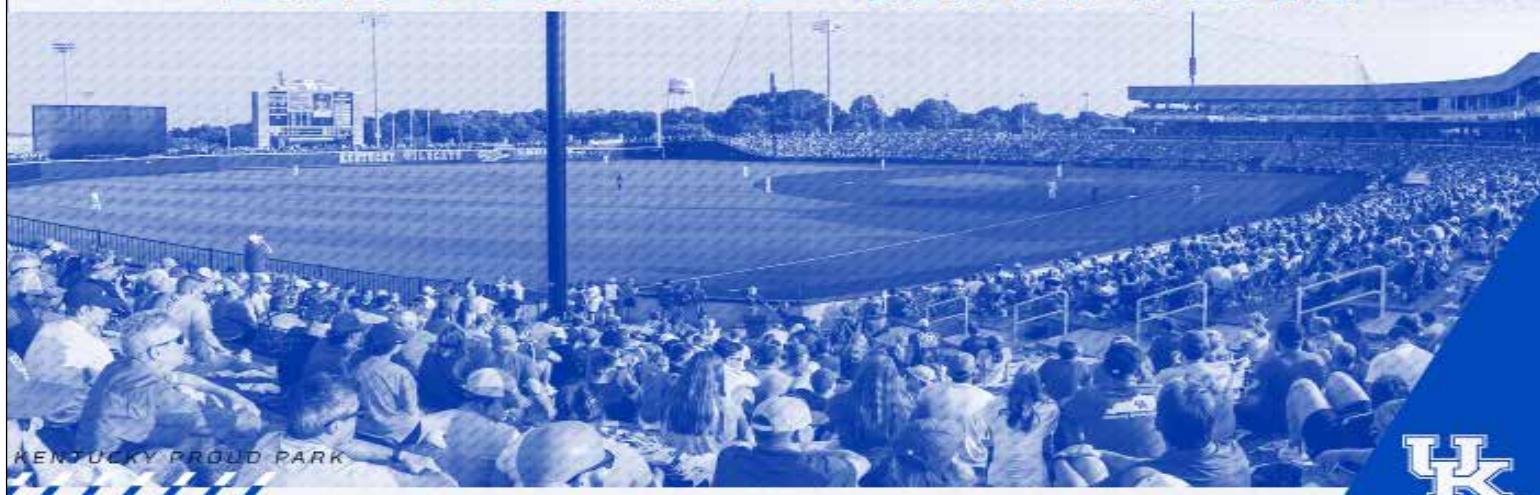


7,558	Oregon St.*	6/9/24
7,441	Oregon St.*	6/8/24
7,304	Tennessee	4/20/24
6,922	Tennessee	4/19/24
6,797	Tennessee	4/21/24
6,796	Indiana*	6/5/23
6,415	Louisville	4/22/25
6,094	Indiana*	6/3/23
6,066	Illinois*	6/1/24

*NCAA Tournament
Series:
21,023 Tennessee 2024
14,781 Arkansas 2024

BASEBALL IN THE BLUEGRASS

BIG BLUE NATION





Kentucky



2026 RADIO/TV SPOT CHART



0
JAXON
JELKIN



1
CAEDEN
CLOUD



2
TYLER CERNY



3
WILL MARCY



4
ALEX DUFFEY



5
JACK BENNETT



6
TYLER BELL



7
TOBY
PETERSON



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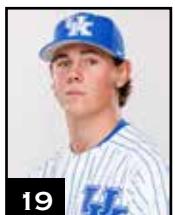
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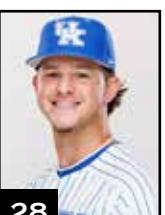
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VAN CLEAVE



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RYAN
SCHWARTZ



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LUCAS HAIL



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BRYSON
TREICHEL



31
OLIVER BOONE



33
RYAN
FOSCOLO



34
CARSON HANSEN



35
JACKSON
SOUCIE



36
NATE HARRIS



37
JAYCE
THARNISH



38
RYAN MULLAN



41
MAXIME BOIES



44
MICHAEL
GARDNER



45
LEIGHTON
HARRIS



47
WILL COLEMAN



48
BEN CLEAVER



49
TRISTAN
HUNTER



50
WILL PRYOR



NICK MINGIONE
Head Coach



DAN ROSZEL
Assistant Coach



AUSTIN COUSINS
Assistant Coach



CHASE SLOANE
Assistant Coach



TREVOR FITTS
Director of
Player Development



MATT MORROW
Director of
Offensive Development



Kentucky



WILDCATS BY STATE

ARIZONA (1)

CONNOR MATTISON (GOODYEAR)

CALIFORNIA (2)

OLIVER BOONE (NORTH HOLLYWOOD)
RYAN MULLAN (CHINO HILLS)

FLORIDA (2)

RYAN FOSCOLO (OVIDEO)
BRYSON TREICHEL (DELAND)

GEORGIA (1)

SCOTT CAMPBELL (MACON)

ILLINOIS (5)

NILE ADCOCK (PINCKNEYVILLE)
TYLER BELL (FRANKFORT)
NATE HARRIS (YORKVILLE)
LUKE LAWRENCE (EVERGREEN PARK)
TOBY PETERSON (PALATINE)

INDIANA (2)

TYLER CERNY (GREENWOOD)
WILL COLEMAN (NEWBURGH)

KENTUCKY (8)

CHASE ALDERMAN (MOREHEAD)
JACK BENNETT (PADUCAH)
BURKLEY BOUNDS (LEXINGTON)
LUCAS HAIL (BRANDENBURG)
LEIGHTON HARRIS (LEXINGTON)
OWEN JENKINS (LEXINGTON)

CAMERON OWENS (HARRODSBURG)

JACK SAMS (LEXINGTON)

LOUISIANA (1)

IRA AUSTIN IV (METAIRIE)

MISSISSIPPI (1)

HUDSON BROWN (OLIVE BRANCH)

MISSOURI (2)

CAEDEN CLOUD (NIXA)
TRISTAN HUNTER (FORSYTHE)

NEBRASKA (1)

JAXON JELKIN (OMAHA)

NEW JERSEY (1)

ALEX DUFFEY (BERNARDSVILLE)

NEW YORK (1)

MICHAEL GARDNER (OYSTER BAY)

NORTH CAROLINA (2)

WILL MARCY (RALEIGH)
RYAN SCHWARTZ (INDIAN TRAIL)

OHIO (1)

TOMMY SKELDING (ATWATER)

PENNSYLVANIA (1)

JAYCE THARNISH (DEVON)

SOUTH CAROLINA (1)

TAGGER TYSON (MOUNT PLEASANT)

TENNESSEE (2)

BEN CLEAVER (THOMPSONS STATION)
WILL PRYOR (WHITWELL)

TEXAS (1)

BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE (ARLINGTON)

WISCONSIN (2)

CARSON HANSEN (PEWAKEE)
ETHAN HINDLE (DELAFIELD)

CANADA (2)

MAXIME BOIES (LEVIS, QUEBEC)
JACKSON SOUCIE (CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO)

WILDCATS BY POSITION

INFILDELDERS

TYLER CERNY (SENIOR)
LUKE LAWRENCE (SENIOR)
ETHAN HINDLE (JUNIOR)
HUDSON BROWN (SOPHOMORE)
TYLER BELL (SOPHOMORE)
MAXIME BOIES (FRESHMAN)
CAEDEN CLOUD (FRESHMAN)
MICHAEL GARDNER (FRESHMAN)

CATCHERS

ALEX DUFFEY (SENIOR)
TAGGER TYSON (JUNIOR)
RYAN SCHWARTZ (SOPHOMORE)
OWEN JENKINS (FRESHMAN)

RIGHT-HANDED PITCHERS

NILE ADCOCK (SENIOR)
IRA AUSTIN IV (SENIOR)
JACK BENNETT (SENIOR)
CHASE ALDERMAN (JUNIOR)
JAXON JELKIN (JUNIOR)
CONNOR MATTISON (JUNIOR)
RYAN MULLAN (JUNIOR)
WILL PRYOR (JUNIOR)

LEFT-HANDED PITCHERS

JACKSON SOUCIE (SENIOR)
BEN CLEAVER (JUNIOR)
LEIGHTON HARRIS (SOPHOMORE)
WILL COLEMAN (FRESHMAN)
TOBY PETERSON (FRESHMAN)

OLIVER BOONE (SOPHOMORE)
BURKLEY BOUNDS (SOPHOMORE)
TOMMY SKELDING (SOPHOMORE)
NATE HARRIS (SOPHOMORE)
TRISTAN HUNTER (SOPHOMORE)

OUTFIELDERS

SCOTT CAMPBELL (SENIOR)
WILL MARCY (SENIOR)
CARSON HANSEN (SENIOR)
JAYCE THARNISH (JUNIOR)
RYAN FOSCOLO (FRESHMAN)
BRAXTON VAN CLEAVE (FRESHMAN)

UTILITY

ALEX DUFFEY (SENIOR)
TAGGER TYSON (JUNIOR)
RYAN SCHWARTZ (SOPHOMORE)
TOBY PETERSON (FRESHMAN)
OWEN JENKINS (FRESHMAN)

LUCAS HAIL (FRESHMAN)
JACK SAMS (FRESHMAN)



TRACKING KENTUCKY'S RECORD BOOKS

RECORD CHASING / CAREER

Earned Run Average

(Min. 75 inn.)

1. Jeff Keener	1980-81	2.01
2. Trevor Gott	2011-13	2.30
3. AJ Reed	2012-14	2.83
4. Joe Georger	1979	2.86
5. Mason Moore	2022-23	3.04
6. Sean Harney	2021-22	3.06
7. Alex Phillips	2011-12	3.08
8. Ben Cleaver	2024-26	3.18
9. Zack Thompson	2017-19	3.20
10. Darren Williams	2022-23	3.22
11. David Voit	1986-88	3.23
12. Dustin Beggs	2015-16	3.32
13. Aaron Lovett	2007-08	3.38
14. Matt Fisher	1990-92	3.39
15. Logan Salow	2014-17	3.40

Win-Loss Percentage

1. Greg Dombrowski	2005-08	.821
2. Jeff Keener	1980-81	.800
3. Zack Thompson	2017-19	.762
4. Ben Cleaver	2024-26	.750
5. Mason Moore	2022-24	.737
6. Dustin Beggs	2015-16	.727
7. Lorhn Frazier	1990-93	.719
8. Dylan Dwyer	2013-16	.714
9. Sean Hjelle	2016-18	.688
10. Chandler Shepherd	2012-14	.684
11. Justin Lewis	2016-18	.682
Daniel Harper	2018-22	.682

Fewest Hits/9 innings

(Min. 75 Innings)

1. Jeff Keener	1980-81	5.11
2. Ben Cleaver	2024-26	5.79
3. Zack Thompson	2017-19	6.09
4. Mason Hazelwood	2018-22	6.91
5. Mason Moore	2022-24	7.27
6. Ryan Hagenow	2021-24	7.28
7. Tim Brandenburg	1979-80	7.42
8. Chris Carroll	1982-85	7.43
9. Dustin Beggs	2015-16	7.48
10. David Voit	1986-88	7.57

MILESTONE TRACKER

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

200 HITS

TYLER CERNY - 204
LUKE LAWRENCE - 191

150 HITS

ALEX DUFFEY - 130

100 HITS

JAYCE THARNISH - 119
WILL MARCY - 114
CARSON HANSEN - 109
SCOTT CAMPBELL JR. - 76
TYLER BELL - 68

150 STRIKEOUTS

JACK BENNETT - 158
CONNOR MATTISON - 128

50 STOLEN BASES

JAYCE THARNISH - 42

50 HIT BY PITCH

TYLER CERNY - 49





SINGLE-GAME RECORDS (2007-)

BATTING

PITCHING

TEAM

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	Ethan Hinkle	2/14/26	UNCG
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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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	Nic McCay (R)	4/19/2025	Tennessee
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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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 UNC Greensboro	2/13/2026
3	at Furman	2/17/2007

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

10	at Tennessee	4/19/2025
8	vs. Hofstra	3/2/25
8	at Auburn	4/2/2010

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)

20	at UNC Greensboro	2/13/2026
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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 Chase Estep Ryan Johnson	vs. Evansville vs. Georgia at Western Kentucky	2/25/25 3/27/22 4/23/19
HITS			
5	Nick Lopez Jase Felker Riley Mahan	vs. Murray State vs. Georgia vs. LSU	3/12/24 3/27/22 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 Devin Burkes Alex Rodriguez Troy Squires Tristan Pompey	vs. Evansville vs. Wright State at Western Carolina vs. Eastern Kentucky vs. Evansville	2/25/25 2/26/23 4/11/18 3/6/18 2/18/18
HOME RUNS			
3	T.J. Collett Ryan Johnson	vs. Alabama at Western Kentucky	4/25/21 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		

STOLEN BASES			
5	Jaren Shelby	vs. Eastern Kentucky	2/26/19
4	Ethan Hindle	at UNC Greensboro	2/14/26
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	Nic McCay	at Tennessee	4/19/25
	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 2025			





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
.461	Ryan Schwartz	2025
.453	Evan White	2017

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 IP)	2023
.184	Zack Thompson (90.0 IP)	2019
.185	Ben Cleaver (83.0 IP)	2025

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	Evan Byers	2025
	Jackson Nove	2024
	Daniel Harper	2019
26	Daniel Harper	2022
	Cole Daniels	2019
	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
92	Ben Cleaver	2025
91	Sean Hjelle	2018



2026 Kentucky Baseball
Overall Statistics for KENTUCKY (as of Feb 17, 2026)
(All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 3-1 Home: 0-1 Away: 3-0 Conference: 0-0

Player	avg gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
4 Alex Duffey	.571 2-2	7	2	4	0	2	0	4	8	1.143	1	0	2	0	.625	0	0	3-3	0	0	0	.000
9 Ethan Hindle	.455 4-4	11	9	5	3	1	0	5	10	.909	6	1	3	0	.600	2	0	5-5	3	3	0	1.000
25 Ryan Schwartz	.429 4-4	14	5	6	2	0	0	2	8	.571	3	2	1	0	.579	0	0	3-3	5	0	0	1.000
23 Hudson Brown	.400 4-4	15	5	6	1	0	0	2	7	.467	4	0	2	0	.526	0	0	0-0	20	1	0	1.000
2 Tyler Cerny	.385 4-4	13	5	5	2	0	0	3	7	.538	1	4	1	0	.556	0	2	1-1	4	7	2	.846
11 Scott Campbell Jr.	.273 4-4	11	3	3	1	0	0	5	4	.364	1	5	5	0	.500	1	1	3-3	7	1	1	.889
29 Owen Jenkins	.267 4-3	15	2	4	0	1	0	4	6	.400	1	0	5	0	.313	0	0	1-1	44	3	0	1.000
10 Luke Lawrence	.250 4-4	16	2	4	0	0	1	7	7	.438	3	1	4	0	.400	0	0	0-1	5	1	0	1.000
37 Jayce Tharnish	.235 4-4	17	6	4	0	1	0	1	6	.353	0	2	2	0	.316	0	0	5-5	7	0	0	1.000
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6 Tyler Bell	.250 1-1	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.250	1	0	0	0	.400	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
24 Braxton Van Cleave	.167 3-1	6	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	.333	1	0	2	0	.286	0	0	0-0	2	1	0	1.000
13 Tagger Tyson	.000 2-1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	2	1	0	.400	0	1	3-3	9	0	0	1.000
1 Caeden Cloud	.000 2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
3 Will Marcy	.000 2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
49 Tristan Hunter	.000 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
17 Cameron Owens	.000 2-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.314 4	137	40	43	10	5	1	37	66	.482	22	18	30	0	.461	3	4	24-25	108	25	3	.978
Opponents	.235 4	136	19	32	5	1	4	16	51	.375	13	9	54	0	.335	3	0	5-6	108	46	3	.981

LOB - Team (36), Opp (34). DPs turned - Team (0), Opp (6). Picked off - T. Cerny 1, L. Lawrence 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
48 Ben Cleaver	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	2	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	.143	0	2	0	0	0
0 Jaxon Jelkin	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	2	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	.143	0	0	0	0	0
36 Nate Harris	2.25	1-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	3	1	1	0	5	0	0	0	.214	0	2	0	1	0
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35 Jackson Soucie	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	.200	0	0	0	0	0
12 Connor Mattison	2.45	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	3.2	3	1	1	0	7	0	1	0	.214	0	0	0	0	0
22 Burkley Bounds	3.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	0	1	1	2	8	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	0
5 Jack Bennett	3.38	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	1	1	1	1	3	1	0	0	.111	0	0	0	0	0
49 Tristan Hunter	4.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	2	1	1	1	4	0	0	1	.286	0	0	0	1	0
38 Ryan Mullan	6.75	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	.333	1	0	0	0	0
8 Nile Adcock	9.00	0-1	2	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	4	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	.444	1	0	0	0	0
21 Chase Alderman	9.82	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	3.2	5	5	4	2	4	0	0	2	.294	0	1	0	0	0
20 Tommy Skelding	10.80	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	.375	0	1	0	0	0
45 Leighton Harris	27.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	1	0	1	0
16 Ira Austin IV	40.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	1	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	.333	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	4.50	3-1	4	4	0	0/0	0	36.0	32	19	18	13	54	5	1	4	.235	3	9	0	3	0
Opponents	8.00	1-3	4	4	0	0/0	1	36.0	43	40	32	22	30	10	5	1	.314	3	18	0	3	4

PB - Team (0), Opp (2). Pickoffs - Team (1), O. Jenkins 1, Opp (2). SBA/ATT - O. Jenkins (3-4), T. Tyson (2-2), N. Adcock (1-1), J. Bennett (1-1), B. Bounds (1-1), J. Soucie (0-1), C. Alderman (1-1), N. Harris (1-1).



NCAA Statistics

Kentucky - 2025-26 Baseball Ranking Summary thru games 02/16/2026

Statistic	National Rank	Conference Rank	Value	National Leader	Value	Conference Leader	Value
Base on Balls (286 ranked)	123	13	15	New Mexico	41	Oklahoma	30
Batting Average (286 ranked)	32	5	0.346	Georgia Tech	0.464	Texas A&M	0.429
Double Plays (238 ranked)	238	13	0	Austin Peay	8	Texas	4
Double Plays Per Game (238 ranked)	238	13	0.00	Army West Point	2.33	Texas	1.33
Doubles (274 ranked)	50	6	8	New Mexico	18	LSU	14
Doubles Per Game (281 ranked)	40	5	2.67	New Mexico	4.50	Florida	4.33
Earned Run Average (286 ranked)	73	11	3.67	Clemson	0.35	Tennessee	1.13
Fielding Percentage (286 ranked)	37	6	0.990	19 teams tied	1.000	Auburn Tennessee	1.000
Hit Batters (258 ranked)	56	2	7	Georgetown	22	LSU	8
Hit by Pitch (258 ranked)	7	2	14	Winthrop	22	Missouri	15
Hits (286 ranked)	41	5	37	Nebraska	57	LSU	53
Hits Allowed Per Nine Innings (286 ranked)	50	9	7.00	VCU	3.24	Auburn	3.81
Home Runs (187 ranked)	187	15	1	Kent St. LSU	10 10	LSU	10
Home Runs Per Game (236 ranked)	189	15	0.33	Northwestern Vanderbilt	3.00 3.00	Vanderbilt	3.00
On Base Percentage (286 ranked)	29	5	0.475	Georgia Tech	0.596	Texas A&M	0.543
Runs (286 ranked)	38	5	34	Virginia	69	LSU	51
Sacrifice Bunts (86 ranked)	34	1	2	North Dakota St. Utah Tech	6 6	Kentucky South Carolina	2 2
Sacrifice Flies (123 ranked)	23	1	3	Kansas St. UCF	7 7	5 teams tied	3
Scoring (286 ranked)	25	4	11.3	Virginia	23.0	Texas A&M	15.0
Shutouts (3 ranked)				Clemson Texas St.	2 2	Florida Georgia Tennessee	1 1 1
Slugging Percentage (286 ranked)	47	9	0.542	Miami (FL)	0.811	Texas A&M	0.771
Stolen Bases (225 ranked)	2	1	22	VMI	32	Kentucky	22
Stolen Bases Per Game (249 ranked)	2	1	7.33	VMI	8.00	Kentucky	7.33
Strikeout-to-Walk Ratio (286 ranked)	15	6	5.38	Clemson	17.00	Tennessee	7.40
Strikeouts Per Nine Innings (285 ranked)	12	4	14.3	LSU	17.5	LSU	17.5
Triple Plays (1 ranked)				Niagara San Diego	1 1		
Triples (39 ranked)	2	1	5	Texas St.	6	Kentucky	5
Triples Per Game (96 ranked)	2	1	1.67	Texas St.	2.00	Kentucky	1.67
WHIP (286 ranked)	28	7	1.07	Auburn	0.65	Auburn	0.65
WL Pct (226 ranked)	1	1	1.000	60 teams tied	1.000	9 teams tied	1.000
Walks Allowed Per Nine Innings (286 ranked)	36	6	2.67	Clemson	0.69	Texas A&M	1.80