

## SCHEDULE/RESULTS

### FEBRUARY

17	at #12^ North Carolina	L, 1-3
18	at #12^ North Carolina	L, 5-6
19	at #12^ North Carolina	L, 4-5
22	at Liberty	L, 4-5
24	vs. Saint Joseph's@	W, 16-9
25	at Old Dominion@	W, 19-2
26	vs. Delaware@	L, 3-4
28	EASTERN KENTUCKY	W, 12-0

### MARCH

1	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W, 17-2
3	#23! UC SANTA BARBARA	W, 2-1
4	#23! UC SANTA BARBARA	W, 3-2
5	#23! UC SANTA BARBARA	W, 12-1
7	WRIGHT STATE	W, 15-1
8	at Cincinnati	L, 1-2 (10)
9	MIAMI (OHIO)	W, 6-4
10	MIAMI (OHIO)	W, 16-3
12	MIAMI (OHIO)	W, 14-2
14	MURRAY STATE [SECN]	W, 9-7
17	at #11~ Texas A&M* [SECN]	W, 6-0
18	at #11~ Texas A&M*	W, 7-6
19	at #11~ Texas A&M*	W, 11-7
21	at Western Kentucky	W, 4-3
23	#11! OLE MISS* [SECN]	L, 6-9
24	#11! OLE MISS*	W, 4-2
25	#11! OLE MISS* [SECN]	W, 4-1
28	CINCINNATI	W, 13-7
31	#22~ VANDERBILT*	6:30 p.m.

### APRIL

1	#22~ VANDERBILT*	2 p.m.
2	#22~ VANDERBILT*	1 p.m.
4	at Louisville	6 p.m.
7	at Mississippi State*	7 p.m.
8	at Mississippi State*	7 p.m.
9	at Mississippi State*	2 p.m.
12	UT MARTIN	6:30 p.m.
14	at Missouri*	7:30 p.m.
15	at Missouri* [SECN]	8 p.m.
16	at Missouri* [SECN]	1 p.m.
18	LOUISVILLE [SECN]	7 p.m.
21	LSU*	6:30 p.m.
22	LSU*	6:30 p.m.
23	LSU*	1 p.m.
26	XAVIER [SECN]	7 p.m.
28	at South Carolina*	7 p.m.
29	at South Carolina*	4 p.m.
30	at South Carolina*	1:30 p.m.

### MAY

5	GEORGIA*	6:30 p.m.
6	GEORGIA*	6:30 p.m.
7	GEORGIA*	1 p.m.
9	INDIANA [SECN]	7 p.m.
12	TENNESSEE*	6:30 p.m.
13	TENNESSEE*	2 p.m.
14	TENNESSEE*	1 p.m.
16	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	6:30 p.m.
18	at Florida*	6:30 p.m.
19	at Florida*	6:30 p.m.
20	at Florida*	1 p.m.
23-28	SEC Tournament	TBD

@Old Dominion Tournament (Norfolk, Va.)  
\* SEC game

all times Eastern and subject to change;  
all home games on SECN+ unless noted;  
Ranking: ^NCBWA; !Baseball America; +ESPN  
Coaches: ~Collegiate Baseball; %D1 Baseball

# 2017 KENTUCKY BASEBALL

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## WILDCATS FACE THIRD STRAIGHT RANKED SEC OPPONENT

Winners of 19 of the past 22 games, Kentucky returns to Cliff Hagan Stadium for a fifth three-game weekend series against a ranked foe in the first seven weeks of the season as No. 22 Vanderbilt makes the three-hour trip to Lexington. It will wrap up the Wildcats' seven-game homestand before hitting the road for seven of the next eight games, including a Tuesday night showdown at rival Louisville.

UK's impressive week last week left the Cats tied for first in the SEC and securing their position in the Top 25 polls. The Cats entered the *Baseball America* poll at No. 16, matching where they are ranked in D1 Baseball's poll. Senior left-handed closer Logan Salow earned SEC Pitcher of the Week honors after recording three saves in as many outings and pushing his consecutive batters retired stretch to 24. Junior Preseason All-American Evan White also returned to the lineup after missing eight games with an injury.

The Wildcats' offense has been humming along and ranks among the nation's best, while the Commodores have found their stride recently, scoring 66 runs in their past seven games. Last season, the pitching dominated in Nashville with Vandy taking two of three games by a combined score of 6-5.

Vanderbilt is led by Preseason First Team All-SEC outfielder Jeren Kendall, the reigning SEC Player of the Week and Preseason First Team All-SEC starting pitcher Kyle Wright.



### AT THE BALLPARK

Friday, March 31 • 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 1 • 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 2 • 1 p.m.



### Kentucky Wildcats

**Record:** 19-7 (5-1 SEC)  
**Ranking:** #16 D1Baseball; #16 Baseball America  
**Last Five Games:** 4-1  
**Coach:** Nick Mingione (Embry-Riddle, 2000)  
**Overall Record:** 19-7 (.704) - 1st year  
**at UK:** same

### Vanderbilt Commodores

**Record:** 17-9 (3-3 SEC)  
**Ranking:** No. 22 Collegiate Baseball  
**Last Five Games:** 4-1  
**Coach:** Tim Corbin (Ohio Wesleyan, 1984)  
**Overall Record:** 733-437 (.626) - 20th year  
**at Vanderbilt:** 627-299 (.677) - 15th year

**Date/Time:** Fri., March 31 (6:30 p.m.); Sat., Apr. 1 (2 p.m.); Sun., Apr. 2 (1 p.m.)  
**Location (Facility):** Lexington, Ky. (Cliff Hagan Stadium)  
**Series History:** Kentucky leads 145-143-2  
**Radio:** 630 AM-WLAP Lexington (Neil Price); ukathletics.com  
**TV/Online:** SECN+ (Dick Gabriel and Doug Flynn)

## PROJECTED WEEKEND PITCHING ROTATIONS

FRIDAY	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
UK - Sean Hjelle (RHP, So.)	3-2	5.20	6/6	36.1	40	21	21	6	34
VANDY - Patrick Raby (RHP, So.)	4-2	1.40	6/6	38.2	21	11	6	11	37

SATURDAY	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
UK - Zach Logue (LHP, Jr.)	4-1	2.45	6/6	36/2	31	13	10	9	31
VANDY - Kyle Wright (RHP, Jr.)	1-3	4.50	6/6	32.0	36	19	16	12	34

SUNDAY	W-L	ERA	G/GS	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
UK - Justin Lewis (RHP, R-So.)	4-1	2.72	6/6	36.1	23	12	11	7	29
VANDY - Drake Fellows (RHP, Fr.)	3-0	1.72	5/5	31.1	24	7	6	6	33

## University of Kentucky

**Location:** Lexington, Ky.  
**Founded:** 1865  
**Enrollment:** 30,000  
**Nickname:** Wildcats  
**Colors:** Blue (PMS 286) and White  
**Conference:** Southeastern (Eastern Division)  
**President:** Dr. Eli Capilouto (Alabama, 1971)  
**Faculty Representative:** Joseph L. Fink (Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, 1970)

### Coaching Staff

**Head Coach:** Nick Mingione (Embry-Riddle, 2000)  
**Best Time to Call:** Contact SID  
**Assistant Coach:** Jim Belanger (Louisville, 2009)  
**Assistant Coach:** Roland Fanning (Southeastern Oklahoma State, 2005)  
**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Todd Guilliams (Eastern Kentucky, 1988)  
**Director of Operations:** Jack Hoehl (Auburn, 2012)

### 2016 Review

**Overall Record:** 32-25  
**Home:** 22-10  
**Away:** 7-12  
**Neutral:** 3-3  
**Conference Record:** 15-15  
**Home:** 9-6  
**Away:** 6-9  
**Conference Finish:** Fourth in SEC East

### 2017 Outlook

**Lettermen Returning/Lost Starters Returning:** 8 (8 positional, 0 pitchers)  
**Starters Lost:** 5 (2 positional, 3 pitchers)  
**Newcomers:** 14

### Facility

**Stadium:** Cliff Hagan Stadium at Shively Field  
**First Year:** 1969  
**Last Renovated:** 2007  
**Capacity:** 3,000  
**Dimensions:** 340-365-390-350-310

### Support Staff

Jared Brussel, Student Manager  
 John Burns, Student Manager  
 Phil DePase, Video Coordinator  
 Ryan DeVriendt, Strength & Conditioning Coach  
 Dick Gabriel, UK Radio & TV  
 Charlie Haunert, Student Manager  
 Angel Lazu, Graduate Athletic Trainer  
 Sean Mann, Student Manager  
 Mike Missen, Grad Assistant Strength Coach  
 Brian Moriarty, Student Manager  
 Neil Price, Voice of UK Baseball  
 Cameron Pomerleau, Student Athletic Trainer  
 Michael Stone, Director of Academic Services  
 Micheal Thomas, Graduate Assistant Coach  
 Bryan Wells, Athletic Trainer  
 Reece Wallace, Athletic Equipment Coordinator

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### CREDENTIALS

If you have a 2016-17 football or men's basketball season credential it is valid for home baseball games. All other media credential requests should be submitted at least 24 hours prior to home games. Credentials can be picked up the day of a game at the ticket window at Cliff Hagan Stadium. Requests should be made through the Sports Information Office by contacting Matt May or Grant Gearheart.

### PRESS BOX

The Cliff Hagan Stadium Press Box sits above the grandstand behind home plate. The press box phone number is (859) 257-9011. There is limited seating in the Press Box with the majority of media seats available on a first-come, first-serve basis. There are several spaces available for overflow seating we can direct you to if necessary.

### MEDIA SERVICES

During games, media will be provided with a media guide as well as notes and updated statistics. Final box scores will be available shortly following each game. The Sports Information department will send postgame summaries, notes, photos (when available) and box scores via email, UKathletics.com and UK Baseball's social media accounts.

### POST-GAME INTERVIEWS

Interviews with players and coaches are conducted on the field following each game. Please let Matt May or Grant Gearheart know of any postgame interview requests and we will coordinate for you. For assistance in locating any member of the Kentucky team, find Matt May or Grant Gearheart for help. For assistance with opposing players and coaches, please see the opposing SID.

### PRACTICE/INTERVIEWS

Head coach Nick Mingione is available for interviews weekday mornings as well as immediately after practice. His office is located underneath the West stands of Commonwealth Stadium.

Team practices take place each weekday afternoon at Cliff Hagan Stadium. All practices are subject to change based on class schedules of the players and travel as well as game schedules. All practices are open to the media. Interviews with coaches and/or players are after practice and phone interviews may be arranged. Advance notice is requested for all interviews. Please arrange all interviews through the Kentucky Sports Information office and baseball contact Matt May.

### PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs are made available to the media for publication use. To obtain photos of any Wildcat player, please contact Matt May or Grant Gearheart in the Kentucky Media Relations Office. Photos are also available for media members on the SEC website at [www.secsports.com/media](http://www.secsports.com/media).

### ON THE WEB

Updated results, statistics, game notes and the 2017 media guide are available 24 hours a day on the official website of Kentucky athletics, [www.UKathletics.com](http://www.UKathletics.com).

### COACH MINGIONE RADIO/TV SHOWS

Coach Mingione has both weekly radio and television shows. The radio show will air weekly on Monday night at 7:30 p.m. ET on 630 AM-WLAP. The television show airs on WKYT.



*Matt May  
 Kentucky (2000)*

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## 2017 ROSTER

### NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Cl.	Hometown/Previous School
1	J.P. Bitzenhofer	C	R/R	6-1	200	FR	West Chester, Ohio/St. Xavier HS
2	Riley Mahan	IF	L/R	6-2	195	JR	Cincinnati, Ohio/Moeller HS
3	Tyler Marshall	IF	L/R	6-1	200	R-JR	Louisville, Ky./Trinity HS
4	Zeke Lewis	IF	S/R	5-9	160	R-FR	Atlanta, Ga./Mays HS
5	T.J. Collett	C	L/R	6-1	235	FR	Terre Haute, Ind./Terre Haute North Vigo HS
6	Tristan Pompey	OF	S/R	6-4	200	SO	Toronto, Canada/Jean Vanier Catholic HS
7	Connor Heady	IF	R/R	6-0	175	SR	Prospect, Ky./North Oldham HS
8	Storm Wilson	OF	L/R	5-11	190	R-SR	Science Hill, Ky./Somerset HS
9	Josh Smith	LHP	L/L	6-5	230	SO	Saline, Mich./Saline HS
10	Luke Becker	IF	S/R	5-11	195	JR	Fairmont, Minn./Fairmont HS/Northern Iowa CC
12	Alec Maley	RHP	R/R	6-1	185	JR	Round Rock, Texas/Howard College
13	Kole Cottam	C	R/R	6-3	230	SO	Knoxville, Tenn./Knoxville Catholic HS
14	Zack Thompson	LHP	L/L	6-2	220	FR	Selma, Ind./Wapahani HS
15	Marcus Carson	OF	L/L	5-8	175	SR	London, Ky./North Laurel HS
16	Troy Squires	IF/C	L/R	5-11	195	R-JR	Elizabethtown, Ky./Central Hardin HS
17	Jake Hamilton	LHP	R/L	5-10	190	R-SO	Raccoon, Ky./Pikeville HS
19	Evan White	1B/OF	R/L	6-3	205	JR	Gahanna, Ohio/Gahanna Lincoln HS
20	Joey Bellini	IF	R/R	6-3	180	FR	Winter Park, Fla./Edgewater HS
21	Justin Lewis	RHP	R/R	6-7	195	R-SO	Suwanee, Ga./Greater Atlanta Christian Academy
22	Austin Keen	RHP	R/R	6-0	175	R-FR	Smithton, Ill./Althoff Catholic HS
23	Brayden Combs	IF	L/R	6-5	240	FR	Fort Mitchell, Ky./Beechwood HS
24	Brett Marshall	RHP	R/R	6-3	225	FR	Louisville, Ky./Trinity HS
25	Gunnar McNeill	1B/RHP	R/R	6-2	230	SR	Orlando, Fla./West Orange HS/Florida International/Chipola
26	Luke Heyer	IF	R/R	6-0	195	JR	Lithia, Fla./College of Central Florida
28	Logan Salow	LHP	L/L	6-1	185	SR	Ashland, Ky./Paul G. Blazer HS
30	Sean Hjelle	RHP	R/R	6-11	215	SO	White Bear Lake, Minn./Mahtomedi HS
33	Chris Machamer	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	FR	North Canton, Ohio/Massillon HS
34	Carson Coleman	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	FR	Lexington, Ky./Lexington Catholic HS
39	Zach Logue	LHP	L/L	6-0	185	JR	Mason, Ohio/Moeller HS
40	Zach Reks	OF	L/R	6-2	190	SR	Orland, Ill./Carl Sandburg HS/Air Force Academy
42	Brad Schaezner	LHP	R/L	6-2	205	JR	Oxford, Mich./Lake Orion Community HS
44	Colton Cleary	LHP	L/L	5-11	185	SR	Nicholasville, Ky./University of Cincinnati
45	Mark Doerries	RHP	R/R	6-3	225	R-SO	The Woodlands, Texas/McLennan CC
50	Marshall Gei	IF/C	S/R	6-0	185	R-SO	Mount Juliet, Tenn./Mount Juliet HS
52	Zach Pop	RHP	R/R	6-4	220	JR	Brampton, Canada/Notre Dame Catholic HS

### ALPHABETICAL

10	Luke Becker	IF
20	Joey Bellini	IF
1	J.P. Bitzenhofer	C
15	Marcus Carson	OF
44	Colton Cleary	LHP
34	Carson Coleman	RHP
5	T.J. Collett	C
23	Brayden Combs	IF
13	Kole Cottam	C
45	Mark Doerries	RHP
50	Marshall Gei	IF/C
17	Jake Hamilton	LHP
7	Connor Heady	IF
26	Luke Heyer	IF
30	Sean Hjelle	RHP
22	Austin Keen	RHP
21	Justin Lewis	RHP
4	Zeke Lewis	IF
39	Zach Logue	LHP
33	Chris Machamer	RHP
12	Alec Maley	RHP
2	Riley Mahan	IF
24	Brett Marshall	RHP
3	Tyler Marshall	IF
25	Gunnar McNeill	1B/RHP
6	Tristan Pompey	OF
52	Zach Pop	RHP
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28	Logan Salow	LHP
42	Brad Schaezner	LHP
9	Josh Smith	LHP
16	Troy Squires	IF/C
14	Zack Thompson	LHP
19	Evan White	1B/OF
8	Storm Wilson	OF

### COACHING STAFF

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**Assistant Coach:** Jim Belanger, #11 (Louisville, 2009)  
**Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator:** Roland Fanning, #0 (Southeastern Oklahoma State University, 2005)  
**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Todd Guilliams, #29 (Eastern Kentucky, 1988)  
**Director of Operations:** Jack Hoehl (Auburn, 2012)

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Belanger	BELL-injure
Doerries	Door-EES
Gei	G (like tree)
Guilliams	GWILL-yums
Heady	HEAD-ee
Heyer	HIGH-er
Hjelle	Jelly
Zeke	ZEE-k
Logue	LOW-guh
Machamer	Mock-uh-mer
Mahan	MAY-han
Maley	Mal-E (like rally)
Mingione	Min-G-own
Salow	SAY-low
Schaezner	SHIN-zer

## 2017 RADIO/TV SPOT CHART



**1**  
**J.P. Bitzenhofer**  
C • FR



**2**  
**Riley Mahan**  
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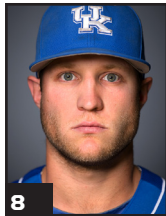
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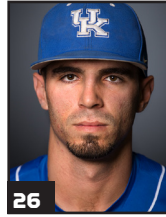
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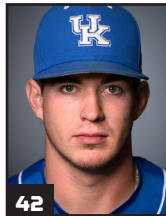
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Head Coach



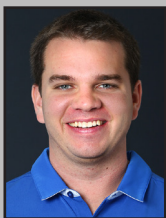
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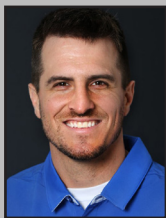
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Assistant Coach



**Jack Hoehl**  
Dir. of Operations



**Ryan DeVriendt**  
Strength Coach



**Bryan Wells**  
Athletic Trainer

## CATS MAKING THEIR MARK ON SEC LEADERBOARDS

After a 2016 season that saw UK's offense mostly inhabit the bottom half of the league in just about every major statistical category it has made an impressive move toward the top more than a third of the way through the 2017 season. The Cats rank in the top 3 in the following:

CATEGORY	RANK
Batting Average	1st
Runs Scored	1st
Doubles	1st
Total Bases	1st
Slugging Pct.	1st
Hits	1st
On Base Pct.	1st
RBI	1st
SAC bunts	1st
Hit by pitch	1st
Home Runs	3rd
Stolen bases	3rd
Walks	3rd

## SALOW NAMED PITCHER OF THE WEEK (MARCH 27)

Logan Salow is the Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Week for March 27 after saving all three of Kentucky's victories last week, it was announced Monday by the league office. Salow's honor makes it two consecutive weeks the Wildcats have taken home SEC Pitcher of the Week, joining teammate Sean Hjelle in going back-to-back.

The 6-foot-1, 185-pound senior has been untouchable in his last seven outings, not allowing a baserunner in 8.0 innings pitched. He has retired 24 consecutive hitters – 17 coming via strikeout – and earned five saves in that time, including three in the Cats' 5-1 start to conference play. Last week he shut down a 4-3 win at Western Kentucky on Tuesday night, closed Friday's 4-2 win over Ole Miss with a six-out save and came back to record the final three outs of Saturday's 4-1 series-clinching win.

The Ashland, Ky. Native has been dominant for the Cats this season, not allowing an earned run in 13 appearances with six saves. In 19 innings, the left-hander has struck out 28, given up nine hits, walked just five batters and allowed a paltry .143 batting average against as the Cats' bullpen ace. He also now ranks tied for seventh on UK's all-time career appearances list and needs just five more to leapfrog into fourth.

## HJELLE NAMED PITCHER OF THE WEEK (MARCH 20)

Sean Hjelle was the SEC Pitcher of the Week for March 20 after pitching a complete game shutout at Texas A&M in the league opener for both clubs. It is Hjelle's first Pitcher of the Week award, although he was SEC Co-Freshman of the Week for week of May 9, 2016. Hjelle also earned national Pitcher of the Week honors from Perfect Game/Rawlings.

The 6-foot-11 sophomore right-hander was dominant against the Aggies' daunting offense, becoming the first SEC pitcher to post a shutout in College Station since A&M joined the league before the 2013 season. Hjelle gave up just four hits, only walked one and struck out a career-high nine in the longest of his five career starts. He went to a three-ball count just three times and only two batters reached second base, none after the fourth inning.

Hjelle's performance was UK's first nine-inning complete game shutout since Dustin Beggs blanked South Carolina on May 7, 2016. The White Bear Lake, Minn. native's effort pushed UK to its first win in a SEC road opener since 2007 at LSU and set the tone for the Cats' first true road series sweep since 2008, first sweep of a ranked SEC team since 2012 and first road series win over a ranked SEC foe since 2015.

## SEC STANDINGS

through 3/30/17

### Eastern Division

Team	Rec.	Pct.	GB	All
Kentucky	5-1	.833	-	18-7
South Carolina	5-1	.833	-	18-6
Missouri	4-2	.667	1	21-4
Vanderbilt	3-3	.500	2	17-9
Florida	2-4	.333	3	17-9
Georgia	1-5	.167	4	11-15
Tennessee	0-6	.000	5	14-8

### Western Division

Team	Rec.	Pct.	GB	All
Arkansas	5-1	.833	-	20-5
Auburn	5-1	.833	-	21-6
LSU	4-2	.667	1	18-8
Ole Miss	3-3	.500	2	16-9
Miss. State	3-3	.500	2	16-10
Texas A&M	1-5	.167	4	17-9
Alabama	1-5	.167	4	12-13

## THIS WEEK IN THE SEC

### MARCH 28 (Tuesday)

Little Rock at Ole Miss	12 p.m.
SEMO at Missouri	4 p.m.
Florida vs. Florida State	6 p.m.
Savannah State at Georgia	6 p.m. (SEC Network)
Tennessee Tech at Tennessee	6 p.m.
Cincinnati at Kentucky	6:30 p.m.
South Carolina at The Citadel	7 p.m.
Texas A&M at Texas State	7 p.m.
Tulane at LSU	7:30 p.m.
Mississippi State at Memphis	7:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt vs. Lipscomb	7:30 p.m.
Alabama vs. Auburn	8 p.m. (ESPNU)

### MARCH 29 (Wednesday)

Grambling State at Arkansas	7:30 p.m.
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### MARCH 30 (Thursday)

Texas A&M at LSU	7 p.m. (SEC Network)
Mississippi State at Ole Miss	8 p.m. (ESPNU)

### MARCH 31 (Friday)

Georgia at Tennessee	6:30 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Kentucky	6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Alabama	7 p.m.
South Carolina at Auburn	7 p.m.
Florida at Missouri	7:30 p.m.
Mississippi State at Ole Miss	7:30 p.m.
Texas A&M at LSU	9 p.m. (ESPNU)

### APRIL 1 (Saturday)

Georgia at Tennessee	2 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Kentucky	2 p.m.
Mississippi State at Ole Miss	2:30 p.m.
Florida at Missouri	3 p.m.
Texas A&M at LSU	3:30 p.m. (ESPN2)
South Carolina at Auburn	6 p.m. (SEC Network)
Arkansas at Alabama	8 p.m. (SEC Network)

### APRIL 2 (Sunday)

Georgia at Tennessee	1 p.m.
Vanderbilt at Kentucky	1 p.m.
South Carolina at Auburn	2 p.m.
Florida at Missouri	2 p.m.
Arkansas at Alabama	4 p.m. (SEC Network)

## WEEK SEVEN SCHEDULE FOR UK BASEBALL

MONDAY - 27	TUESDAY - 28	WEDNESDAY - 29	THURSDAY - 30	FRIDAY - 31	SATURDAY - 1	SUNDAY - 2
Practice Coach Mingione Radio Show - 7:30	<b>UK 13, Cincinnati 7</b>	Practice	Practice	<b>Vanderbilt at UK 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Vanderbilt at UK 2 p.m.</b>	<b>Vanderbilt at UK 1 p.m.</b>

### QUALITY STARTS

Date	Pitcher (#)	IP (H, R-ER, BB, K)
2/25	Z. Logue (1)	6.0 (4, 1-1, 1, 4)
2/26	J. Lewis (1)	7.0 (2, 0-0, 1, 4)
3/1	Thompson (1)	6.0 (5, 2-1, 2, 7)
3/3	S. Hjelle (1)	7.1 (6, 1-1, 1, 8)
3/4	Z. Logue (2)	7.0 (4, 0-0, 2, 3)
3/5	J. Lewis (2)	8.0 (1, 1-1, 0, 8)
3/7	Schaenzer (1)	6.0 (3, 0-0, 1, 8)
3/8	Thompson (2)	6.0 (3, 0-0, 2, 8)
3/10	Z. Logue (3)	6.0 (5, 2-1, 1, 6)
3/12	J. Lewis (3)	6.0 (4, 2-1, 0, 4)
3/17	S. Hjelle (2)	9.0 (4, 0-0, 1, 9)
3/18	Z. Logue (4)	6.1 (6, 5-3, 1, 6)
3/19	J. Lewis (4)	6.1 (5, 3-3, 3, 4)
3/24	Z. Logue (5)	7.0 (6, 2-2, 0, 7)
3/25	J. Lewis (5)	7.0 (7, 1-1, 0, 8)

### SAVES

Date	Pitcher (#)	IP (H, R-ER, BB, K)
3/3	Cleary (1)	1.2 (0, 0-0, 0, 3)
3/4	Salow (1)	1.0 (1, 0-0, 0, 2)
3/9	Cleary (2)	4.0 (0, 0-0, 0, 4)
3/14	Salow (2)	0.2 (0, 0-0, 0, 1)
3/18	Salow (3)	1.0 (0, 0-0, 0, 2)
3/21	Salow (4)	1.0 (0, 0-0, 0, 2)
3/24	Salow (5)	2.0 (0, 0-0, 0, 4)
3/25	Salow (6)	1.0 (0, 0-0, 0, 2)

### SCORELESS APPEARANCES

Pitcher	Total	Consecutive
Logan Salow	11	7
Brad Schaenzer	9	1
Zach Pop	9	5
Colton Cleary	8	1
Austin Keen	4	4
Chris Machamer	4	4
Mark Doerries	4	4
Alec Maley	2	2
Jake Hamilton	1	-
Sean Hjelle	1	1
Justin Lewis	1	-
Zach Logue	1	1
Josh Smith	1	1
Zack Thompson	1	-

### MAHAN NAMED PLAYER OF THE WEEK (MARCH 6)

Riley Mahan was the SEC Player of the Week for March 6 after a blistering week at the plate. It is Mahan's first Player of the Week award, although he was SEC Freshman of the Week in March 2015.

The junior infielder was a driving force behind Kentucky's perfect 5-0 week to begin its home schedule at Cliff Hagan Stadium. He hit .500 (9-of-18) for the week and post-ed a slugging percentage of .944 after smoking five doubles and a home run. The Cincinnati, Ohio native drove in 11 runs, including back-to-back games of a career-high-tying four against both Eastern Kentucky and Western Kentucky.

Mahan helped seal Saturday's win over No. 23 and 2016 College World Series participant UC Santa Barbara with a two-run home run in the sixth inning that gave the Cats a 3-0 lead in a game they would hold on to win 3-2. On Sunday, Mahan was 2-of-3 with two runs scored and an RBI double as UK completed the three-game sweep of the Gauchos.

### NEARLY PERFECT

Sophomore righty Justin Lewis had a perfect game through seven innings of Kentucky's sweep-clinching win against No. 23 UC Santa Barbara on March 5.

Standing 6-foot-7, the Suwanee, Ga. native went eight innings, racked up a career-high eight strikeouts and gave up just one hit – a solo home run in the top of the eighth to Austin Bush. After a rough first career start at North Carolina on Feb. 19 Lewis was brilliant over his next two outings, giving up just one run on three hits in 15.0 innings with one walk and 12 strikeouts.

### EIGHT IS GREAT

Luke Becker turned in one of the best offensive performances in recent memory against Miami (Ohio) on March 12, driving in eight runs, becoming to first UK player to do so since Ryan Wilkes knocked in eight against Wright State on May 6, 2008.

The junior infielder from Fairmont, Minn., went 3-of-5 with a single, double, home run, two runs and a stolen base to go along with the eight RBI. He put the Cats on the board right away, crushing a 2-2 pitch over the extended-height part of the right field wall. He added a two-run single in the fourth and a three-run double in the seventh as to cap his career day.

### PRESEASON HONORS

Evan White isn't the only Wildcat to receive recognition leading up to the 2017 season. The following players have been named by various media outlets:

- Sean Hjelle (RHP, So.)** - SEC's No. 9 2018 draft prospect (D1 Baseball)
- Justin Lewis (RHP, So.)** - SEC's No. 22 2017 draft prospect (D1 Baseball)
- Zach Logue (LHP, Jr.)** - SEC's No. 34 2017 draft prospect (D1 Baseball)
- Riley Mahan (IF, Jr.)** - SEC's No. 31 2017 draft prospect (D1 Baseball)
- Tristan Pompey (OF, So.)** - SEC's No. 21 2018 draft prospect (D1 Baseball)

**Zach Pop (RHP, Jr.)** - Preseason Top 100 College Prospects, No. 69 (*Baseball America*);  
Preseason Top 100 College Prospects, No. 74 (D1 Baseball); SEC's No. 19 2017  
draft prospect (D1 Baseball)

**Zack Thompson (LHP, Fr.)** - No. 27 college freshman prospect (D1 Baseball); SEC  
No. 13 impact freshman (D1 Baseball)

## WHITE EARNS PRESEASON ALL-AMERICA HONORS

Kentucky junior first baseman Evan White has been named Second Team Preseason All-America by both *Collegiate Baseball* and PerfectGame.org, as well as Third Team Preseason All-America by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association and D1 Baseball. He also was named to the prestigious Golden Spikes Award preseason watch list.

White, from Gahanna, Ohio, is coming off a stellar 2016 season where he earned Second Team All-SEC honors. The 6-foot-3, 205-pounder's defensive prowess earned him a Rawlings Gold Glove in 2016 and All-SEC Defensive Team honors for the second consecutive season. As a freshman in 2015, White earned Freshman All-SEC honors.

In 2016, he led the team in average (.376), at bats (226), hits (85), runs (44), doubles (15), triples (3), runs batted in (40), total bases (121) and stolen bases (10). White's career .348 batting average ranks No. 7 on UK's all-time list (min. 300 at bats). White's .376 batting average in 2016 ranks him tied with Terry Shumpert (1987) for the 11th highest single-season mark in school history and his 85 hits rank him 11th on the single-season hits list.

White spent the summer playing for the United States Collegiate National Team, which traveled to Cuba, Japan and Taiwan. White was the team's primary first baseman, starting 15 of 19 games and hitting .250 with eight runs scored.

## CLIMBING THE CHARTS

In just two years junior first baseman/outfielder Evan White has proven his ability to barrel up a baseball, leading the team in nine individual batting categories in 2016 and ranking among the program's best on several career and single-season charts.

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White's .348 career batting average entering 2017 ranked seventh on UK's all-time chart, tying him with John Wilson (1998-2000). The Gahanna, Ohio native also is poised to finish amongst the leaders on the career lists for hits, doubles, triples and sacrifice flies.

## NEW LOOK STARTING PITCHING

Kentucky has a completely revamped pitching staff this season after losing all 42 weekend starts from a year ago. With the departures of Dustin Beggs, Zack Brown and Kyle Cody the Wildcats must replace 73.7 percent of its starts, including all 30 in Southeastern Conference play. Overall, the Cats lost 58.8 percent of the total innings pitched in 2016 and 53.1 percent from conference play.

Sean Hjelle and Justin Lewis, who both received Freshman All-America honors in 2016, each have moved from the bullpen to the weekend starting rotation. The two right-handers combined to go 6-1 with 12 saves in 42 combined appearances (52.0 innings), striking out 54 and allowing just 18 runs.

Left-hander Zach Logue is sandwiched between Hjelle and Lewis on the weekend after a strong finish to the 2016 season. The junior went 3-2 with a 2.68 ERA in 17 appearances (nine starts), cementing the top mid-week starter role down the stretch and earning the start in the Cats' SEC Tournament game against Alabama.

The Cats have inserted a true freshmen into mid-week games since the outset of the season. Left-handed Zack Thompson, who was drafted in the 11th round of the 2016 MLB Draft by the Tampa Bay Rays, impressed the coaches in the fall and has slotted into the fourth starter role. Thompson has piled up strikeouts and shown flashes of his vast potential through his first handful of starts.

## SEC Weekly Awards

WEEK	PLAYER
1	Ryan Olenek, Ole Miss
2	Brent Rooker, Miss. State
3	<b>Riley Mahan, Kentucky</b>
4	Cole Freeman, LSU
5	Robbie Glendinning, Missouri
6	Antoine Duplantis, LSU
6	Jeren Kendall, Vanderbilt

WEEK	PITCHER
1	Jared Poche', LSU
2	Alex Faedo, Florida
3	Jared Poche', LSU
4	Keegan Thompson, Auburn
5	David Parkinson, Ole Miss
6	<b>Sean Hjelle, Kentucky</b>
6	<b>Logan Salow, Kentucky</b>

WEEK	FRESHMAN
1	Braden Shewmake, A&M
2	Justin Ammons, Tennessee
3	Logan Foster, Texas A&M
4	Drake Fellows, Vanderbilt
5	Will Holland, Auburn
6	T.J. Sikkema, Missouri
6	Davis Daniel, Auburn

## Preseason Coaches Poll

### Eastern Division

1. Florida - 70
2. South Carolina - 61
3. Vanderbilt - 52
- T4. Georgia - 29
- T4. Kentucky - 29
6. Tennessee - 20
7. Missouri - 12

### Western Division

1. LSU - 72
2. Texas A&M - 55
3. Ole Miss - 51
4. Mississippi State - 36
5. Arkansas - 27
- T6. Alabama - 16
- T6. Auburn - 16

SEC Champion: Florida (6), LSU (6), South Carolina (2)

### All-SEC First Team

- C: Mike Rivera, Florida  
**1B: Evan White, Kentucky**  
 2B: Cole Freeman, LSU  
 SS: Dalton Guthrie, Florida  
 3B: Jonathan India, Florida  
 OF: Jake Mangum, Mississippi State  
 OF: Jeren Kendall, Vanderbilt  
 OF: Antoine Duplantis, LSU  
 DH/UTL: JJ Schwarz, Florida  
 SP: Alex Faedo, Florida  
 SP: Kyle Wright, Vanderbilt  
 RP: Tyler Johnson, South Carolina

## A CHALLENGING ROAD

The opening series against national power North Carolina in Chapel Hill was just the opening salvo in yet another season where the Cats' strength of schedule is among the most difficult in the country. In its first 25 games, UK has already played 12 games against ranked opponents with three more coming this week. The Cats have gone 8-4 vs. ranked foes, winning eight of the last nine.

## AT THEIR BEST AGAINST THE BEST

Kentucky has produced some of its best performances against elite competition in recent years, winning a series against the nation's No. 1-ranked team in each of the past three and four of the past five seasons. The Wildcats also won a series from the nation's No. 2-ranked team in 2016, giving them a 4-2 overall record a year ago versus the top two teams.

Season	Opponent	Location	Series
2016	#1 Florida	Lexington	UK won 2 of 3
2016	#2 South Carolina	Lexington	UK won 2 of 3
2015	#1 LSU	Baton Rouge	UK won 2 of 3
2014	#1 South Carolina	Lexington	UK won 2 of 3
2012	#1 LSU	Lexington	UK won 2 of 3

## COMING TO THE CAPE

A pair of Kentucky hurlers have committed to play in the Cape Cod Baseball League, college baseball's most prestigious summer league, at the conclusion of the 2017 collegiate season. Sophomore right-handed pitcher Sean Hjelle will join the three-time defending league champion Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox, while freshman left-handed pitcher Zack Thompson is set to play for Brewster Whitecaps. Hjelle set a UK freshman record with eight saves in 2016 and will move into the Wildcats' weekend starting rotation this season, while Thompson is penciled in as one of the UK's weekday starters.

The Cats had four returnees play in the CCL last summer, led by infielder Riley Mahan who was named to the league's East All-Star team as a member of the Orleans Firebirds. Junior Left-handed pitcher Zach Logue was a teammate of Mahan's with Orleans, while junior right-handed pitcher Zach Pop (Wareham Gatemen) and sophomore right-handed pitcher Justin Lewis (Hyannis Harbor Hawks) also played in the famed league.

### CURRENT UK PLAYERS CONSECUTIVE START STREAKS

(min. 3 starts)		
Player	Streak	Pos.
Tristan Pompey	40	OF
Riley Mahan	36	SS/2B
Connor Heady	28	SS/2B
Marcus Carson	26	OF
Zach Reks	5	OF
Evan White	3	1B/DH

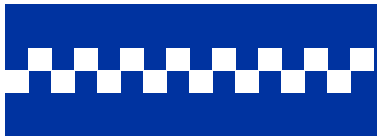
### CURRENT HIT STREAKS

(listed alphabetically)			
Player	Longest*	Current	Reach Safe
Becker	9	1	1
Carson	8	1	1
Collett	1	-	-
Cottam	6	1	1
Heady	9	1	7
Heyer	2	-	1
Mahan	10	5	5
Marshall	7	-	-
McNeill	23	-	-
Pompey	7	6	6
Reks	10	2	2
Squires	6	-	2
White	21	3	4
Wilson	12	1	3

(\*career)

## TRACKING KENTUCKY'S EXTRA-BASE HITS

Player	Doubles 2017 (career)	Triples 2017 (career)	Home Runs 2017 (career)	Totals 2017 (career)
Luke Becker	7 (17)	- (0)	2 (3)	8 (19)
Marcus Carson	10 (16)	2 (2)	2 (4)	14 (22)
T.J. Collett	- (0)	- (0)	1 (1)	1 (1)
Kole Cottam	5 (11)	- (0)	1 (2)	6 (13)
Connor Heady	4 (10)	- (1)	5 (7)	9 (18)
Luke Heyer	6 (6)	- (0)	3 (3)	9 (9)
Riley Mahan	12 (30)	- (4)	3 (9)	15 (43)
Tyler Marshall	4 (5)	- (0)	- (1)	4 (6)
Gunnar McNeill	2 (13)	- (0)	1 (7)	3 (20)
Tristan Pompey	7 (15)	- (1)	2 (9)	8 (25)
Zach Reks	7 (17)	1 (2)	1 (8)	9 (27)
Troy Squires	3 (6)	- (0)	- (0)	3 (6)
Evan White	4 (31)	- (4)	3 (10)	7 (44)
Storm Wilson	1 (24)	- (2)	- (6)	1 (32)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>72 (201)</b>	<b>3 (16)</b>	<b>24 (70)</b>	<b>99 (286)</b>



## REKS' LONG, WINDING ROAD

There are unlikely roads to success and then there is Zach Reks' journey to becoming one of the Wildcats' top hitter. The senior from the suburbs of Chicago began his collegiate career at the Air Force Academy, starting 21 of the 37 games he appeared in as a freshman in 2013. But Reks knew after his first season that he wasn't getting the most out of himself, decided to give up baseball and enroll at Kentucky as a normal undergraduate student.

That's when Reks' story takes an unexpected turn. A friendship with former Air Force teammate Bo Wilson, who had also transferred to Kentucky, led to Reks spending time around some of the players at the time and even some games of catch in the outfield. The coaching staff at the time saw Reks, did some background work on him and offered him a shot to walk-on to the team, which Reks did in the fall of 2016. By the second week of the season he was a staple in the Cats' outfield and went on to hit .331 (second-highest on the team) with 27 runs scored, 22 RBI and 12 extra-base hits.

## AGE IN THE OUTFIELD

The Cats' everyday lineup has plenty of experience but nowhere more so than in the outfield. The team's four outfielders consist of two fifth-year seniors in Zach Reks and Storm Wilson, true senior in Marcus Carson and sophomore Tristan Pompey. Through this year's first six weeks the quartet has appeared in 453 career games with 335 starts.

- **Storm Wilson (5th-year senior)** – 148 career games, 113 starts
- **Zach Reks (5th-year senior)** – 114 career games, 87 starts
- **Marcus Carson (senior)** – 117 career games, 67 starts
- **Tristan Pompey (sophomore)** – 74 career games, 68 starts

## THE MINGIONE EFFECT

In 14 seasons as an assistant coach new UK head coach Nick Mingione has produced a sparkling track record. Those teams have averaged 39 victories a year and advanced to the postseason nine times with two national runner-up finishes.

### Embry-Riddle

2003: 48-16 Sun Conf. champs; NAIA World Series  
 2004: 53-11^ Sun Conf. champs; NAIA Final Four  
 2005: 53-10^ Sun Conf. champs; NAIA runner-up

### Kentucky

2006: 44-17^ SEC champs; NCAA Regional  
 2007: 34-19-1

### Western Carolina

2008: 29-28

### Mississippi State

2009: 25-29  
 2010: 23-33  
 2011: 38-25 NCAA Super Regional  
 2012: 40-24 SEC Tournament champs; NCAA Regional  
 2013: 51-20 College World Series runner-up  
 2014: 39-24 NCAA Regional  
 2015: 24-30  
 2016: 44-18-1 SEC champs; NCAA Super Regional

*^set or tied a school-record for wins at the time*

## RECRUITING PROWESS

Mingione has been known as an ace recruiter during his career, consistently being considered as such by industry media. Each of the seven recruiting classes he was heavily involved with while at

## 2017 RECORD WHEN...

Playing at Cliff Hagan Stadium: .....	13-1
Playing away: .....	5-5
Playing at a neutral site: .....	1-1
Vs. SEC overall: .....	5-1
Vs. SEC opponents: .....	5-1
Vs. SEC at home: .....	2-1
Vs. SEC away: .....	3-0
Vs. Non-Conference: .....	14-6
Vs. Non-Conference at home: .....	11-0
Vs. Non-conference away: .....	2-5
Vs. Non-conference neutral: .....	2-0
Playing a day game: .....	14-6
Playing a night game: .....	5-1
In one-run games: .....	4-5
In two-run games: .....	3-1
In five+-run games: .....	10-0
In extra-inning games: .....	0-1
In shutouts: .....	2-0
When scoring first: .....	15-3
When opponent scores first: .....	4-4
When scoring 10 or more runs: .....	10-0
When allowing 10 or more runs: .....	0-0
When scoring five runs or less: .....	5-6
When allowing five runs or less: .....	11-5
When hitting at least one home run: .....	14-3
When allowing at least one home run: .....	10-3
When out-hitting an opponent: .....	16-4
When out-hit by opponent: .....	1-3
When matching opponents hits: .....	2-0
When facing starting LHP: .....	5-2
When facing starting RHP: .....	14-5
When leading after the seventh inning: .....	18-1
When trailing after the seventh inning: .....	1-6
When tied after the seventh inning: .....	0-0
Games decided in the last at bat: .....	1-1
When not committing an error: .....	6-1
When committing two or more errors: .....	4-5
Vs. top-25 ranked opponents: .....	8-4
Vs. teams ranked in the top 10: .....	0-0
On Sunday: .....	3-2
On Monday: .....	0-0
On Tuesday: .....	5-0
On Wednesday: .....	1-2
On Thursday: .....	1-1
On Friday: .....	5-1
On Saturday: .....	4-1
In February: .....	3-5
In March: .....	16-2
In April: .....	0-0
In May: .....	0-0
In 1st Base Dugout: .....	18-7
In 3rd Base Dugout: .....	1-0

## UNI WATCH

### HOME

White top/White pants/Blue hat .....	4-1
Blue top/White pants/Blue hat .....	5-0
Blue top/White pants/Black hat .....	1-0
Black top/White pants/Black hat .....	3-0
Black top/White pants/Blue hat .....	1-0

### ROAD

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



Mississippi State ranked in the nation's top 25, including four in the top 10.

Year	School	Rank
2006	Kentucky	No. 21
2007	Kentucky	No. 31
2009	Mississippi State	No. 8
2010	Mississippi State	No. 22
2011	Mississippi State	No. 20
2012	Mississippi State	No. 14
2013	Mississippi State	No. 2
2014	Mississippi State	No. 2
2015	Mississippi State	No. 3

## YOU MIGHT BE INTERESTED TO KNOW...

Some interesting factoids about this year's Wildcats:

- **Joey Bellini (Fr., IF)** - UK's Charles E. Barnhart agricultural building on campus named for his uncle, former professor and dean for the College of Agriculture.
- **Alex Bibb (Fr. OF)** - Known as the team magician; also an accomplished pianist.
- **T.J. Collett (Fr., C)** - Drafted by the Minnesota Twins in 2016 MLB Draft (40th round).
- **Kole Cottam (So., C)** - Has had 13 surgeries on his right eye due to congenital melanocytic nevus.
- **Jared Freilich (Fr., RHP)** - Fractured his spine in skating accident during high school.
- **Justin Lewis (R-So., RHP)** - Cousin of former UK basketball star Chuck Hayes and current Seattle Seahawks defensive back Richard Sherman.
- **Zeke Lewis (R-Fr., IF)** - Accomplished musician.
- **Brett Marshall (Fr., RHP)** and **Tyler Marshall (Jr., IF)** - Brothers whose father, John, played baseball at UK and for several MLB organizations.
- **Tristan Pompey (So., OF)** - Brother is Toronto Blue Jays centerfielder Dalton Pompey.
- **Zack Thompson (Fr., LHP)** - Drafted by the Tampa Bay Rays in 2016 MLB Draft (11th round).
- **Storm Wilson (Sr., OF)** - Working on his Masters degree in Business Administration.

## POSTER-IZED

Designed by Brandon Kolditz of the UK Athletics Creative Team, Kentucky's 2017 season poster was named the No. 3 NCAA Baseball poster by Poster Swag, an online site that evaluates collegiate sports graphic design. More than 150 posters were entered this season, with Missouri taking No. 1 and Illinois the No. 2 spot.



## HOUSTON, WE HAVE LIFT OFF

Kentucky will participate in the 2018 Shriners Hospital College Classic at Minute Maid Park in Houston, the event announced recently. The 18th annual weekend round-robin tournament - scheduled for March 2-4, 2018 - is played at the home field of Major League Baseball's Houston Astros, given the Wildcats a taste of the big time. Three SEC teams - UK, Mississippi State and Vanderbilt - each will play Houston, Sam Houston State and Louisiana-Lafayette in the three-day event.

## THE BIG INNING

(\*4 or more runs scored)

Opponent	Inning	Runs
vs. St. Joe's (2/24)	4th	7
vs. St. Joe's (2/24)	6th	4
at ODU (2/25)	3rd	4
at ODU (2/25)	8th	5
vs. ECU (2/28)	3rd	5
vs. WKU (3/1)	1st	5
vs. WKU (3/1)	2nd	5
vs. UCSB (3/5)	2nd	4
vs. UCSB (3/5)	6th	4
vs. Wright St. (3/7)	6th	6
vs. Wright St. (3/7)	7th	5
vs. Miami (OH) (3/10)	6th	7
vs. Miami (OH) (3/10)	7th	6
vs. Miami (OH) (3/12)	7th	4
at Texas A&M (3/18)	7th	4
vs. Ole Miss (3/23)	8th	5
vs. Cincinnati (3/28)	5th	7

## TWO-OUT HITTING

Player	Hits	RBI
Luke Becker	3	4
Marcus Carson	14	9
Kole Cottam	8	5
Connor Heady	9	4
Luke Heyer	3	4
Riley Mahan	7	6
Tyler Marshall	5	4
Gunnar McNeill	3	2
Tristan Pompey	6	1
Zach Reks	9	7
Troy Squires	4	2
Evan White	7	6
Storm Wilson	1	0

## GAME-WINNING RBI

Player	2017	Career
Zach Reks	5	7
Evan White	2	5
Riley Mahan	2	5
Marcus Carson	2	2
Kole Cottam	2	2
Luke Becker	1	3
Tyler Marshall	1	3
Tristan Pompey	1	4
Connor Heady	1	2
Luke Heyer	1	1
Troy Squires	-	4
Gunnar McNeill	-	3
Storm Wilson	-	2

UK AT THE PLATE	
RIGHTIES	LEFTIES
Joey Bellini	Marcus Carson
Alex Bibb	Brayden Combs
J.P. Bitzenhofer	Riley Mahan
Kole Cottam	Tyler Marshall
Connor Heady	Zach Reks
Luke Heyer	Troy Squires
Gunnar McNeill	Storm Wilson
Evan White	
SWITCH	
Luke Becker	
Marshall Gei	
Zeke Lewis	
Tristan Pompey	

## 2017 SPLITS

	G	AVG.	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	K	SB
Overall	26	.326	214	286	72	3	24	196	129	150	38
SEC	6	.325	38	63	15	0	5	35	16	38	6
Non SEC	20	.327	176	223	57	3	19	161	113	112	32
Home	14	.348	133	161	42	2	15	119	73	73	19
Away	10	.294	62	102	27	0	9	59	41	69	14
Neutral	2	.343	19	23	3	1	0	18	15	8	5
Day	20	.330	175	226	61	3	19	160	105	113	27
Night	6	.311	39	60	11	0	5	36	24	37	11
Wins	19	.356	190	228	56	3	20	173	105	100	30
Losses	7	.245	24	58	16	0	4	23	24	50	8
February	8	.323	64	90	22	1	6	60	46	50	16
March	18	.328	150	196	50	2	18	136	83	100	22
April											
May											

## GAMES-GAMES STARTED

Player	Career	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Storm Wilson	148-113	17-3	40-37	46-39	45-34	-
Evan White	119-118	13-12	54-54	52-52	-	-
Connor Heady	128-110	26-26	21-15	51-50	30-19	-
Gunnar McNeill	113-74	16-5	56-55	-	41-14*	-
Riley Mahan	121-98	26-26	56-50	39-22	-	-
Marcus Carson	118-67	26-26	32-15	35-22	25-4	-
Zach Reks	115-88	25-25	53-42	-	-	37-21^
Luke Becker	75-64	23-17	52-47	-	-	-
Tristan Pompey	75-69	26-26	49-43	-	-	-
Troy Squires	69-50	20-19	35-31	14-0	-	-
Kole Cottam	64-46	24-23	40-23	-	-	-
Tyler Marshall	49-25	23-14	26-11	-	-	-
Luke Heyer	18-11	18-11	-	-	-	-
Zeke Lewis	15-0	15-0	-	-	-	-
Marshall Gei	6-0	6-0	-	-	-	-
Joey Bellini	4-0	4-0	-	-	-	-
T.J. Collett	5-0	5-0	-	-	-	-

\* at FIU; ^ at Air Force

## UK CAREER HIT LIST

- (\*minimum 100 hits)
1. Andy Green (1997-2000) - 277
  2. Aaron McGlone (97-00) - 274
  3. Mike Botkin (79-82) - 241
  4. Spencer Graeter (2001-04) - 233
  5. Jeff Abbott (91-94) - 232
  6. Keenan Wiley (2007-10) - 230
  7. Ryan Wilkes (2005-08) - 226
  8. Jeff Tedesco (94-97) - 223
  9. Austin Cousino (2012-14) - 216
  10. Chad Green (94-96) - 215
  11. Mike Harris (89-91) - 214
  12. John Wilson (98-00) - 212
  - Brad Hindersman (91-94) - 212
  14. Chad Wright (09-11) - 211
  15. Antone DeJesus (2005-07) - 202
  16. AJ Reed (2012-14) - 195
  17. Michael Bertram (2003-06) - 188
  18. John Shelby (2004-06) - 177
  19. Kyle Barrett (2013-15) - 174
  20. Sawyer Carroll (2007-08) - 173
  21. **Evan White (2015-17) - 172**
  22. Collin Cowgill (2005-08) - 171
  23. J.T. Riddle (2011-13) - 170
  24. Matt Reid (2011-14) - 161
  25. Billy Grace (2004-07) - 160
  26. Chris Bisson (2008-2010) - 157
  27. Thomas McCarthy (2011-12) - 153
  - Braden Kapetyn (2009-11) - 153
  29. JaVon Shelby (2014-16) - 150
  30. Ka'ai Tom (2014-15) - 148
  31. Sean Coughlin (2006-07) - 142
  32. Max Kuhn (2012-14) - 133
  33. Brian Spear (2007-08) - 130
  - Thomas Bernal (2012-15) - 130
  35. Mike Breyman (2003-04) - 127
  36. Chad Stewart (2003-04) - 125
  37. Chris Wade (2008-09) - 123
  38. Taylor Black (2010-11) - 121
  - Marcus Nidiffer (2007-10) - 121
  40. Michael Williams (2009-12) - 119
  - T41. **Riley Mahan (2015-17) - 115**
  - T41. Gunner Glad (2009-10) - 115
  43. Shawn Lehmann (2005-06) - 111
  44. **Storm Wilson (2014-17) - 108**
  - Micheal Thomas (2011-14) - 107

## UK CAREER HIT BY PITCH

1. Austin Cousino (2012-14) - 47
- T2. **Storm Wilson (2014-17) - 39**
- T2. Thomas Bernal (2012-15) - 39
4. Keenan Wiley (08-11) - 38
5. Antone DeJesus (05-07) - 36

## UK CAREER ERA RANKS

(min. 75 innings)

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. Alex Phillips (2011-12) - 3.08
6. David Voit (1986-88) - 3.23
7. **Zach Logue (2015-17) - 3.30**
8. Dustin Beggs (2015-16) - 3.32
9. Aaron Lovett (2007-08) - 3.38
10. Matt Fisher (1990-92) - 3.39
11. Paul Kilgus (1981-84) - 3.42
12. Heath Castle (2003) - 3.54

## UK CAREER PITCHING APPEARANCES

1. Lorhn Frazier (1990-93) - 104
2. Brock Baber (2005-08) - 98
3. Josh Paxton (1997-2000) - 92
4. Jon Hooker (1998-2001) - 82
- T5. Andrew Albers (2005-08) - 81
- T5. Walter Wijas (2010-13) - 81
- T7. **Logan Salow (2014-17) - 77**
- T7. Aaron Tennyson (2003-06) - 77
9. Scott Smith (1990-93) - 73
10. Adam Shadburne (1993-96) - 71
- T11. Scott Wade (2000-03) - 70
- T11. Brian Reed (1991-94) - 70

## UK CAREER SAC LIST

1. Ryan Wilkes (2005-08) - 40
2. Keenan Wiley (08-11) - 28
3. Matt Reid (11-14) - 27
4. Justin Scutchfield (03-06) - 25
5. Andy Green (1997-00) - 24
- Antone DeJesus (05-07) - 24
7. Jeff Michael (90-93) - 23
- Michael Bertram (03-06) - 23
9. Chad Wright (09-11) - 21
10. Chris Wade (08-09) - 20
11. **Storm Wilson (14-17) - 17**
12. Marcus Nidiffer (07-10) - 16
- T13. **Troy Squires (15-17) - 15**

## SERIES-BY-SERIES BREAKDOWN

### Batting Breakdown

	W/L	Avg.	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SLG%	OB%	BB	HBP	K
North Carolina	0-3	.250	100	10	25	7	0	1	10	.350	.348	12	3	28
Liberty	0-1	.265	34	4	9	2	0	2	4	.500	.324	2	1	6
Saint Joseph's	0-1	.438	32	16	14	1	1	0	16	.531	.565	12	0	3
Old Dominion	1-0	.465	43	19	20	6	0	2	17	.744	.564	9	2	5
Delaware	0-1	.257	35	3	9	2	0	0	2	.314	.333	3	1	5
Eastern Kentucky	1-0	.371	35	12	13	4	0	1	11	.571	.500	8	2	3
Western Kentucky	2-0	.380	79	21	30	7	2	4	18	.671	.479	11	5	15
UC Santa Barbara	3-0	.287	87	17	25	6	0	2	15	.425	.421	11	9	12
Wright State	1-0	.382	34	15	13	4	0	1	15	.588	.532	11	1	6
Cincinnati	1-1	.227	66	14	15	7	0	1	11	.379	.358	9	5	5
Miami (Ohio)	3-0	.382	102	36	39	6	0	4	34	.559	.492	22	3	16
Murray State	1-0	.306	36	9	11	5	0	1	8	.528	.390	3	2	8
Texas A&M	3-0	.340	103	24	35	9	0	3	23	.515	.410	6	7	17
Ole Miss	2-1	.308	91	14	28	6	0	2	12	.440	.383	10	3	21
Vanderbilt														
Louisville														
Mississippi State														
UT Martin														
Missouri														
LSU														
Xavier														
South Carolina														
Georgia														
Indiana														
Tennessee														
Northern Kentucky														
Florida														

### Pitching Breakdown

	W/L	ERA	SV	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	2B	3B	HR	B/AVG
North Carolina	0-3	4.50	0	24.0	27	14	12	16	14	4	0	2	.281
Liberty	0-1	4.50	0	8.0	7	5	4	3	12	3	0	1	.219
Saint Joseph's	1-0	9.00	0	9.0	12	9	9	2	10	2	0	3	.300
Old Dominion	1-0	2.00	0	9.0	5	2	2	3	6	3	0	0	.161
Delaware	0-1	0.00	0	8.0	6	4	0	1	5	2	0	0	.193
Eastern Kentucky	1-0	0.00	0	9.0	6	0	0	2	8	0	0	0	.194
Western Kentucky	2-0	2.00	1	18.0	15	5	4	5	21	2	0	1	.224
UC Santa Barbara	3-0	1.33	2	27.0	16	4	4	3	26	3	0	1	.178
Wright State	1-0	1.00	0	9.0	6	1	1	2	15	2	0	0	.182
Cincinnati	1-1	2.89	0	18.2	14	9	6	8	23	5	0	2	.206
Miami (Ohio)	3-0	2.33	1	27.0	15	9	7	7	27	5	0	2	.163
Murray State	1-0	7.00	1	9.0	6	7	7	6	8	2	1	1	.188
Texas A&M	3-0	3.33	1	27.0	21	13	10	7	30	6	0	2	.206
Ole Miss	2-1	4.00	2	27.0	28	12	12	4	31	7	0	3	.264
Vanderbilt													
Louisville													
Mississippi State													
UT Martin													
Missouri													
LSU													
Xavier													
South Carolina													
Georgia													
Indiana													
Tennessee													
Northern Kentucky													
Florida													

## WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME...

Led off a game with a home run:	Austin Cousino (vs. Cincinnati, April 17, 2012)
Led off a game with a triple:	Austin Cousino (vs. Georgia, March 31, 2013)
<b>Hit a grand slam:</b>	<b>T.J. Collett (vs. Ole Miss, March 23, 2017)</b>
Hit a walk-off home run:	Dorian Hairston (vs. South Carolina, May 8, 2016)
Hit an extra-inning, game-winning home run:	Dorian Hairston (vs. South Carolina, May 8, 2016)
Hit two home runs in a game:	JaVon Shelby (vs. Auburn, May 1, 2016)
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:	Gunner Glad (vs. South Carolina, March 28, 2009)
Hit a ninth-inning, pinch-hit homer:	Riley Mahan (at LSU, March 29, 2015)
Hit a home run on his birthday:	Austin Cousino (vs. Cincinnati, April 17, 2012)
Had a walk-off hit:	Dorian Hairston (vs. South Carolina, May 8, 2016)
Had a walk-off grand slam:	Riley Mahan (vs. Alabama, April 9, 2016)
Had a walk-off walk:	Thomas Bernal (vs. Buffalo, Feb. 26, 2012)
Hit an inside the park homer:	Riley Mahan (at LSU, vs. April 4, 2015)
<b>Homered in consecutive games:</b>	<b>Connor Heady (vs. Miami (OH), March 12, vs. Murray State, March 14, 2017)</b>
Homered in three consecutive games:	AJ Reed (vs. Florida, April 4-6, 2014)
Homered in three consecutive SEC games:	AJ Reed (at Texas A&M, April 20, vs. Ole Miss, April 25, 2014)
Homered in five consecutive SEC games:	AJ Reed (vs. Florida, April 4-6, vs. Missouri, April 11-12, 2014)
Homered in first at-bat of the season:	Luke Maile (vs. Bowling Green, Feb. 28, 2010)
Homered in first at-bat of their career:	Luke Maile (vs. Bowling Green, Feb. 28, 2010)
Homered in first home at bat of their career (GS):	AJ Reed (vs. Buffalo, Feb. 24, 2012)
Homered in final home at bat of their career (GS):	Marcus Nidiffer (vs. LSU, May 14, 2010)
Hit back to back home runs:	Evan White, Zach Reks (vs. Murray State, May 17, 2016)
Hit three consecutive home runs:	Lance Ray, Braden Kapteyn and Marcus Nidiffer (at Indiana, May 11, 2010)
<b>Scored four or more runs in a game:</b>	<b>Tristan Pompey (at Old Dominion, Feb. 25, 2017)</b>
Scored six or more runs in a game:	Andy Burns (vs. Mississippi State, April 19, 2009)
<b>Had four or more hits in a game:</b>	<b>Zach Reks (at North Carolina, Feb. 18, 2017)</b>
Had five or more hits in a game:	J.T. Riddle (vs. Niagara, Feb. 17, 2013)
Had six hits in a game:	J.T. Riddle (vs. Niagara, Feb. 17, 2013)
<b>Had five RBI in a game:</b>	<b>Zach Reks (vs. Wright State, March 7, 2017)</b>
Had six RBI in a game:	Micheal Thomas (vs. Ball State, March 8, 2014)
Had seven RBI in a game:	JaVon Shelby (at Georgia, March 20, 2016)
<b>Had eight RBI in a game:</b>	<b>Luke Becker (vs. Miami, OH, March 12, 2017)</b>
Hit home runs from both sides of the plate:	Ryan Wilkes (vs. Wright State, May 6, 2008)
Hit HR from both sides of the plate in a weekend:	Tristan Pompey (Feb. 19-21, 2016)
Had two or more bunt singles in a game:	Bryan Rose (vs. MSU, April 5, 2008)
Stole three bases in a game:	Neiko Johnson (vs. South Carolina, May 8, 2010)
Stole four bases in a game:	Storm Wilson (vs. Richmond, Feb. 14, 2015)
Walked four or more times in a game:	Andy Burns (vs. Tennessee, May 3, 2009)
Struck out 10 or more batters in a game:	Dustin Beggs (10; vs. Alabama, April 9, 2016)
Pitched a seven-inning complete game:	Dustin Beggs (vs. Arkansas, April 23, 2016)
<b>Pitched a nine-inning complete game:</b>	<b>Sean Hjelle (at Texas A&amp;M, March 17, 2017)</b>
<b>Pitched a nine-inning complete-game shutout:</b>	<b>Sean Hjelle (at Texas A&amp;M, March 17, 2017)</b>
Nine-inning complete-game shutout in midweek:	Dylan Dwyer (vs. Cincinnati, March 5, 2014)
Earned a pitching win and hit a home run:	AJ Reed (BUNCHES, 2014)
Had three outfield assists in a game:	Austin Cousino (vs. Ole Miss, April 6, 2012)
Had outfield assists in back-to-back games:	Austin Cousino (at Wofford, vs. Eastern Michigan, Feb. 17-18, 2012)
Played an extra-inning game:	12 innings vs. South Carolina (May 8, 2016)
Scored 20 or more runs in a game:	26, vs. Ball State (March 9, 2014)
Hit six home runs in a game:	vs. Dayton (April 4, 2012)
Hit seven home runs in a game:	vs. Dayton (Feb. 21, 2016)
Hit four home runs in an inning:	8th, vs. Dayton (Feb. 21, 2016)
<b>Drew 12 or more walks in a game:</b>	<b>12, vs. St. Joseph's (Norfolk, Va.) (Feb. 24, 2017)</b>
Got hit by 10 or more pitches in a game:	10, vs. Monmouth (March 6, 2010) * TIED NCAA RECORD
Stole eight bases in a game:	at Auburn (April 25, 2010)
Tied a game:	vs. LSU (March 25, 2007)
Committed six or more errors in a game:	6, vs. Murray State (March 15, 2010)
Won a series vs./at a No. 1 ranked foe:	vs. Florida (2016)

## KENTUCKY BATTING ORDER

<b>GAME</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
N. Carolina	Reks	Wilson	White	Pompey	Mahan	Carson	Becker	Squires	Heady
N. Carolina	Reks	Mahan	Pompey	Cottam	Carson	McNeill	Heyer	Wilson	Heady
N. Carolina	Reks	Mahan	Pompey	Cottam	Carson	Heyer	McNeill	Squires	Heady
Liberty	Reks	Mahan	Pompey	Cottam	Carson	Squires	Becker	Marshall	Heady
Saint Joseph's	Reks	Mahan	Pompey	Cottam	Carson	Heyer	Becker	Marshall	Heady
Old Dominion	Reks	Mahan	Pompey	Cottam	Carson	Becker	Squires	Marshall	Heady
Delaware	Reks	Mahan	Pompey	White	Carson	Heyer	Squires	Marshall	Heady
E. Kentucky	Carson	White	Reks	Cottam	Pompey	Mahan	Becker	Marshall	Heady
W. Kentucky	Carson	White	Reks	Cottam	Pompey	Mahan	Heyer	Squires	Heady
UC Santa Barbara	Carson	White	Reks	Cottam	Pompey	Mahan	Becker	Squires	Heady
UC Santa Barbara	Carson	White	Reks	Cottam	Pompey	Mahan	Heyer	McNeill	Heady
UC Santa Barbara	Carson	White	Reks	Cottam	Pompey	Mahan	Becker	Squires	Heady
Wright State	Carson	White	Reks	Cottam	Pompey	Mahan	Becker	Squires	Heady
Cincinnati	Carson	White	Reks	Cottam	Pompey	Mahan	Becker	Hjelle	Heady
Miami (Ohio)	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Becker	Mahan	Cottam	Squires	Marshall	Heady
Miami (Ohio)	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Heyer	Mahan	Cottam	Squires	McNeill	Heady
Miami (Ohio)	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Becker	Mahan	Cottam	Squires	Marshall	Heady
Murray State	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Becker	Mahan	Cottam	Heyer	Marshall	Heady
Texas A&M	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Becker	Mahan	Cottam	Squires	Marshall	Heady
Texas A&M	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Becker	Mahan	Cottam	Squires	Marshall	Heady
Texas A&M	Carson	Pompey	Cottam	Becker	Mahan	Wilson	Squires	Marshall	Heady
W. Kentucky	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Becker	Mahan	Cottam	Squires	Marshall	Heady
Ole Miss	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Becker	Mahan	Cottam	Squires	Marshall	Heady
Ole Miss	Carson	Pompey	Cottam	Heyer	Mahan	White	Reks	McNeill	Heady
Ole Miss	Carson	Pompey	Reks	Becker	Mahan	White	Squires	Marshall	Heady
Cincinnati	Carson	White	Reks	Heyer	Mahan	Cottam	Pompey	Squires	Heady

## KENTUCKY STARTING LINEUP

<b>GAME</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>1B</b>	<b>2B</b>	<b>3B</b>	<b>SS</b>	<b>LF</b>	<b>CF</b>	<b>RF</b>	<b>DH</b>
N. Carolina	Squires	White	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Wilson
N. Carolina	Cottam	McNeill	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Wilson
N. Carolina	Squires	McNeill	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Liberty	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Saint Joseph's	Cottam	Marshall	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Becker
Old Dominion	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Delaware	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	White
E. Kentucky	Cottam	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	White
W. Kentucky	Squires	White	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
UC Santa Barbara	Squires	White	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
UC Santa Barbara	Cottam	McNeill	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	White
UC Santa Barbara	Squires	White	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Wright State	Squires	White	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Cincinnati	Cottam	White	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Hjelle
Miami (Ohio)	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Miami (Ohio)	Squires	McNeill	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Miami (Ohio)	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Murray State	Cottam	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Heyer
Texas A&M	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Texas A&M	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Texas A&M	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Wilson	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
W. Kentucky	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Ole Miss	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam
Ole Miss	Cottam	McNeill	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	White
Ole Miss	Squires	Marshall	Mahan	Becker	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	White
Cincinnati	Squires	White	Mahan	Heyer	Heady	Reks	Carson	Pompey	Cottam

## HOME RUN BREAKDOWN

<b>BY LOCATION</b>	
at home	15
on road	9
neutral	0
<b>BY PITCHER</b>	
vs. right	16
vs. left	8
starters	13
relievers	11
<b>BY CONFERENCE</b>	
vs. SEC	5
vs. non-SEC	19
<b>BY OUTS</b>	
with no out	7
with one out	13
with two out	4
<b>BY RUNNERS ON</b>	
solo	14
two-run	8
three-run	1
grand slam	1
<b>BY COUNT</b>	
ahead in count	8
even in count	10
behind in count	6
full count	1
first pitch	3
two strike	8
<b>BY TIME OF DAY</b>	
day games	19
night games	5

## HOME RUN TRACKER

No	Player (#)	Opponent	On	Inn.	Out	Count	Pitcher (R/L)
1	R. Mahan (1)	North Carolina	1	3	1	1-0	Dalatri (R)
2	R. Mahan (2)	Liberty	0	5	0	0-1	Tarantola (L)
3	C. Heady (1)	Liberty	0	6	2	1-2	Clouse (R)
4	Z. Reks (1)	Old Dominion	0	4	0	0-0	Strzelecki (R)
5	L. Heyer (1)	Old Dominion	1	9	1	0-2	Nelson (L)
6	E. White (1)	E. Kentucky	0	1	1	2-2	Quillens (R)
7	M. Carson (1)	W. Kentucky	0	2	0	0-0	Acosta (L)
8	L. Heyer (2)	W. Kentucky	1	2	2	0-1	Acosta (L)
9	E. White (2)	W. Kentucky	0	3	1	2-1	Ciocco (R)
10	R. Mahan (3)	UC Santa Barbara	1	6	1	0-0	Nelson (L)
11	E. White (3)	UC Santa Barbara	0	1	1	1-0	Ledesma (R)
12	C. Heady (2)	Wright State	0	7	0	0-0	Lozano (R)
13	G. McNeill (1)	Miami (Ohio)	1	4	2	1-2	Spears (L)
14	L. Becker (1)	Miami (Ohio)	2	1	1	2-2	Schwartz (R)
15	C. Heady (3)	Miami (Ohio)	1	2	1	2-2	Schwartz (R)
16	K. Cottam (1)	Miami (Ohio)	0	3	0	2-1	Schwartz (R)
17	C. Heady (4)	Murray State	0	5	2	1-1	Carner (R)
18	T. Pompey (1)	Texas A&M	0	1	1	2-2	Hill (R)
19	T. Pompey (2)	Texas A&M	0	4	1	0-1	Chafin (L)
20	C. Heady (5)	Texas A&M	1	7	1	3-1	Larkins (R)
21	M. Carson (2)	W. Kentucky	1	3	1	1-0	Ciocco (R)
22	T. Collett (1)	Ole Miss	3	8	1	3-2	Roth (R)
23	L. Heyer (3)	Ole Miss	0	2	0	1-1	Parkinson (L)
24	L. Becker (2)	Cincinnati	0	3	1	2-0	Yoakam (R)

## HOME RUNS BY POSITION

C	1B	2B	SS	3B	LF	CF	RF	DH	PH
-	3	3	5	4	1	2	2	2	2

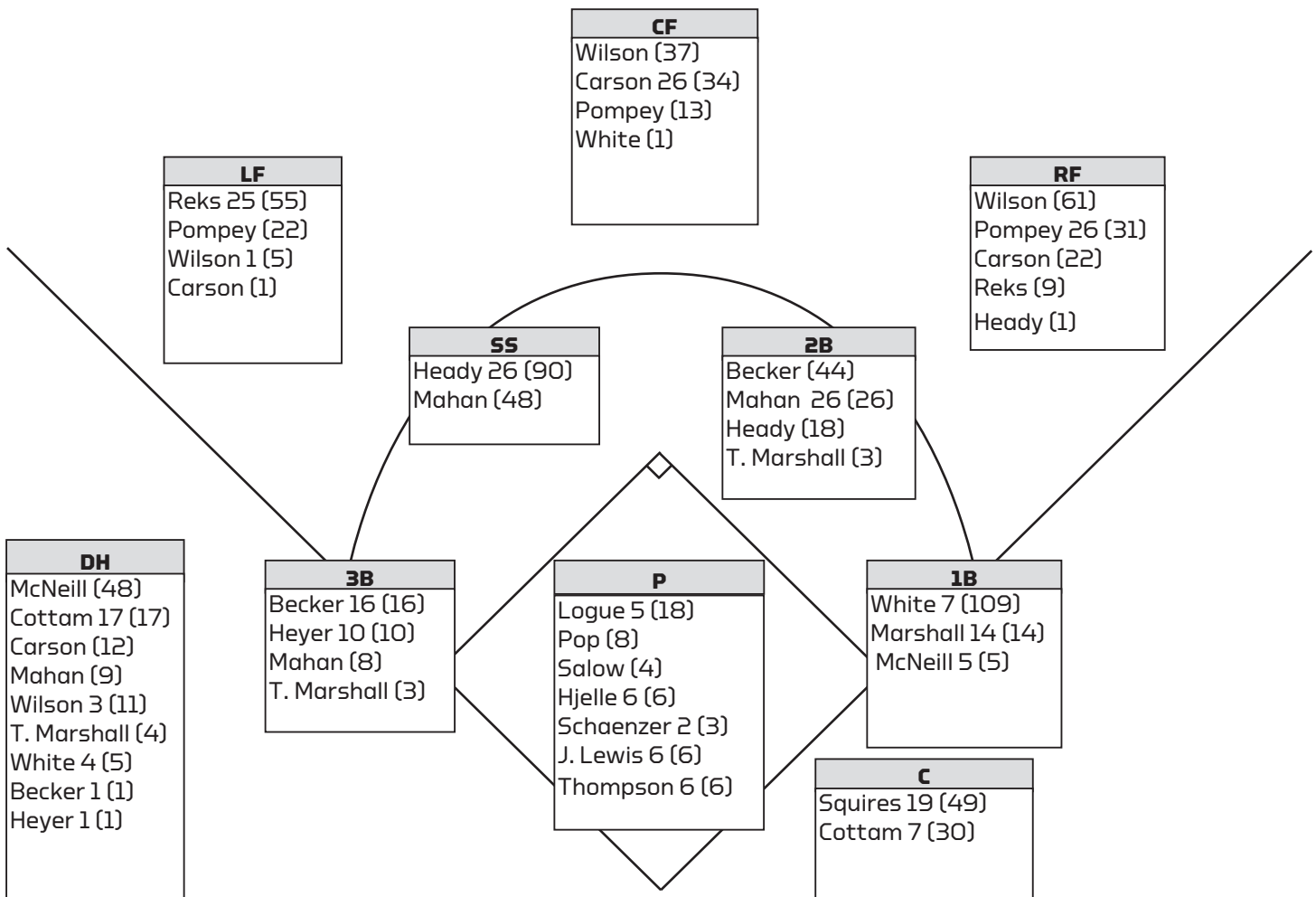
## HOME RUNS BY INNING

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10+
4	4	4	2	2	2	3	2	1	-

## Starts By Batting Order 2017 (Career)

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Becker	-	- (2)	-	9 (9)	- (9)	- (21)	8 (15)	- (4)	- (1)
Carson	21 (23)	-	-	-	4 (6)	1 (6)	- (18)	- (11)	- (3)
Cottam	-	-	2 (2)	13 (13)	-	9 (10)	- (2)	- (5)	- (14)
Heady	-	-	-	-	-	- (2)	- (1)	- (10)	26 (96)
Heyer	-	-	-	3 (3)	-	2 (2)	6 (6)	-	-
Mahan	- (1)	4 (7)	- (3)	- (13)	13 (20)	9 (14)	- (18)	- (13)	- (7)
T. Marshall	-	-	-	-	-	- (3)	- (4)	12 (15)	-
McNeill	-	-	- (16)	- (20)	- (14)	1 (2)	1 (2)	3 (3)	-
Pompey	-	11 (11)	4 (4)	1 (7)	9 (11)	- (5)	1 (10)	- (17)	- (1)
Reks	5 (9)	- (11)	19 (19)	- (6)	- (8)	- (7)	1 (4)	-	-
Squires	-	-	-	-	-	1 (1)	9 (9)	8 (11)	- (26)
White	- (19)	10 (84)	1 (1)	-	-	2 (8)	- (4)	-	-
Wilson	- (32)	1 (21)	-	-	- (11)	1 (34)	- (13)	1 (7)	-

## Starts By Position 2017 (Career)



## IF YOU BUILD IT... NEW STADIUM SET FOR FALL 2018

Construction on a new baseball stadium began in February and is expected to take 18-20 months, meaning the stadium will open in late fall 2018 in time for the 2019 UK baseball season.

The cost of the stadium, which will give UK baseball a state-of-the-art home on par with its peers in the SEC, will be \$49 million. The new stadium – which is yet to be named – will be located off Alumni Drive between the new Kentucky Football Training Facility and the Wendell and Vickie Bell Soccer Complex, adding to the cluster of UK Athletics facilities in the area.

“We’re extremely appreciative of the continued commitment of President Capilouto, Mitch Barnhart, the University of Kentucky, and our athletics department to our program,” UK coach Nick Mingione said. “The new facility will be beneficial in a multitude of ways and we will continue to bring the right type of students into our family to play in this marvelous facility. There’s a great deal of work to be done between now and the day our new stadium opens for our baseball program to reach the heights we all want it to, but we’re certainly excited about what the future holds.”

The stadium will feature permanent seating for nearly 2,500 fans with additional space on grass berms to accommodate a total of more than 4,000 fans for regular-season games. Beyond the outfield wall, temporary bleachers can be installed for NCAA Tournament games to bring the seating capacity to more than 7,000. Fan amenities also will include suites and a new club area.

The team areas will give Wildcat students and coaches everything they need to compete at a high level in a single location. The new stadium will feature 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 ones currently in use.

UK Athletics is working with Ross Tarrant Architects and HNTB to design and build the stadium, the same partners who recently completed the renovations of Commonwealth Stadium and the new Kentucky Football Training Facility.

The new stadium will replace Cliff Hagan Stadium, which has been home to UK baseball since its opening in 1969. Once the new stadium opens, Cliff Hagan Stadium will be demolished to make way for a new facility for UK’s men’s and women’s tennis programs. Additionally, a new soccer practice field replacing the one located at the site of the new baseball stadium will be built at the current site of the club practice field off College Way.



## SHIVELY FIELD AT CLIFF HAGAN STADIUM



The Kentucky baseball team calls Shively Field at Cliff Hagan Stadium home since 1979, with renovations done in 2002 and again following the 2006 Southeastern Conference Championship season that saw the first ever NCAA Lexington Regional played at the facility.

A new era began in Kentucky baseball history in 2002 as then head coach Keith Madison and the Wildcats moved into their new lair, the \$4.2 million Shively Field at Cliff Hagan Stadium. The state-of-the-art baseball complex

replaced the twice-renovated facility that UK baseball had called home since 1969, when it was built as part of the Bernie A Shively Sports Center. In 1990, the facility underwent a \$520,000 renovation to refurbish the stadium.

After the 2006 SEC Championship season, the UK athletic administration decided to invest in exterior improvements of Cliff Hagan. Among the improvements which debuted during the 2007 season, was a new state-of-the-art video board, which enhances the viewing experience for fans.

Also added during the 2007 offseason was a 150 capacity deck in the parking lot behind right field. The outfield fence was also lowered and padded to give fans a clear view of the diamond from anywhere in the outfield parking lot.

While Cliff Hagan Stadium is a beautiful place to call home, in Fall 2018 the Wildcats plan on moving into a new \$49 million state-of-the-art facility on par with its peers in the Southeastern Conference. The new stadium – which is yet to be named – will be located off Alumni Drive between the new Kentucky Football Training Facility and the Wendell and Vickie Bell Soccer Complex, adding to the cluster of UK Athletics facilities in the area.



### UK'S RECORD AT CLIFF HAGAN STADIUM SINCE 1979

Year	Overall	SEC
1979	14-7	7-5
1980	14-5	4-4
1981	19-5-1	8-3-1
1982	16-10	4-8
1983	25-9	3-6
1984	14-12	4-7
1985	14-9	6-7
1986	19-13	7-13
1987	24-6	8-4
1988	14-6	12-3
1989	15-8	5-7
1990	17-15	5-9
1991	23-6	8-4
1992	19-8	7-5
1993	18-11	3-9
1994	13-9	6-6
1995	11-9	4-8
1996	17-9	9-6
1997	13-13	5-10
1998	15-15	5-10
1999	13-13	7-8
2000	16-11-1	3-10-1
2001	14-12	4-11
2002	8-20	1-14
2003	17-14	6-9
2004	15-17	5-10
2005	20-6	4-5
2006	31-6	13-2
2007	24-10	6-9
2008	28-6	9-6
2009	19-13	7-8
2010	20-10	9-6
2011	21-10	7-8
2012	29-5	11-4
2013	19-12	6-9
2014	19-10	7-8
2015	15-11	7-7
2016	22-10	9-6
2017	13-1	0-0
<b>Total</b>	<b>697-382-2</b>	<b>241-274-2</b>

### STADIUM RECORDS

- Longest Winning Streak:** 21 (2012)
- Most Runs Scored by UK:** 27 vs. Tennessee-Martin (March 10, 2007)
- Most Runs Scored by Both Teams:** 44  
- Mississippi State 28, Kentucky 16 (1989)

### STADIUM FACTS

- Capacity:** 3,000
- Dimensions:** 340-365-390-350-310
- Playing Surface:** Natural Grass (home plate area and baselines are synthetic surface)
- Year Built:** 1969 as the Bernie A. Shively Sports Center
- Renovated:** 1990, 2002, 2007
- Dedicated:** Oct. 2, 1993

## OPPONENTS IN THE POLLS THIS WEEK

TEAM	BA	CB	ESPN	BWA	D1
N. Carolina	7	7	7	8	8
Ole Miss	20	-	22	23	19
Vanderbilt	-	22	-	-	-
Louisville	2	2	3	2	2
Missouri	-	18	23	22	-
LSU	9	13	8	7	6
S. Carolina	6	8	6	6	7
Florida	8	11	9	9	9

## KENTUCKY WEEK-BY-WEEK IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

Date	BWA	ESPN	BA	CB	D1
Pre	-	-	-	-	-
Week 1	-	-	-	-	-
Week 2	-	-	-	-	-
Week 3	RV	-	-	-	-
Week 4	-	-	-	-	-
Week 5	27	25	-	21	19
Week 6	18	20	16	20	16
Week 7					
Week 8					
Week 9					
Week 10					
Week 11					
Week 12					
Week 13					
Week 14					

## VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

TEAM	HIGH RANK	RECORD
N. Carolina	12 <sup>^</sup>	0-3
UCSB	23 <sup>*</sup>	3-0
Texas A&M	11 <sup>#</sup>	3-0
Ole Miss	11 <sup>*</sup>	2-1
Vanderbilt	22 <sup>#</sup>	

<sup>^</sup>NCBWA; <sup>\*</sup>Baseball America; <sup>+</sup>ESPN Coaches;  
<sup>#</sup>Collegiate Baseball; <sup>%</sup>D1 Baseball

## WEEKLY POLLS

### BASEBALL AMERICA

- Oregon State
- Louisville
- TCU
- Texas Tech
- Clemson
- South Carolina
- North Carolina
- Florida
- LSU
- Cal State Fullerton
- Florida Gulf Coast
- Florida State
- Arizona
- St. John's
- Stanford
- KENTUCKY**
- Oklahoma
- Auburn
- Virginia
- Ole Miss
- Arkansas
- Baylor
- Houston
- Wake Forest
- East Carolina

### NCBWA

- Oregon State
- Louisville
- Texas Tech
- TCU
- Clemson
- South Carolina
- LSU
- North Carolina
- Florida
- Florida State
- Arizona
- Florida Gulf Coast
- St. John's
- Cal State Fullerton
- Oklahoma
- Virginia
- Stanford
- KENTUCKY**
- Auburn
- Arkansas
- Baylor
- Missouri
- Ole Miss
- Houston
- South Florida

### USA TODAY/ESPN

- Oregon State
- Texas Tech
- Louisville
- TCU
- Clemson
- South Carolina
- North Carolina
- LSU
- Florida
- Florida State
- Arizona
- Florida Gulf Coast
- St. John's
- Stanford
- Cal State Fullerton
- Virginia
- Auburn
- Oklahoma
- KENTUCKY**
- Arkansas
- Baylor
- Ole Miss
- Missouri
- Louisiana-Lafayette
- Houston

### COLLEGIATE BASE.

- Oregon State
- Louisville
- TCU
- Texas Tech
- St. John's
- Clemson
- North Carolina
- South Carolina
- Florida Gulf Coast
- Auburn
- Florida
- Florida State
- LSU
- Cal State Fullerton
- Oklahoma
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- Missouri
- Stanford
- KENTUCKY**
- Virginia
- Vanderbilt
- Southern Miss
- Oregon
- Houston

### D1 BASEBALL

- Oregon State
- Louisville
- Texas Tech
- TCU
- Clemson
- LSU
- South Carolina
- North Carolina
- Florida
- Cal State Fullerton
- Stanford
- Florida State
- Arizona
- Florida Gulf Coast
- St. John's
- KENTUCKY**
- Auburn
- Virginia
- Ole Miss
- Arkansas
- Louisiana-Lafayette
- Michigan
- San Diego
- Oklahoma
- Southern Miss

## CATS IN THE PROS

Player (Years at UK)	Organization	Draft Round	Highest 2016 Level
Andrew Albers (2005-08)	Minnesota Twins	10th	MLB
Kyle Barrett (2013-15)	Miami Marlins	15th	A
Dustin Beggs (2015-16)	Miami Marlins	16th	A-Short
Zack Brown (2014-16)	Milwaukee Brewers	5th	A
Joe Blanton (2000-02)	Washington Nationals	1st	MLB
Kyle Cody (2013-16)	Texas Rangers	6th	A-Short
Collin Cowgill (2005, 06,08)	Cleveland Indians	5th	MLB
Logan Darnell (2008-10)	Minnesota Twins	6th	AAA
Trevor Gott (2011-13)	Washington Nationals	6th	MLB
Max Kuhn (2012-14)	Oakland Athletics	13th	DNP-Injured
Corey Littrell (2011-13)	St. Louis Cardinals	5th	AAA
Luke Maile (2010-12)	Tampa Bay Rays	8th	MLB
Alex Meyer (2009-11)	Los Angeles Angels	1st	MLB
James Paxton (2007-09)	Seattle Mariners	1st	MLB
Tim Peterson (2012)	New York Mets	20th	AA
AJ Reed (2012-14)	Houston Astros	2nd	MLB
J.T. Riddle (2011-13)	Miami Marlins	13th	AAA
Taylor Rogers (2010-12)	Minnesota Twins	11th	MLB
Chris Rusin (2006-09)	Colorado Rockies	4th	MLB
JaVon Shelby (2014-16)	Oakland Athletics	5th	A-Short
Chandler Shepherd (2012-14)	Boston Red Sox	13th	AAA
Zach Strecker (2013-16)	Minnesota Twins	Free Agent	Rookie
Ka'ai Tom (2014-15)	Cleveland Indians	5th	A-Short



# MAJOR LEAGUE WILDCATS



## HEAD COACH NICK MINGIONE



Nick Mingione – who spent the last eight seasons as an assistant to John Cohen at Mississippi State – was named Kentucky’s head coach on June 14, 2016.

“Nick Mingione is exactly the kind of coach we hoped to hire when we began our search,” Kentucky 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. We are excited to welcome Nick, his wife, Christen, and son, Reeves, to the UK Athletics family.”

Mingione takes 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 the Bulldogs to an incredible run of success, including the program’s first Southeastern Conference regular-season championship since 1989 this season, 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. I can’t wait to get to work on building toward an even brighter future.

“I want to thank President (Eli) Capilouto and Mitch for entrusting the program to me, John (Cohen) for the mentorship that has prepared me for this moment and the unending support of my family, especially my wife, Christen.”

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 and only 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-Americans Sawyer Carroll, Sean Coughlin, Collin Cowgill and Ryan Streiby, as well as second-team All-SEC infielder John Shelby III.

Mingione has a sterling reputation as a recruiter. Over the nine seasons at Kentucky and Mississippi State for which recruiting rankings are final, he has helped land classes with an average ranking of 14th, including top-three classes in 2013-15. He also has an unmatched track record of player development, coaching 64 players selected in the MLB Draft, as well as 36 All-Americans and five conference players of the year.

“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.”

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 among in 11 different offensive categories.

Prior to his time 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 – born in Tarrytown, N.Y., before growing up in Florida – 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 is married to the former Christen Reeves. The couple has one son, Reeves.

### NICK MINGIONE FILE

#### Personal

Wife: Christen  
Son: Reeves

#### Hometown

Tarrytown, N.Y.

#### Education

High School: Mariner (Cape Coral, Fla.)  
College: Embry-Riddle University (Aerospace Studies, 2000)

#### Playing Career

1996-2000: Embry-Riddle

#### Coaching Career

2001: Mariner (Fla.) High School, Assistant Coach  
2002: Florida Gulf Coast, Assistant Coach  
2003-05: Embry-Riddle, Assistant Coach  
2006-07: Kentucky, Assistant Coach  
2008: Western Carolina, Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator  
2009-16: Mississippi State, Assistant Coach/Recruiting Coordinator  
2017: Kentucky, Head Coach

MINGIONE BY THE NUMBERS



**189** - SEC Academic Honor Roll selections

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



**39** - All-Conference honors coached

**35** - All-American honors coached

**14** - Seasons as a college baseball coach

**9** - NCAA Regionals (2003-06, 2011-14, 2016)

**9** - Nationally-ranked recruiting classes (2006-07, 2009-15)

**6** - Conference championships (2003-06, 2012, 2016)

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

**4** - College World Series (2003-05, 2013)

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

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

