

# ALL-CENTURY TEAM

## PLAYER CAPSULES



## STARTING PITCHERS (5)

**Bicondoa, Ryan / 2001-02** — ABCA All-American in 2002 ... All-South Central Region in 2002 ... SBC Pitcher of the Year in 2002 ... All-SBC in 2002 ... Set program single-season records for strikeouts (150) and innings pitched (123.2) in 2002 ... Tied the program single-season program record with 11 wins in 2002 ... Holds a spot on the top 10 list for single-season starts (16, both in 2001 and 2002) ... Ranks 5th all-time in career strikeouts (246), although he is 1st among 2-year players (all 4 ahead of him on the list each played 4 seasons) ... Posted a 4.7 strikeout-to-walk ratio (246-to-52).

**Durham, Don / 1968-70** — Member, WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... All-OVC in 1970 ... Drafted in 1970 by the St. Louis Cardinals ... Played in the Major Leagues in 1972 and 1973 with St. Louis and the Texas Rangers ... Threw a program single-season record 8 complete games in 1970, a feat that has since been matched by 4 other Hilltoppers ... Set 3 program records in 1970 with 8 wins, 80 strikeouts and .567 hits allowed per inning pitched (31 in 54.2 frames) ... Tallied a program-record 14 strikeouts in a 3-0, no-hit home victory over Bellarmine in the 1970 season opener on March 21 ... Also starred at the plate, where he is 1-of-8 Hilltoppers to hit over .400 in a season (his .418 batting average in 1970 was a program record at the time) ... His 6 triples in 1970 also set a program record, and he remains 3rd on that list.

**Hutchison, Ryan / 1998-01** — All-South Central Region in 2000 ... All-SBC in 2000 ... Drafted in 2001 by the Philadelphia Phillies ... Holds program record with 16 complete games ... Ranks 2nd in program history with 53 starts, 374 innings pitched and 28 wins, while standing 3rd with 264 strikeouts ... On the single-season record lists, his 122.1 innings pitched in 2001 and 112 in 2000 rank 2nd and 6th, respectively ... His 9 wins in both 2000 and 2001 are tied for 6th-most ... His 7 complete games in 2000 and 6 in 2001 are tied for 6th and 9th, respectively ... His 16 decisions (9-7) in 2001 are tied for 2nd, 100 strikeouts in 2001 rank 5th and 17 starts in 2001 are tied for 3rd in a single-season.

**Ridings, Matt / 2007-10** — ABCA All-American in 2010 ... CoSIDA Academic All-American in 2010 ... SBC Pitcher of the Year in 2010 ... All-South Central Region in 2008 and 2010 ... All-SBC First Team in 2010 ... All-SBC Second Team in 2008 and 2009... Drafted in 2010 by the Kansas City Royals ... Holds career program records with 60 starts, 382.2 innings pitched, 34 wins and 354 strikeouts ... His 10 wins in 2008 are tied for 3rd, while his 9 wins in 2010 are tied for 6th ... His 6 games of 10-plus strikeouts are the most among pitchers since 2005 ... His 98 strikeouts in 2008 ranks 6th, while his 93 strikeouts in 2009 ranks 9th ... Led the club in wins, strikeouts and innings pitched in all 4 seasons.

**Weaver, Jim "Big Ick" / 1924-27** — Member, WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... Standing at 6-foot, 7-inches, was an overpowering figure on the mound ... More detailed stats not available ... Drafted in 1927 by the Washington Senators ... Played in the Major Leagues in 8 seasons (1928 for Washington, 1931 for the New York Yankees, 1934 and 1938 for the St. Louis Browns, 1934 for the Chicago Cubs, 1935-37 for the Pittsburgh Pirates and 1938-39 for the Cincinnati Reds) ... Is the longest-tenured Major League player in Hilltopper history, later tied by catcher Chris Turner.

## **RELIEF PITCHERS (2)**

**Davis, Rye / 2008, 10-11** — All-South Central Region in 2010 ... All-SBC in 2010 ... Led the team in saves, both in 2008 (4) and 2010 (9) ... Ranks 3rd in program history with 16 career saves ... Ranks tied in single-season records for 3rd with 33 appearances and 9 saves in 2010.

**Wilhite, Matt / 2000-03** — Member, WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... NCBWA and CollegiateBaseballInsider.com All-American in 2003 ... SBC Pitcher of the Year in 2003 ... All-South Central Region in 2002 and 2003 ... First Team All-SBC in 2002 and 2003 ... Signed as an undrafted free agent with the Anaheim Angels in 2003 ... First reliever in SBC history to earn Pitcher of the Year honors ... Only pitcher in WKU history to earn All-SBC honors twice ... Was 1-of-3 Hilltoppers, and the only pitcher, named to the SBC 30th Anniversary Team in 2006 ... Holds program records with 23 career saves, 110 career appearances and 37 appearances in 2003 ... Led the team in ERA both in 2002 (2.20) and 2003 (1.77) ... Led the team in saves in 3 season, with 8 in 2000, 7 in 2002 and 11 in 2003, which ranks 2nd on the single-season record lists ... His 8 wins in 2003 led the club.

## **CATCHERS (2)**

**Antone, Ralph / 1980-83** — Member, WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... ABCA All-American in 1983, the 1st in program history ... All-South Central Region in 1981, 1982 and 1983 ... All-NCAA Tournament Team in 1980 ... All-OVC in 1981 and 1982 ... All-SBC in 1983 ... Drafted in 1983 by the Montreal Expos ... Only 1-of-2 players in program history to hit .400-plus in multiple seasons (.411 in 1982 and a program-record .437 in 1983) ... Tied for career program record with 53 homeruns ... In career numbers, ranks 10th all-time with 152 runs scored, 3rd with 189 RBI and 7th with 100 walks.

**Rice, Matt / 2008-11** — Third Team ABCA All-American in 2010 ... CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year in 2011 ... CoSIDA Academic All-American in 2009, 2010 and 2011 ... All-South Central Region 2009, 2010 and 2011 ... All-NCAA Tournament Team in 2009 ... First Team All-SBC in 2010 and 2011 ... Johnny Bench Award Semifinalist in 2010 and 2011 ... Drafted in 2009 by the Tampa Bay Rays ... All-time WKU leader with 309 career hits and 223 RBI, and holds single-season records with 101 hits and a 31-game hit streak, both in 2009 ... On the all-time charts, ranks 8th with 34 homeruns, 9th with 165 runs and 9th with 99 walks.

## **FIRST BASEMEN (2)**

**Freeman, T.J. / 1996-99** — SBC Player of the Year in 1999 ... First Team All-SBC in 1998 and 1999 ... Signed as an undrafted free agent with the Arizona Diamondbacks in 1999 ... Ranks 10th all-time with 32 homeruns, while his 18 homeruns in 1999 remains 10th in a single-season in program history ... Led the 1999 club with 18 doubles, 18 homeruns and 61 RBI ... Led the 1998 team with a .379 batting average, 20 doubles and 13 stolen bases ... His 21-game hit streak in 1998 ranks 5th in Hilltopper history.

**Williams, Mike / 1978-81** — Member, WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... SBC Player of the Year in 1981 ... All-South Central Region in 1981 ... All-NCAA Tournament Team in 1980 ... All-OVC in 1980 and 1981 ... Drafted in 1981 by the Detroit Tigers ... Only 1-of-2 players in program history to hit .400-plus in multiple seasons (.423 in 1981 and .420 in 1980) ... Tied for career program record with 53 homeruns ... The only player in program history with multiple seasons of 20-plus homeruns (21 in 1981 and 23 in 1980) ... Ranks 2nd and 4th, respectively, in a single-season with 79 RBI in 1980 and 77 RBI in 1981 ... Ranks 2nd all-time with 208 RBI.

## **INFIELDERS (4)**

**Gaynor, Wade / 2007-09** — ABCA and Baseball America All-American in 2009 ... First Team All-SBC in 2009 ... Second Team All-SBC honors in 2008 ... NCAA All-Tournament Team in 2009 ... All-South Central Region in 2009 ... Drafted in 2009 by the Detroit Tigers ... Ranks among Hilltopper career leaders in 6 categories: homeruns (3rd with 43), doubles (4th with 51), runs (6th with 178), RBI (6th with 156), hits (7th with 247); and stolen bases (8th with 38) ... His 25 homeruns in 2009 are tied for 2nd most in a single-season, while his 78 RBI that year ranks 3rd ... Tied for the single-season runs (83 in 2009) and doubles (24 in 2008) records ... Only Hilltopper in club history with 250-plus at-bats in 2 seasons (2008 and 2009) and 1-of-2 players to rank in the top 10 for hits in a season twice.

**Murray, Mike / 1977-80** — Member, WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... OVC Player of the Year in 1980 ... All-OVC in 1978 and 1980 ... Drafted in 1980 by the Cincinnati Reds ... Captain of the 1980 team that went a program-record 47-13-1 and narrowly missed a trip to the NCAA College World Series ... In the single-season records, his 1980 numbers of 71 runs rank 5th, 92 hits are tied for 5th and 34 stolen bases in 42 attempts rank 3rd ... For a career, his 180 runs are tied for 4th in program history, 236 hits are 8th and 89 stolen bases are the record ... Scoring 40 runs in 1979 were a high for the club.

**Tomberlin, Rob / 1985** — ABCA All-American in 1985 ... All-SBC in 1985 ... SBC Tournament MVP in 1985 ... Drafted in 1985 by the Kansas City Royals ... Was 1-of-3 Hilltoppers named to the SBC 30th Anniversary Team in 2006 ... Although only on The Hill for the 1985 campaign, his 83 runs scored is tied for the most ever, 70 RBI is the 8th most, while his 100 hits are 2nd and 27 homeruns is the highest single-season total ... At a .398 batting average, just narrowly missed out on the .400 club.

**Worley, Brad / 1989-92** — First Team All-SBC in 1990 ... Played in 231-of-232 possible games at WKU, which ranks 3rd all-time, and started 229 of those ... In his career, ranks 2nd with 888 at-bats and 4th with 278 hits ... Led the 1990 team with 37 runs and 4 triples, while topping the 1992 Hilltoppers with 85 hits and a career-high .366 batting average ... When he finished his career on The Hill, his 151 runs, 46 doubles and 8 triples were the top numbers in program history.

## **OUTFIELDERS (5)**

**Andreoli, Jared / 2009-12** — Second Team All-SBC in 2011 ... Holds the career record with 894 at-bats, while ranking 5th all-time with 221 games played, 3rd with 196 runs, 2nd with 287 hits, 2nd with 15 triples, 8th with 144 RBI, 6th with 119 walks and 7th with 40 stolen bases ... Led the team in 2010 and 2011 in runs (49 and 42) and triples (6 and 4), while leading the 2011 club with 87 hits.

**Carter, Kes / 2009-11** — First Team All-OVC in 2010 and 2011 ... Drafted in 2011 by the Tampa Bay Rays with the 36th overall pick, the highest-selected player in WKU history ... Slashed a combined .348/.421/.508 with 54 extra-base hits while swiping 25-of-31 stolen bases in his 3 seasons on The Hill ... Put up 193 hits, 113 runs scored, 113 RBI, 34 doubles, 5 triples and 15 homeruns overall.

**Clem, John / 1984-85** — All-SBC in 1984 and 1985 ... Drafted by the Seattle Mariners in 1985 ... Completed his career with 37 homeruns, which is 5th all-time but is 2nd all-time among 2-year players ... Only 1-of-6 Hilltoppers to have a 20-plus homerun season (25 in 1984, tied for 2nd in the single-season records) ... Among single-season marks, his numbers in 1985 rank 6th with 70 runs, tied for 9th with 90 hits and 5th with 76 RBI ... Led the 1984 and 1985 clubs with 39 and 45 walks, respectively, in each campaign.

**Cregar, Chad / 2008-09** — Second Team NCBWA All-American in 2008 ... SBC Newcomer of the Year in 2008 ... All-South Central Region in 2009 ... All-NCAA Tournament Team in 2008 and 2009 ... First Team All-SBC in 2008 and 2009 ... Drafted in 2009 by the Florida Marlins ... Career record holder with 145 RBI as a 2-year player, ranking 7th in a career among all players ... His 40 homeruns rank 4th all-time, and are the most among 2-year players on The Hill ... His 21 homeruns in 2008 and 19 in 2009 both rank in the top 10 among single-season totals ... In the single-season records, his 67 runs in 2009 rank 8th, 90 hits in 2008 are tied for 7th and 82 RBI in 2008 is the highest.

**Miller, Anderson / 2013-15** — First Team All-CUSA in 2015 ... Second Team All-SBC in 2014 ... Was named C-USA Hitter of the Week two times in 2015 ... Drafted in 2015 by the Kansas City Royals, and is currently in Double-A with the Northwest Arkansas Naturals ... Ranks tied for 10th all-time with 8 triples ... Led the 2014 team with a .335 batting average, 40 runs scored and 4 triples ... Led the club in 2015 with 47 runs scored, 12 homeruns, 3 triples and 41 walks.

## **UTILITY PLAYERS (2)**

**Gunning, Matt / 2003-04** — ABCA, Collegiate Baseball and CollegiateBaseballInsider.com All-American in 2004 ... SBC Player of the Year in 2004 ... All-South Central Region in 2004 ... First Team All-SBC in 2004 ... His 99 hits in 2004 ranks 3rd all-time for a single-season, while his 23 doubles that year are tied for 3rd and 73 RBI ranks 7th ... Also led the 2004 team with a .375 batting average and 15 homeruns.

**Turner, Chris / 1988-91** — Member, WKU Athletic Hall of Fame ... Baseball America Freshman All-American in 1988 ... SBC Player of the Year in 1991 ... All-South Central Region in 1991 ... First Team All-SBC in 1989 and 1991 ... Second Team All-SBC in 1988 ... Drafted in 1991 by the California Angels ... Was 1-of-3 Hilltoppers named to the SBC 30th Anniversary Team in 2006 ... Played in the Majors from 1993-2000 with the Angels, Kansas City Royals and New York Yankees ... Won a World Series Championship with the Yankees in 2000 ... Ranks 2nd all-time with 237 games played, 1st with 215 runs scored, 5th with 271 hits, 1st with 68 doubles, tied for 6th with 35 homeruns, 5th with 164 RBI, 1st with 186 walks and 2nd with 64 stolen bases.

## **HEAD COACH**

**Murrie, Joel / 1980-05** — The team is led by head coach Joel Murrie, the program's all-time winningest coach, who was the Hilltoppers' skipper for 26 years, compiling an 815-656-4 overall record. During his tenure, WKU won three Ohio Valley titles, two Sun Belt titles and an SBC Tournament championship in 2004. His 800th career win came on March 18, 2005 vs. Akron and he retired following that season with a program-record 815 victories under his belt. On March 8, 2015, his No. 36 became the second number to be retired in program history.