Western Kentucky Hilltoppers
Conference USA

Last NCAA Tournament Appearance: 2024

Current Status: Bubble
Projected JNG Seed: 16

Head Coach: Hank Plona
School: 40-31 (3 seasons)
Career: 40-31

Record		H/R/N/B		NET/WAB/SOS		Resume		Predictive		KenPom	
Overall	5-2	Home	3-0	NET	1	KPI	1	BPI	117	AdjO	136
vs D1	3-2	Road	0-2	WAB	1	SOR	116	T-R	91	AdjD	70
Conference	0-0	Neutral	2-0	N/C WAB	1	JNG	138	KenPom	98	Tempo	21
vs Tier 1-2	0-1	vs Board	0-0	SOS	1	AVG	85.0	AVG	102.0	Luck	345
vs Tier 1-3	2-2			N/C SOS	1	OAR: 97 (60.7 avg)*				Streak	W2

Average JNG Win: 201.0

Wins	Tier 1	1-30/1-50/1-75	
JNG	**Date**	**Opponent**	**Score**

Wins	Tier 2	31-75/51-100/76-135	
JNG	**Date**	**Opponent**	**Score**

Wins	Tier 3	76-160/101-200/136-240	
JNG	**Date**	**Opponent**	**Score**
133	11/22	vs George Washington	86-78
185	11/20	vs Richmond	82-68

Wins	Tier 4	161+/201+/241+	
JNG	**Date**	**Opponent**	**Score**
285	11/02	Morehead State	83-58
--	11/05	KY Wesleyan	82-48
--	11/11	Campbellsville	78-51

Average JNG Loss: 129.5

Loss	Tier 1	1-30/1-50/1-75	
JNG	**Date**	**Opponent**	**Score**

Loss	Tier 2	31-75/51-100/76-135	
JNG	**Date**	**Opponent**	**Score**
115	11/16	@ Tulsa	67-64

Loss	Tier 3	76-160/101-200/136-240	
JNG	**Date**	**Opponent**	**Score**
144	11/08	@ Tennessee Tech	97-94

Loss	Tier 4	161+/201+/241+	
JNG	**Date**	**Opponent**	**Score**

REMAINING SCHEDULE

Date	JNG	Opponent
11/27	6	@ Illinois*
12/01	107	Belmont*
12/05	225	@ Evansville*
12/12	182	UAB*
12/16	200	Lipscomb*
12/22	259	vs Tulane*
12/28	--	Bethel (TN)*
12/31	108	@ Kennesaw State
01/02	233	@ Jacksonville State
01/07	352	New Mexico State
01/09	190	Sam Houston
01/14	229	@ Delaware
01/16	130	@ Liberty
01/21	91	Missouri State
01/23	139	Florida International
01/30	116	Middle Tennessee
02/04	190	@ Sam Houston
02/06	352	@ New Mexico State
02/11	130	Liberty
02/13	229	Delaware
02/18	139	@ Florida International
02/20	91	@ Missouri State
02/27	116	@ Middle Tennessee
03/04	233	Jacksonville State
03/06	108	Kennesaw State

Glossary:

NET: NCAA NET Metric
WAB: Wins Above Bubble (NCAA Metric)
KPI: kpisports.net / Kevin Pauga
SOR: espn.com Strength of Record
JNG: hoopshd.com / Joby Fortson
BPI: espn.com BPI Ratings
T-R: barttorvik.com / Torvik Rankings
KenPom: kenpom.com / Ken Pomeroy
AdjO: Adjusted Offensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
AdjD: Adjusted Defensive Efficiency per kenpom.com
Tempo: Adjusted Tempo per kenpom.com
Luck: Luck Ranking per kenpom.com

OAR: Overall Average Ranking (average of NET, KPI, SOR, WAB, POM, BPI and T-R ranked 1-365)
Projected JNG Seed: NCAA Tournament Seed per the JNG Rating if this team qualifies for the NCAA Tournament
* Games marked with an * are non-conference games

Western Kentucky DEFCON Game Ratings for Wednesday, November 25, 2026

DEFCON 3

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
1:30 PM	Davidson vs Tulane	passthaballlive	Tulane
3:30 PM	Arkansas State at Florida International	espn+	Arkansas State

DEFCON 4

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
4:00 PM	Liberty vs Princeton		Princeton

DEFCON 5

Time (ET)	Matchup	Broadcast	Desired Winner
11:00 AM	Ohio vs Rice	Spiideo	Ohio
3:00 PM	Akron vs Appalachian State	ESPNU	Akron
6:00 PM	Bethune-Cookman at Richmond	espn+	Richmond