



Kentucky Wesleyan College Men's Basketball

October 23, 2024 | 6:00 pm CT | Lexington, Ky. | Rupp Arena (20,500)

SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 0-0

G-MAC: 0-0 | Non-Conference: 0-0
Home: 0-0 | Away: 0-0 | Neutral: 0-0

OCTOBER

23 Kentucky (EXH) 6:00 PM

NOVEMBER

8 Indianapolis 6:30 PM
10 Lincoln 2:00 PM
14 Simmons 7:00 PM
16 Delta State 12:00 PM
20 IU Southeast 7:00 PM
23 King University 12:00 PM

DECEMBER

3 Lake Erie* 2:15 PM
11 Illinois-Springfield 6:00 PM
14 Ashland* 2:00 PM
16 Malone* 2:00 PM
19 East-West 7:00 PM
21 Western Kentucky (EXH) TBA

JANUARY

2 Cedarville* 7:45 PM
4 Walsh* 2:15 PM
9 Lake Erie* 6:30 PM
11 Walsh* TBA
16 Ohio Dominican* TBA
18 Cedarville* 2:15 PM
23 Northwood* 7:45 PM
25 Malone* 3:00 PM
29 Thomas More* 7:45 PM

FEBRUARY

1 Hillsdale* 2:00 PM
6 Tiffin* 7:45 PM
8 Hillsdale* 2:15 PM
13 Northwood* 7:00 PM
15 Findlay* 2:00 PM
20 Ashland* 7:45 PM
22 Ohio Dominican* 2:15 PM

MARCH

1 Thomas More* 2:00 PM

*Great Midwest contest
BOLD - Home Game

INSIDE THE MATCHUP

Kentucky Wesleyan Panthers (0-0, 0-0 G-MAC)

Last Game:
Location: Owensboro, Ky.
Head Coach: Drew Cooper (Assumption '99)
Coaches Record at KWC: 83-75 in 7th season
Career Record: 177-122 in 12th season



Kentucky Wildcats (0-0, 0-0 SEC)

Last Game:
Location: Lexington, Ky.
Head Coach: Mark Pope (Kentucky '96)
Coaches Record at UK: 0-0 in 1st season
Career Record: 187-108 in 10th season



STORYLINES

DEFENDING G-MAC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS: The Panthers are coming off a 21-9 season, finishing as co-champions of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference in their first 20-win season since 2016-17. Wesleyan went 15-5 in-conference, tying with Walsh atop the G-MAC regular season standings. With many returnees, the Panthers will look to defend their title in 2024-25.

NO STRANGER TO EXHIBITION SUCCESS: Last season, Wesleyan earned a massive exhibition win on a big stage, defeating the Louisville Cardinals in the Yum! Center by the score of 71-68. Returnees Kaeveon Mitchell, Kennedy Miles, and Edward Jones Jr. played prominent roles in the upset victory, all scoring in double digits to lead the Panthers into the national headlines.

RIGHT WHERE THEY LEFT OFF: The Panthers are returning five of their top six scorers from last season, set to pick up right where they left off from a successful 2023-24. G-MAC first-teamer Kennedy Miles (12.8), second-teamer Edward Jones Jr. (11.7), Logan McIntire (10.3), Kaeveon Mitchell (8.1), and Alex Gray (7.9) give Wesleyan a tremendous amount of familiarity headed into this season.

BRAND NEW WILDCATS: The Kentucky Wildcats, as is common in the day and age of the transfer portal, are set to have a completely new roster this year under Mark Pope. The first-year head coach brought in nine transfers and three freshman, completing a full overhaul after John Calipari's departure to Arkansas. Transfers include former BYU star Jaxson Robinson, former SDSU standout Lamont Butler, and former Wake Forest big man Andrew Carr, among many others.

G-MAC Coach of the Year: Head Coach Drew Cooper was named the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year last season, the first for the Wesleyan program since Happy Osborne won in 2015-16. Cooper led the Panthers to an eight-game and 10-game winning streak during the season on the way to his best year at the helm since taking over in 2018.

SERIES HISTORY: This will be the third time these two programs have matched up in an exhibition, with the Wildcats coming out on top in the first two meetings. Overall, Kentucky leads the all-time series 8-2-1, with the one tie coming on a fascinating story about a referee error that turned a Wesleyan win into a 21-21 draw way back in 1918.



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**PANTHERS NUMERICAL ROSTER**

| # | Name | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Cl. | Hometown/High School/Previous School |
|----|--------------------|------|------|-----|-----|---|
| 0 | Quentin Toles | G | 6-2 | 180 | Jr. | Canton, Ohio / Massillon Perry / Walsh/Lynn |
| 1 | Alex Gray | F | 6-3 | 185 | 5th | Owensboro, Ky. / Apollo / Friends |
| 2 | Kennedy Miles | G | 6-1 | 170 | 5th | Burlington, NC / Walter M. Williams / Lawson State CC |
| 3 | Gavin Reed | G | 6-3 | 195 | So. | Bloomington, Ind. / Bloomington North |
| 4 | Chris Moliere | G | 6-2 | 180 | Fr. | Tampa, Fla. / Jesuit |
| 5 | Caleb Allen | G | 6-5 | 190 | Jr. | Hamilton, Ohio / Edgewood / Delta State |
| 6 | Dwayne Chatman | F | 6-5 | 220 | So. | O'Fallon, Ill. / O'Fallon Township |
| 11 | Alex Tsynkevich | C | 6-10 | 235 | Sr. | Minsk, Belarus / Spring Creek / Alcorn State |
| 12 | Edward Jones Jr. | F | 6-5 | 200 | Sr. | New Orleans, La. / Indianapolis Pike |
| 13 | Carter Bischoff | G | 6-0 | 165 | Jr. | Louisville, Ky. / DeSales |
| 14 | Jack Mahoney | C | 6-10 | 230 | So. | St. John, Ind. / Don Bosco Institute |
| 15 | Boden Bates | G | 6-2 | 170 | So. | Brownsville, Ky. / Edmonson |
| 19 | Fatih Huyuk | F | 6-7 | 230 | Jr. | Antakya, Turkey / Sedat Ardogan / SW Iowa |
| 21 | Kaeveon Mitchell | G | 6-3 | 180 | Sr. | Irvington, Ky. / Breckinridge Co. |
| 33 | Logan McIntire | G | 6-5 | 195 | Jr. | Ramsey, Ind. / North Harrison / Evansville |
| 34 | Terrence Ringo Jr. | F | 6-6 | 215 | Jr. | Evansville, Ind. / Harrison / Danville Area CC |

PANTHERS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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| 5 | Caleb Allen | G | 6-5 | 190 | Jr. | Hamilton, Ohio / Edgewood / Delta State |
| 15 | Boden Bates | G | 6-2 | 170 | So. | Brownsville, Ky. / Edmonson |
| 13 | Carter Bischoff | G | 6-0 | 165 | Jr. | Louisville, Ky. / DeSales |
| 6 | Dwayne Chatman | F | 6-5 | 220 | So. | O'Fallon, Ill. / O'Fallon Township |
| 1 | Alex Gray | F | 6-3 | 185 | 5th | Owensboro, Ky. / Apollo / Friends |
| 19 | Fatih Huyuk | F | 6-7 | 230 | Jr. | Antakya, Turkey / Sedat Ardogan / SW Iowa |
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| 0 | Quentin Toles | G | 6-2 | 180 | Jr. | Canton, Ohio / Massillon Perry / Walsh/Lynn |

COACHING STAFF

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| Drew Cooper | Head Coach |
| Joe Krupinski | Associate HC |
| Travis Owsley | Assistant Coach |





MEET THE PANTHERS



Drew Cooper
Head Coach



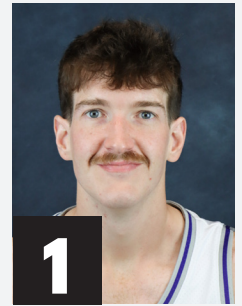
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THE COACHES



DREW COOPER
Head Coach
7th Year
Assumption '99

Table with 4 columns: SCHOOL, YEAR, RECORD, WIN %. Lists coaching history from 2013-14 to 2023-24 at various schools including Thomas More and Kentucky Wesleyan, with a total record of 177-122 and .592 win percentage.

The 2024 NABC All-Midwest District and Great Midwest Athletic Conference Coach of the Year, Drew Cooper joined the Kentucky Wesleyan College Department of Athletics in March of 2018 as the 23rd Head Men's Basketball Coach in program history.

The 2023-24 season began with the Panthers making national headlines, as they defeated power five University of Louisville 71-68 in an exhibition game on October 30th, 2023. This marked just the second exhibition win ever for the Panthers over a DI opponent.

During the 2022-23 season, Cooper led the Panthers to the program's first win over a nationally ranked opponent since the 2012-13 season when they defeated #7 Hillsdale 72-71 on January 19th, 2023.

2021-22 saw the Panthers compete through a host of injuries. Ben Sisson (missed 5 games) and Jamil Wilson (missed 4 games) went down at different stages while Kaeveon Mitchell played his final game of the season in the first week of December.

Cooper continued the rise of the men's basketball team in multiple ways in 2020-21. Navigating through the short and uncertain COVID-19 Pandemic, the Panthers finished with a 10-6 record, including a 9-5 mark in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference.

Wesleyan finished the 2019-20 season 13-16 overall with a 9-9 mark in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. Cooper got the Panthers peaking at the right time as they finished the G-MAC regular season with the sixth best record, but through tiebreaks were the eighth seed in the Conference Tournament.

The Panthers started the 2018-19 season with 14 new players on the roster. Cooper guided Wesleyan to a 10-16 overall record with a 8-12

mark in league play. The Panthers finished ninth overall in the conference standings. Cooper also notched his 100th career win in 18-19 after a 69-48 victory over Trevecca Nazarene on January 3rd.

Cooper now holds a 83-75 (61-51 G-MAC) mark while at Wesleyan. Not only has the athletic profile continued to rise, but under Cooper's direction the team GPA has gone from 2.7 from the year prior to his arrival to over a 3.3 in just a few short seasons.

In total, Cooper has been named a conference Coach of the Year three times (2024, 2018, 2017) during his 11-year head coaching career. Cooper came to Wesleyan from Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Ky. where he was the Head Coach for five years.

Prior to his time at Thomas More, Cooper spent six seasons at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky. where he was the assistant men's basketball coach from 2007 to 2013. During six seasons as lead assistant, he helped the Knights to a record of 152-41.

While at Bellarmine, Cooper coached under Kentucky Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Scott Davenport. There, Cooper was an integral part of the recruiting process of eight members of the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) team, including seven First Team members.

Cooper started his coaching career as a volunteer assistant at Bellarmine followed by a season as a Graduate Assistant at Northern Kentucky University in the 2002-03 season. He then headed to the northeast as an assistant coach at Babson College (MA). In 2006 he was named the first head coach in school history at Wheelock College (MA).

As a player, Cooper was a standout at NCAA Division II Assumption College (MA). Cooper played for four years at Assumption under legendary coach Serge DeBari. DeBari is a member of the Assumption College, New England Basketball, and Sons of Italy Hall of Fames. While at Assumption, Cooper scored 2,001 points and was a two-time NABC Honorable Mention All-American.





THE COACHES



JOE KRUPINSKI
Associate HC
2nd Year
Springfield '97

Joe Krupinski became the Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at Kentucky Wesleyan College in June of 2023 and was named the Associate Head Coach in August 2024. A veteran basketball coach, Krupinski's career spans over 25 years. He assists with player development as well as recruiting and game-planning responsibilities.

In his first year as the lead assistant, Krupinski helped guide the Panthers to their first 20-win season since 2016-17 as well as their first tournament appearance since 2017.

Krupinski comes to Wesleyan after a successful career at Midway University where he started the men's basketball program in 2016. Under Krupinski's guidance, the Eagles qualified for the conference tournament three times in the last four seasons. The Eagles started to gain traction in the NAIA the past two years as they held a 32-22 record with a 20-15 mark in the River States Conference.

During the 2015-16 season Krupinski was the head coach at Saint Catherine's College where he coached two All-Conference members enroute to advancing to the semi-finals of the conference tournament. Saint Catherine closed in 2016.

Krupinski was also the head coach at Lyndon State from 2008-2014. During the 2010-11 season, Krupinski was named as North Atlantic Conference (NAC) Coach of the Year. Lyndon State qualified for the post-season four starting years during Krupinski's tenure.

In his career Krupinski has made stops at American International (2014-15), Saint Michael's College (2001-2008), Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1999-2001), and Springfield College (1997-1999) as an Assistant Coach. Krupinski helped Springfield College win three consecutive conference titles as well as qualifying for the NCAA Tournament each season.

Krupinski has a Bachelor's in Sports Management from Springfield College in 1997 before he earned his Masters in Education in 1999. A native of Worcester, Massachusetts, Krupinski now resides in Owensboro.



Travis Owsley
Assistant Coach
4th Year
Kentucky Wesleyan '11

Travis Owsley joined the Kentucky Wesleyan College Department of Athletics in the fall of 2021.

Owsley has been at Cooper's side for a ton of success over the past three seasons, including the most recent in which Owsley played a big part in helping the Panthers to their first tournament appearance since 2017.

Owsley was also on staff for the program's first win over a nationally-ranked opponent since the 2012-13 season, as Wesleyan defeated #7 Hillsdale 72-21 on January 19, 2023. The Panthers additionally went 12-2 that season, using the home culture that the coaching staff has built to their advantage.

Owsley is a former Panther himself, playing in 62 games for the Panthers and starting in six of them. He had career averages of 2.3 points and 1.5 assists, with 143 career points scored.

The Owensboro native and former Owensboro Catholic star currently resides in Owensboro.





2023-24 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN STATISTICS

Overall Record: 21-9 Conf: 15-5 Home: 13-5 Away: 8-3 Neutral: 0-1

Table with 20 columns: #, Player, GP-GS, MIN, AVG, FG-FGA, FG%, 3FG-FGA, 3FG%, FT-FTA, FT%, OFF, DEF, TOT, AVG, PF, DQ, A, TO, BLK, STL, PTS, AVG. Rows include player stats and a total/opponents row.

Table with 6 columns: Conf, Date, Opponent, W/L, Score, Att. Rows list game dates, opponents, and results.

Table with 3 columns: KWC, OPP, Team Statistics. Rows list various statistics like SCORING, FIELD GOALS-ATT, 3 POINT FG-ATT, etc.





2023-24 KENTUCKY WESLEYAN STATISTICS

Conference Games Only

Overall: 0-0 Conf: 15-5 Home: 8-2 Away: 7-3 N: 0

Table with 20 columns: #, Player, GP-GS, MIN, AVG, FG-FGA, FG%, 3FG-FGA, 3FG%, FT-FTA, FT%, OFF, DEF, TOT, AVG, PF, DQ, A, TO, BLK, STL, PTS, AVG. Includes player stats for Fernandez, Miles, Jones Jr., etc., and a Total row.

Table with 5 columns: Date, Opponent, W/L, Score, Att. Lists game dates from 11/30/23 to 03/02/24 with opponents like FINDLAY, Walsh, Lake Erie, etc.

Table with 3 columns: Team Statistics, KWC, OPP. Compares KWC and OPP stats for SCORING, FIELD GOALS-ATT, 3 POINT FG-ATT, etc.



KWC SINGLE GAME RECORDS

PLAYER

Points: 57, Lonnie Hayes vs. Lake Erie, 11-9-13
Points, Half: 32, Kelly Coleman vs. Centre, 2-17-58
FGs: 22, Bill Carlyle vs. Southern Illinois, 2-28-62
FG Atts: 45, Kelly Coleman vs. Centre, 2-17-58
FG Pct (6 made): 100.0 (10-10), Larry Patrick vs. Northern Kentucky 2-26-79
Consec. FGs: 11, Ben Coffman vs. Harris-Stowe, 2-25-85
3Pt FGs: 10, Rodney Edgerson vs. Wisconsin-Parkside, 1-25-07
3Pt FG Atts: 15, Bobby Zuerner vs. Southern Indiana, 3-13-04
3Pt FG Pct: 100.0 (10-10), Rodney Edgerson vs. Wis.-Parkside, 1-25-07
Consec. 3FGs: 10, Rodney Edgerson vs. Wisconsin-Parkside, 1-25-07
FTs: 26, Lonnie Hayes vs. Lake Erie, 11-9-13
FT Atts: 30, Lonnie Hayes vs. Lake Erie, 11-9-13
FT Pct: 100.0 (17-17), 10 Dwight Higgs vs. Southern Connecticut, 3-11-83
Consec. FTs: 17, Dwight Higgs vs. Southern Connecticut, 3-11-83
Rebounds: 29, Martin Holland vs. Youngstown State, 1-23-60
Assists: 17, T. J. Smith vs. Boyce, 12-18-07
Blocked Shots: 12, J.B. Brown vs. Drury, 1-15-72
Steals: 10, T. J. Smith vs. Boyce, 12-18-07
Minutes Played: 54, Willis Cheaney vs. Kentucky State, 2-16-95

TEAM

Points: 136 vs. Lees McRae, 11-19-00
Points, Half: 74 (1st) vs. Fort Valley State, 2-6-74
Points Allowed: 125 vs. Old Dominion, 1-30-73
Win Margin: +79 (127-48) vs. Indiana Wesleyan, 12-13-97
Field Goals: 55 vs. Kentucky State, 1-17-68
FG Attempts: 107 vs. Tampa, 2-6-64
FG Percentage: 68.5 (37-54) vs. Salem International, 2-26-15
FG Pct., Half: 71.9 (23-32, 1st) vs. Wisconsin-Parkside, 2-7-09
Consec. FGs: 15 vs. Lewis, 3-4-84
3 Pt Field Goals: 18 vs. Indianapolis, 2-26-04
3 Pt FGs, Half: 11 vs. Tiffin, 11-22-08
3 Pt FG Attempts: 40 vs. Bellarmine, 3-9-91
3 Pt FG Percentage: 83.0 (5-6) vs. Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, 1-22-87
3 Pt. FG Pct., Half: 81.8 (9-11, 2nd) at Illinois-Springfield, 1-15-11
Free Throws: 49 vs. Kentucky State, 3-5-92
FT Attempts: 67 vs. Kentucky State, 3-5-92
FT Percentage: 100.0 vs. Drury, 2-28-73
Consec. FTs: 26 vs. Saint Joseph's, 1-2-10
Rebounds: 88 vs. Bellarmine, 1-2-60
Assists: 36 vs. Lees McRae, 11-19-00
Blocked Shots: 13 vs. Oakland City, 12-11-86
Steals: 27 vs. Indiana-Purdue Fort Wayne, 1-7-82
Minutes: 275 (3 overtimes) vs. Transylvania, 12-15-84

GENERAL INFORMATION

Kentucky Wesleyan College

Founded: 1858
Address: 3000 Frederica Street
 Owensboro, Ky. 42301
Enrollment: 800
President: Dr. James Cousins
Church Affiliation: United Methodist

ATHLETICS INFORMATION

Nickname: Panthers
Colors: Purple and White
Arena: The Owensboro Sportscenter
Capacity: 5,000
Affiliations: NCAA Division II
Region: Midwest
Conference: Great Midwest
Sports: 14
Men's Sports: baseball, basketball, football, golf, soccer, tennis, wrestling
Women's Sports: basketball, cheerleading, golf, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball

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Jordyn Barga: Director of Internal Ops and
 Marketing
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