



## BEARCATS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUES

A total of 20 former UC ballplayers have gone on to play Major League Baseball, with the newest member Ian Happ, making his debut during the 2017 season. Two former Bearcats, Miller Huggins and Sandy Koufax, are members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Below is a look at highlights of each player's career, listed chronologically from most recent.

### IAN HAPP

After a prolific career at UC where he was named a First Team All-American and American Athletic Conference Player of the Year, Happ was a first round selection of the 2015 MLB Draft, ninth overall, by the Chicago Cubs. Entering the 2016 season, he was ranked as the third-best prospect in the Cubs' farm system according to MLB.com. Happ made his Major League debut on May 13, 2017. In his first game, he hit a homerun that was also his first career MLB hit. At the end of the 2017 season, Happ hit 24 homeruns, which was the second-most for a rookie switch-hitter in National League history. He started off the 2018 season with a bang, taking the first pitch of the entire MLB season for a ride over the wall, marking just the second time in Major League history that the first pitch of the season was hit for a homerun.

### JOSH HARRISON

After three seasons (2006-08), Harrison left UC in the Bearcats top 10 in batting average (4th, .358), runs (3rd, 192), hits (4th, 246), doubles (4th, 53), RBI (5th, 153), total bases (5th, 366), and stolen bases (2nd, 63). In his final season as a Bearcat, Harrison helped guide Cincinnati to a school-record 39 wins and a second-place regular season finish in the BIG EAST, earned second-team All-America honors from Collegiate Baseball and was named the BIG EAST co-Player of the Year in '08 after leading the Bearcats with a .378 batting average, 90 hits and 22 doubles. The Chicago Cubs drafted Harrison in the sixth round with the 191st overall pick in 2008. While in Single-A, Harrison was traded to the Pittsburgh Pirates on July 30, 2009. Harrison was promoted to the Pirates on May 30, 2011 when Pittsburgh played the New York Mets at Citi Field in Queens, N.Y. In 2014 he was named a National League All-Star and played in a National League Wild Card Playoff game. **Pittsburgh Pirates (2011-present).**

### TONY CAMPANA

Campana was a two-time letter winner for Cincinnati in 2007 and 2008. Campana owns UC records for career stolen bases (104), steals in a season (60 - 2007) and individual game (6). He was a 2008 All-BIG EAST First Team selection during his senior season. His nine career triples, eight of which he posted in '08, are tied for seventh on the all-time UC list. He was drafted by the Chicago Cubs in the 13th round (401st overall) of the 2008 MLB First-Year Player Draft and made his debut May 17, 2011 when the Cubs visited Great American Ball Park to play the Cincinnati Reds. In February 2013 he was traded to the Arizona Diamondbacks, and was again traded to the Los Angeles Angels in July of 2014. In November of 2014 he signed a free agent deal with the Chicago White Sox organization. **Chicago Cubs (2011-2013), Arizona Diamondbacks (2013), Los Angeles Angels (2014), Chicago White Sox (2014).**



Tony Campana (left) and Kevin Youkilis at Fenway Park in 2011

### KEVIN YOUKILIS

Youkilis made his debut for the Boston Red Sox on May 15, 2004. In his first game, Youkilis homered off former Cy Young Award winner Pat Hentgen of the Toronto Blue Jays. By the end of his first season, Youkilis had won a World Series ring and batted .260 in 72 games. He hit seven home runs for the year, while adding 11 doubles and driving in 35 runs. Youkilis, an eighth round draft pick of the Sox in 2001, owns or shares 14 school records, including career marks for home runs (53), walks (206), runs (279), games played (230) and on-base percentage (.499). He also ranks second in career batting average at .366. Youkilis retired from professional baseball on Oct. 30, 2014. During his pro career, he was a three-time MLB All-Star, a two-time World Series Champion, a Gold Glove recipient and winner of the 2008 Hank Aaron Award. **Boston Red Sox (2004-2012), Chicago White Sox (2012), New York Yankees (2013).**

### GEORGE GLINATSI

Glinatsis pitched for the Bearcats from 1988-91 and struck out 177 batters in his career. During his collegiate career, Glinatsis won a total of 12 games in 47 appearances. He made his Major League debut with the Seattle Mariners in 1994 after being drafted in the 32nd round by the club three years earlier. Glinatsis pitched 5.1 innings in two Major League appearances. **Seattle Mariners (1994).**

### SKEETER BARNES

Prior to nine seasons in the majors, Cincinnati-native William "Skeeter" Barnes wore the Red and Black of the Bearcats in 1977-78. Barnes hit .289 in his two seasons at UC, totaling seven doubles, four triples, two home runs and 21 RBI. Drafted by the Cincinnati Reds in the 16th round of the 1978 draft, Barnes played for four different Major League teams, including a pair of stints with his hometown Reds. Barnes finished his MLB career with a .259 batting average in 614 at-bats. **Cincinnati Reds (1983-84); Montreal Expos (1985); St. Louis Cardinals (1987); Cincinnati Reds (1989); Detroit Tigers (1991-94).**

### BUTCH ALBERTS

Alberts played for the Bearcats in 1971-72 and finished his career with a .326 batting average, which ranks 15th in school history. He also cracked a total of 10 home runs in just 285 career at-bats. Alberts went on to make his major league debut with the Toronto Blue Jays in 1978. **Toronto Blue Jays (1978).**

### MIKE HERSHBERGER

Hershberger played just one season at UC (1958), before going on to enjoy an 11-year pro career that saw him play in over 1,100 games. At Cincinnati, Hershberger hit .324, while adding three doubles, four triple, two home runs and 22 RBI. At the big league level, Hershberger was a career .252 hitter, hitting 26 home runs and adding 150 doubles, 22 triples and 74 stolen bases. **Chicago White Sox (1961-64); Kansas City Athletics (1965-67); Oakland Athletics (1968-69); Milwaukee Brewers (1970); Chicago White Sox (1971).**

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**ED BRINKMAN**

A former high school teammate of Pete Rose, Brinkman left UC after signing with the Washington Senators in 1961. Described as a classic “no-hit, great fielding shortstop,” Brinkman batted just .224 in 15 pro seasons. However, the Cincinnati native would end his MLB career having committed just 259 errors in over 1800 games, for a career fielding percentage of .970. **Washington Senators (1961-70); Detroit Tigers (1971-74); St. Louis Cardinals 1975); Texas Rangers (1975); New York Yankees (1975).**

**RUDY SCHLESINGER**

Schlesinger appeared in just one Major League game, batting once in a Boston Red Sox game on May 4, 1965. **Boston Red Sox (1965).**

**BILL FAUL**

Faul pitched for the Bearcats from 1960-62 and still holds four team records. He struck out 133 in 1961, 295 in his career, posted a 0.80 ERA in 1962, and had a career winning percentage of .783 (18-5). He was UC’s first baseball All- American and went on to have an eight-year major league career. At the Major League level, Faul won 12 games during a 71-game career that saw the righthander post a 4.72 ERA. **Detroit Tigers (1962-64); Chicago Cubs (1965-66); San Francisco Giants (1970).**

**CARL BOULDIN**

Bouldin starred in both baseball and basketball at UC and was a starting guard and team captain of the Bearcats’ 1961 basketball national championship team. On the diamond, Bouldin had a 14-3 record and a 2.38 ERA, while allowing opponents to hit just .206. The latter two marks both rank in the top-five in school history. Bouldin went on to play four seasons with the Washington Senators, posting a career record of 3-8. **Washington Senators (1961-64).**

**SANDY KOUFAX (National Baseball Hall of Fame member)**

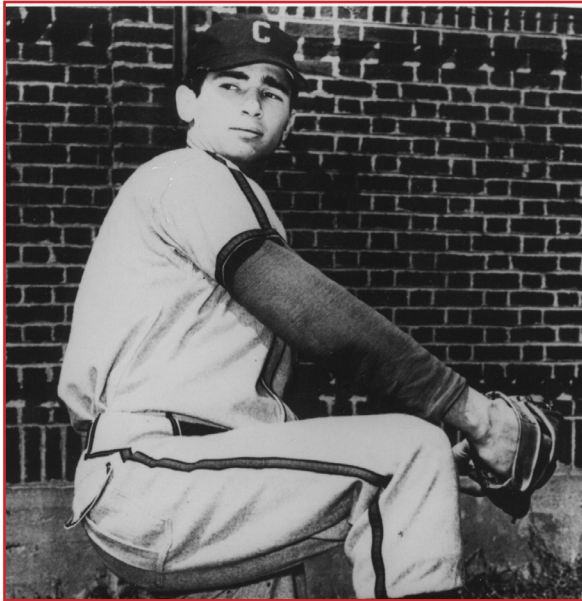
Koufax came to UC on a basketball scholarship in 1954, and posted a 3-1 mark and a 2.81 ERA in his only season with the Bearcat Baseball team. Koufax signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers and went on to win three Cy Young Awards, a National League MVP title, and four World Series rings. Considered one of the game’s best all-time hurlers, Koufax was 165-87 in his 12 Major League seasons, registering a 2.76 ERA and striking out a total of 2,396 hitters. Before retiring at the age of 30 because of chronic arm problems, Koufax crafted four no-hitters, including one perfect game. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972. **Brooklyn Dodgers (1955-57); Los Angeles Dodgers (1958-66).**

**RALPH BEARD**

Born in Cincinnati in 1929, Beard played his one and only season of Major League Baseball as a member of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1954. Despite an 0-4 record on the mound, Beard posted a very respectable 3.72 ERA as a Cardinal. **St. Louis Cardinals (1954).**

**JACK NIEMES**

Niemes saw action for the Cincinnati Reds in his one and only Major League season of 1943. The former Bearcat and Cincinnati-native appeared in three games for the Reds, tossing three innings and recording no record. **Cincinnati Reds (1943).**



*Sandy Koufax pitched one season for the Bearcats before starting his hall-of-fame career with the Dodgers in 1955.*

**ETHAN ALLEN**

Allen played at UC for three seasons, and holds the UC record with a .473 average during the 1926 season. He posted a .300 lifetime batting average over 13 major league seasons, and went on to win over 300 games as the head baseball coach at Yale University. **Cincinnati Reds (1926-1930); New York Giants (1930-1932); St. Louis Cardinals (1933); Philadelphia Phillies (1934-1936); Chicago Cubs (1936); St. Louis Browns (1937-1938).**

**RALPH SHAFER**

Shafer was another former Bearcat who played just once in the Majors, as he appeared as a member of the Pittsburgh Pirates on July 25, 1914. **Pittsburgh Pirates (1914).**

**JACK REIS**

Another of the early Bearcat players to break into the professional ranks, Reis was a member of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1911. In three games, Reis had a 0.96 ERA, while completing 9.1 innings of work. **St. Louis Cardinals (1911).**

**JACK BUSHELMAN**

Bushelman was the second Bearcat to break into the major leagues when he debuted with the Cincinnati Reds in 1909. A pitcher, Bushelman played parts of three seasons in the majors, the last with the Boston Red Sox in 1912. He made seven appearances in the majors, finishing with a 1-2 record and a 3.38 ERA. **Cincinnati Reds (1909); Boston Red Sox (1911-12).**

**MILLER HUGGINS (National Baseball Hall of Fame member)**

Huggins played and managed for 30 major league seasons. With the Yankees (1918-1927), he won six American League pennants and three World Series titles. His 1927 team with Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig is regarded as the greatest team ever by many. He was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1964. As a player Huggins appeared in nearly 1,600 career games and finished with a .265 career average. **Playing career: Cincinnati Reds (1904-09); St. Louis Cardinals (1910-16). Managerial career: St. Louis Cardinals (1913-17); New York Yankees (1918-29).**