

Lady Bisons Softball



Lipscomb (22-22) vs. Murray St. (18-23)
 April 20, 2016
 Draper Diamond at Smith Stadium



2016 Schedule

2/12	Samford #	L, 3-2
2/12	at South Alabama #	L, 7-3
2/13	Florida A&M #	L, 4-3
2/13	Louisiana Tech #	L, 6-4
2/14	Southern Miss. #	W, 6-1
2/19	Quinnipiac\$	W, 7-2
2/19	at Illinois-Chicago \$	Canceled
2/20	IUPUI\$	W, 5-1
2/20	Iowa\$	W, 7-0
2/21	Eastern Kentucky \$	L, 9-1
2/26	Kentucky %	L, 4-0
2/26	No. Kentucky %	W, 10-1
2/27	Evansville %	W, 9-1
2/27	Eastern Illinois %	W, 4-1
2/28	Miami (Ohio) %	W, 8-6
3/2	vs. Louisville (DH)	W, 2-1, L 7-1
3/4	vs. Furman ^	L, 7-3
3/5	vs. Troy ^	W, 2-0
3/5	vs. Youngstown St.^	L, 4-2
3/6	vs. Indiana State^	W, 12-9
3/9	at Chattanooga	L, 6-5
3/12	at Houston (DH)	L, 4-1, L, 8-0
3/13	at Houston	W, 5-3
3/16	at Western Ky. (DH)	W, 5-1, W, 3-0
3/19	vs. Upstate * (DH)	L 3-2, W 6-3
3/20	vs. USC Upstate *	L, 6-3
3/23	vs. Belmont	W, 4-3
3/25	vs. Jacksonville * (DH)	W, 3-1, W, 3-0
3/26	vs. Jacksonville *	L, 4-0
3/29	vs. Tennessee	L, 7-1
3/30	at Tennessee Tech	L, 12-8
4/2	vs. FGCU * (DH)	L, 9-2, W, 9-0
4/3	vs. FGCU *	W, 6-1
4/6	vs. UAB (DH)	PP
4/9	at North Florida * (DH)	L, 4-1, L, 6-5
4/10	at North Florida *	W, 16-0
4/16	at Stetson * (DH)	L, 2-0., W, 9-4
4/17	at Stetson *	L, 3-1
4/20	vs. Murray St.	5 p.m.
4/23	Radford &	6 p.m.
4/24	Oklahoma &	11a.m.
4/24	at Tennessee &	1:30 p.m.
5/6	at Kennesaw St.* (DH)	TBA
5/7	at Kennesaw St.*	TBA
5/11-14	A-Sun Tournament*	TBD

* -- Conference Game
 # -- Sand Dollar Classic
 \$ -- Total Control Sports Invitational
 % -- Frost Classic
 ^ -- Purple/Gold Challenge
 & -- Tennessee Invitational

Lipscomb Hits The Field



Lipscomb vs. Murray State Highlights

*Lipscomb leads the overall series 3-0 win one game at a neutral site and two at Draper Diamond at Smith Stadium.

*Elmore can extend her hitting streak to a team season high 15 games with one hit.

*This is the first home game for Lipscomb since April 3. The last six games have been on the road.



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Wheel of rosters

Coach Kristin Ryman has been spinning the roster wheel this season with a number of defensive shifts.

Khayla Green, who opened the season at shortstop is playing third.

Baylee Williams started out at second and is playing shortstop.

Brittany Elmore moved from centerfield to second base.

Destinee Brewer is the centerfield after opening the season in left.

Abby Fenichel has done double duty at catcher and third base.

Higgins among leaders, but sidelined

Freshman third baseman Sarah Higgins has been a dominant offensive force for the Lady Bisons. But she is sitting out after an injury in the first game at UNF.

Higgins, is third in the A-Sun at .367.

She is second with a .675 slugging percentage and third in total bases with 81. She is tied for fourth with nine home runs.

It takes an Elmore

Brittany Elmore is the all-time leader in stolen bases in the A-Sun. She has 26 so far this season giving her a total of 131 for her career.

She has surpassed Jessica Huffman from Campbell who finished her career with 116 from 2004-2007.

Elmore is one of only five players in the history of the conference to steal more than 100 bases in a career.

.300 club

Three Lipscomb hitters are hitting at the .300 level. Brittany Elmore leads the way at .393. Sarah Higgins is hitting .367. Abby Fenichel is batting .312. Destinee Brewer is within range at .297.

Power surge

Three players have set new career season highs for home runs. Higgins, a

freshman, leads the team with nine.

Sophomores Fenichel and Caitlin Plocheck each had five home runs in their freshman seasons. Fenichel has seven so far this season. Plocheck has slammed six.

You are getting very streaky:

Elmore is tied with Higgins for the longest hitting streak of the season. They are tied at 14, but Elmore will be out to extend her streak to 15 against Murray State. Higgins' streak was earlier this season.

Elmore also put together an 11-game streak this season.

Plocheck has a five-game active streak.

Roundtrip tickets

The Lady Bisons are third in the A-Sun in home runs with 28.

Higgins has nine followed by Fenichel with seven, Plocheck with six and Williams and Elmore with two.

Destinee Brewer and Green have one each.

National rankings

Kelly Young is 17th in strikeouts per seven innings with 9.1. She is 22nd in total strikeouts with 168. Young is also 54th in hits allowed per seven innings with 5.36.

Elmore is 44th in stolen bases per game with .57.

A-Sun rankings

Elmore leads the Atlantic Sun Conference overall with a .393 batting average and in hits with 59. She is fifth with a .436 on base percentage.

Fenichel is 20th in batting average. She is tied for second with 12 doubles and also tied for second in runs scored (34). She is eighth in both slugging percentage (.592) and RBI (31). Her .429 on base percentage is ninth best in the conference.

Kasey Gibson leads with nine sacrifice

bunts.

Young is first overall in opposing batting average (.207). She is also first in strikeouts and strikeouts looking (44). She is fifth with 129.1 innings pitched.

Tanner Sanders is second in batters struck out looking (40) and third in strikeouts (117). She is fourth in four categories - opposing batting average (.234), earned run average (2.45), innings pitched (134.1) and games started (20).

Young and Sander are two of only three pitchers in the A-Sun with more than 100 strikeouts. Upstate's Holly McKinnon is second with 150.

In A-Sun games only Elmore is second with a .472 batting average. She is first in both hits (25) and stolen bases (12). She is tied for first in runs with 14.

She is fifth in on base percentage (.491) and seventh in slugging percentage (.585).

Fenichel is first in doubles (7) and tied for first in runs (14). She is second in slugging percentage (.682) and tied for second in home runs with three. She is fourth in RBI with 14.

Ten of Fenichel's 14 hits in conference games have been for extra bases. In A-Sun games only Young is first in both strikeouts (84) and strikeouts per game (9.28). She is also first with 63.1 innings pitched. She is fourth with a 1.99 ERA.

Sanders is third in both strikeouts (35) and strikeouts per game (6.34). She is seventh in innings pitched (38.2) and ninth in ERA (3.62).

RPI

Lipscomb is ranked 103 in this week's NCAA RPI.

USC Upstate is the highest rated A-Sun team with a 51 ranking.

Jacksonville is 92. Stetson is 104, FGCU is 115. Kennesaw State is 117.

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Dean back on the scene

At the end of the 2015 season outfielder/utility player Becca Dean decided not to play softball for Lipscomb any more.

But coach Kristin Ryman needed some help on the bench and she turned to Dean. Between games of the double-header with Jacksonville March 24 the NCAA declared Dean eligible to return to the team. She pinch-ran in the game.

Pealor redshirting

Freshman Jenna Pealor is redshirting this season.

Youth is being served

Three freshmen - third baseman Sarah Higgins, shortstop Khayla Green and left fielder Destinee Brewer are starters.

First baseman Caitlin Plocheck and catcher Abby Fenichel are sophomores.

Right fielder Kasey Gibson is a junior but has seen limited action until this season.

Preseason accolades

The Lady Bisons have been picked overwhelmingly by Atlantic Sun coaches to win the conference regular season title. Lipscomb received six of the seven first place votes cast.

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Getting to know you

The Lady Bisons have seven freshmen on the roster this season.

Three of them, left fielder Destinee Brewer, third baseman Sarah Higgins and shortstop Khayla Green opened the season as starters.

Mandy Jordan has been a starting pitcher

Player preseason honors

Outfielder Brittany Elmore was a unanimous selection to the A-Sun Preseason All-Conference Team.

Pitcher Tanner Sanders was also named to the team as well.

True student-athletes

The Lady Bisons posted the highest grade point average in the nation for 2014-2015 as announced by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association. The Lady Bisons had a 3.645 as 14 players qualified to earn NFCA All-America Scholar-Athlete honors.

Players still on the team that earned the recognition are Dee Baddley, Mimi Cartwright, Brittany Elmore, Kasey Gibson, Taylor Neuhart, Tanner Sanders, McCarley Thomas and Kelly Young.

Next up

The Lady Bisons take a break from Atlantic Sun action this weekend, but they are not taking a break from the road. For the third straight weekend they are traveling.

This Saturday and Sunday they are in Knoxville for three games in the Tennessee Invitational.

Due to Louisiana-Monroe withdrawing this week from the tournament, Radford has been added.

The Lady Bisons will play Radford at 6 p.m. central Saturday night. Sunday they will play a doubleheader facing No. 9 Oklahoma at 11 a.m. and host Tennessee at 1:30 p.m.

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	B/T	Hometown (Last School)
1	Caitlin Plocheck	IF/P	So.	R/R	Houston, Texas (Deer Park HS)
2	Brittany Elmore	OF	Sr.	L/R	Mount Juliet, Tenn. (Goodpasture HS)
3	Khayla Green	IF/OF	Fr.	R/R	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEarchern HS)
4	Baylee Williams	IF	Sr.	R/R	Knoxville, Tenn. (Chattanooga State)
6	Abby Fenichel	C/IF	So.	R/R	Clermont, Fla. (East Ridge HS)
8	Mimi Cartwright	IF/OF	Jr.	R/R	Joelton, Tenn. (Goodpasture HS)
10	Tanner Sanders	RHP	Sr.	L/R	Flintville, Tenn. (Lincoln County HS)
11	Jenna Pealor	C/INF	R-Fr.	L/R	Newnan, Ga. (Northgate HS)
12	Becca Dean	Of/UT	Jr.	L/R	Findlay, Ohio (Liberty Benton)
14	Mandy Jordan	RHP	Fr.	R/R	Camden, Ala. (Wilcox Academy)
15	Kiley Aller	OF	Fr.	L/L	Holland, Ohio (Springfield HS)
16	Kelly Young	RHP	Sr.	R/R	Madison, Miss. (Arkansas)
17	McCarley Thomas	RHP	Jr.	R/R	Brentwood, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy)
18	Sarah Higgins	C/IF	Fr.	R/R	Murfreesboro, Tenn. (Riverdale HS)
19	Dee Baddley	OF	Sr.	L/R	Southaven, Miss. (Lewisburg HS)
20	Destinee Brewer	OF	Fr.	L/R	Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka HS)
21	Malorie Giere	C/IF	Fr.	R/R	Lake Elmo, Minn. (New Life Academy)
2	Taylor Neuhart	RHP	Jr.	R/R	Alexandria, Va. (Hayfield Secondary)
25	Kasey Gibson	OF	Jr.	L/R	Churubusco, Ind. (Churubusco HS)
44	Riley Brown	IF	So.	R/R	Bethany, Okla. (Bethany HS)

Coaches:

Kristin Ryman - Head Coach
 Megan Rhodes Smith - Pitching Coach
 J.J. Dillingham - Assistant Coach
 Laura Dukes - Graduate Manager

BREAKDOWN BY STATE

Alabama	2	Brewer, Jordan
Florida	1	Fenichel
Georgia	2	Green, Pealor
Indiana	1	Gibson
Minnesota	1	Giere
Mississippi	2	Baddley, Young
Ohio	1	Aller
Oklahoma	1	Brown
Tennessee	6	Cartwright, Elmore, Higgins, Sanders, Thomas, Williams
Texas	1	Plocheck
Virginia	1	Neuhart

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

(Caitlin) PLOCHECK	PLO-check
KHAYLA (Green)	kayla
(Abby) FENICHEL	fin-AH-shell
(Jenna) PEALOR	pea-lure
(Mandy) JORDAN	JUR-don
KILEY ALLER	ky-LEE / AL-her
(Dee) BADDLEY	bad-LEE
DESTINEE (Brewer)	destiny
(Malorie) GIERE	GEAR-eee
(Taylor) NEUHART	NEW-heart
(J.J.) DILLINGHAM	dill-ing-HAM

BREAKDOWN BY CLASS

Freshmen	7	Aller, Brewer, Giere, Green Higgins, Jordan, Pealor
Sophomores	3	Brown, Fenichel, Plocheck
Juniors	4	Cartwright, Gibson Neuhart, Thomas
Seniors	5	Baddley, Elmore, Sanders Williams, Young

SOFTBALL QUICK FACTS

Nickname	Bisons
Mascot	LU Bison
Enrollment	4,686
Colors	Gold and Purple
Conference	Atlantic Sun
Field	Draper Diamond at Smith Stadium (250)
President	Dr. Randy Lowry
Athletic Director	Phillip Hutcheson
Head Coach	Kristin Ryman
Alma Mater	Lipscomb (2004)
Overall Record	329-219-1 (.600) (11th year)
Record at Lipscomb	Same
Assistant Coach	Megan Smith
Alma Mater	Tennessee, 2008
Assistant Coach	J.J. Dillingham
Alma Mater	Lipscomb, 2000
Graduate Manager	Laura Dukes
Alma Mater	Middle Tennessee, 2014
NCAA Regional Appearances	2
NCAA Tournament Record	4-4
Conference Championships	1
Last A-Sun Tournament Appearance	2015
Last Postseason Opponent	Tennessee, 2014
2015 Overall Record	31-25
Home	19-7
Road	10-9
Neutral	2-9
2014 Atlantic Sun Record (Finish)	14-6 (2nd)
Final Ranking	N/A

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MULTIPLE RBI GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Total
Higgins	6	2	1	-	9
Fenichel	4	3	1	1	9
Plocheck	4	1	3	-	8
Williams	4	1	-	-	5
Baddley	3	-	-	-	3
Elmore	2	1	-	-	3
Brewer	2	-	-	-	2
Gibson	1	-	-	-	1
TEAM	26	8	5	1	40

HITIING STREAKS

	Longest	Current
Higgins	14	-
Elmore	14	14
Fenichel	8	-
Williams	7	-
Brewer	6	2
Plocheck	5	5
Green	4	-
Gibson	3	2
Young	2	-

MULTIPLE HIT GAMES

	2	3	4	5+	Total
Elmore	8	6	1	-	15
Higgins	11	1	-	-	12
Fenichel	12	-	-	-	12
Brewer	10	1	-	-	11
Williams	7	2	-	-	9
Gibson	4	2	-	-	6
Plocheck	6	-	-	-	6
Young	2	-	-	-	2
Green	2	-	-	-	2
TEAM	62	12	1	-	75

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GAME-BY-GAME LEADERS

Opponent	Hits	Runs	RBI
Samford 2/12	Two (Brewer)	One (Brewer, Aller)	Two (Brewer)
South Alabama 2/12	One (Six players)	One (Three players)	One (Green)
FAMU 2/13	Three (Gibson)	One (Three players)	One (Gibson)
Louisiana Tech 2/13	Two (Fenichel)	One (Four players)	Three (Fenichel)
Southern Miss 2/14	Three (Elmore)	Two (Brewer)	Three (Fenichel)
Quinnipiac 2/19	Two (Three players)	One (Seven players)	Two (Plocheck, Elmore)
Iowa 2/20	Three (Elmore)	Two (Green)	Four (Plocheck)
IUPUI 2/20	Two (Three players)	Two (Fenichel)	Four (Fenichel)
Eastern Ky. 2/21	One (Three players)	One (Brown)	One (Elmore)
Northern Ky. 2/26	Two (Gibson, Fenichel)	Two (Fenichel, Brewer)	Three (Higgins)
Kentucky 2/26	N/A	N/A	N/A
Eastern Ill. 2/27	One (Three players)	One (Four players)	One (Plocheck)
Evansville 2/27	Two (Four players)	Two (Higgins, Plocheck)	Four (Plocheck)
Miami (Ohio) 2/28	Three (Elmore)	Two (Plocheck)	Three (Elmore)
Louisville 3/2 (1)	Two (Elmore, Higgins)	One (Elmore, Green)	One (Elmore)
Louisville 3/2 (2)	One (Four players)	One (Higgins)	One (Higgins)
Furman 3/4	Two (Higgins)	One (Three players)	One (Fenichel, Young)
Troy 3/5	Three (Higgins)	One (Two players)	One (Two players)
Youngstown St. 3/5	Three (Williams)	Two (Fenichel)	Two (Williams)
Indiana St. 3/6	Three (Elmore)	Three (Fenichel)	Four (Plocheck)
Chattanooga 3/9	Two (Three players)	Two (Fenichel)	Two (Fenichel)
Houston 3/12 (1)	One (Six players)	One (Williams)	One (Green)
Houston 3/12 (2)	One (Three players)	N/A	N/A
Houston 3/13	Two (Fenichel)	One (Five players)	Two (Higgins, Williams)
Western Ky. 3/16 (1)	Two (Elmore, Plocheck)	Two (Elmore)	Four (Higgins)
Western Ky. 3/16 (2)	Two (Fenichel, Higgins)	Two (Higgins)	Two (Higgins)
USC Upstate 3/19 (1)	Two (Higgins/Williams)	One (Fenichel/Williams)	Two (Higgins)
USC Upstate 3/19 (2)	Three (Gibson)	Two (Plocheck)	Three (Williams)
USC Upstate 3/20	Two (Young)	One (Three players)	Three (Williams)
Belmont 3/23	Two (Gibson)	One (Four players)	One (Three players)
Jacksonville 3/26 (1)	One (Three players)	One (Three players)	Three (Fenichel)
Jacksonville 3/26 (2)	Two (Higgins)	One (Three players)	Two (Baddley)
Jacksonville 3/27	One (Four players)	N/A	N/A
Tennessee (3/28)	Two (Elmore)	One (Fenichel)	One (Williams)
Tenn. Tech (3/29)	Two (Three players)	Two (Brewer)	Two (Higgins, Baddley)
FGCU (4/2) (1)	One (Seven players)	One (Fenichel, Williams)	One (Higgins, Plocheck)
FGCU (4/2) (2)	Two (Three players)	Two (Three players)	Three (Higgins)
FGCU (4/3)	Two (Three players)	Two (Elmore, Brewer)	Two (Fenichel, Plocheck)
UNF (4/9) (1)	Two (Elmore)	One (Elmore)	N/A
UNF (4/9) (2)	Four (Elmore)	Three (Elmore)	One (Four players)
UNF (4/10)	Three (Elmore, Williams)	Four (Elmore)	Five (Fenichel)
Stetson (4/16) (1)	Three (Elmore)	N/A	N/A
Stetson (4/16) (2)	Two (Four players)	Two (Fenichel, Plocheck)	Three (Plocheck)
Stetson (4/17)	One (Four players)	One (Plocheck)	One (Giere)

STARTS

Pos.	Name	Yr.	G
C	Abby Finichel	So.	44
1B	Caitlin Plocheck	So.	44
2B	Baylee Williams	Sr.	44
3B	Sarah Higgins	Fr.	39
SS	Khayla Green	Fr.	30
LF	Destinee Brewer	Fr.	44
CF	Brittany Elmore	Sr.	44
RF	Kasey Gibson	Jr.	42
LF	Dee Baddley	Sr.	21
DH	Riley Brown	So.	16
P	Tanner Sanders	Sr.	21
P	Kelly Young	Sr.	32
P	Mandy Jordan	Fr.	10

PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARDS

ATLANTIC SUN

Brittany Elmore, Player of the Week, April 11



Brittany Elmore, Player of the Week, April 4

Kelly Young, Pitcher of the Week, April 4

TENNESSEE SPORTS WRITERS ASSOCIATION

N/A

TEAM COMPARISON

		
Record	22-22	18-23
Batting Avg.	.272	.264
Home Runs	28	14
RBI	162	114
Runs/Gm.	4.3	3.6
Slug. %	.398	.366
On-Base %	.343	.326
Steals	63	56
Fielding %	.964	N/A
ERA	2.85	2.73
Strikeouts/Gm.	7.3	3.0
Opp. BA	.228	.255
Shutouts	6	6

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HEAD COACH: KRISTIN RYMAN BIO

Head softball coach Kristin Ryman, beginning her 11th season, has developed the Lipscomb Lady Bisons into one of the top programs in the NCAA.

During her first 10 years she has accumulated a number of accomplishments:

- Two trips to the NCAA Tournament (2014, 20?), posting a 2-2 record overall
- Advanced to the finals in the Knoxville Regional against Tennessee (2014)
- Advanced to the finals in the Tuscaloosa Regional against Alabama (2010)
- Became the first Lipscomb team to win an at-large berth in an NCAA Tournament and one of two Atlantic Sun teams to receive at-large bids, a first for the conference.
- Has won more than 40 games in a season twice, 41 in 2014 and a program high 50 in 2010.
- Has won 30 or more games in season for the past seven years in a row.
- Finished 33rd in the final NCAA RPI (2014)
- Has reached the finals of the A-Sun Tournament four times in the last six seasons (2015, 2013, 2011, 2010)
- 37 A-Sun All-Conference selections
- 18 A-Sun All-Freshmen
- 16 A-Sun All-Tournament
- Two A-Sun Coach of the Year Awards (2010, 2008)
- Academically the Lady Bisons posted the highest grade point average in the nation for 2014-2015, a 3.645 GPA, as announced by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association
- 14 players in 2014-2015 qualified as NFCA All-American Scholar-Athletes

The 2015 team finished with a 31-25 record overall. The Lady Bisons finished second in the conference with a 14-6 record. They lost to USC Upstate in the finals of the A-Sun Tournament, marking the fourth time the Lady Bisons have advanced to the finals in the past six years.

Paige Neely and Kelly Young were named A-Sun First Team All-Conference. Tanner Sanders and Brittany Elmore were Second Team members. Abby Fenichel and Caitlin Plocheck were picked for the A-Sun All-Freshman Team. Young, Sanders and Gracey Aguirre were All-Tournament choices.

In 2014 the Lady Bisons made their second trip to the NCAA Tournament, finishing second to Tennessee in the Knoxville Regional. Making the appearance even more impressive was the Lady Bisons became the first Lipscomb team to win an at-large berth in an NCAA Tournament and were one of two Atlantic Sun teams to receive at-large bids. It was the first time the conference had been awarded at-large bids in softball.

The Lady Bisons finished the season 41-15 overall, 18-8 in the A-Sun. This was the second time in Ryman's career the Lady Bisons have won more than 40 games.

The Lady Bisons finished 33rd in the nation in the final NCAA RPI ratings, the highest ranking in the history of the program.

Neely and Kelsey Cartwright were named A-Sun First Team All-Conference. Elmore, Rena' Cothron and Ashley Anderson were named Second Team All-Conference. Mimi Cartwright was a unanimous selection to the A-Sun All-Freshman Team.

Academically, the Lady Bisons finished in the top 10 in the National Fastpitch Coaches Association rankings of NCAA Division I All-Academic Teams in 2014 as well.

The Lady Bisons completed the 2013-2014 academic year with a 3.559 grade point average. They were rated No. 13 in 2012. In 2010 and 2011, the Lady Bisons also earned team scholastic honors from the NFCA.

In 2013 the Lady Bisons finished fourth the regular season in the A-Sun for the second time in a row. They posted a 35-24 overall record, 18-8 in the A-Sun. They were ranked 49th in the final NCAA RPI, the second highest ranking in program history. Elmore and Neely both were named to the All A- Sun First Team. Aguirre was selected for the second team.

Elmore, Sanders and Mickey Bell were named to the A-Sun All-Freshman Team. Elmore and Sanders were unanimous selections.

In 2012 the Lady Bisons finished in fourth place in the A-Sun with an 11-7 record. The Lady Bisons posted a 14-7 record at Draper Diamond at Smith Stadium. They finished 35-20 overall, the third highest win total under Ryman's direction. The Lady Bisons ranked 69th in the final RPI.

Kelsey Cartwright was named First Team All A-Sun in 2012. Whitney Kiihnl and Haley Elliott were each named Second Team All-Conference. Ashley Anderson and Aguirre were A-Sun All-Freshman Team selections.

In 2011 the Lady Bisons finished second in the conference. They placed Caroline Mason on the All A-Sun First Team. Kiihnl and Courtney Billington made the Second Team. Haley Elliott was named to the All-Freshman Team.

The Lady Bisons finished 30-20 overall, 15-5 in the A-Sun. They ranked 68th nationally in the RPI.

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In 2010, the Lady Bisons began receiving more national attention. A conference regular season title, an Atlantic Sun Tournament Championship, and a trip to the NCAA Regional Finals to play the overall No. 1 seed Alabama went above and beyond the goals Ryman had set. The 2010 season established the Lipscomb softball program as a powerhouse not only in the Atlantic Sun, but also among the entire NCAA.

Kiihnl earned both A-Sun Player of the Year and A-Sun Pitcher of the Year for her performances in 2010, marking the first time a student-athlete has won both awards in the conference in the same year. Kiihnl finished 2010 as the national leader with a 0.98 earned run average.

The Lady Bisons were ranked 36th in the RPI, a program high, following the 2010 season and among the top 40 in every major poll. In 2010 the Lady Bisons set a program record for shutouts with 29. The previous record was 17 set just one year earlier in 2009. The Lady Bisons finished with an overall record of 50-13, the most wins in the NCAA era for the program. They won the A-Sun regular season title with a conference record of 18-2.

In addition to traveling to the NCAA Regional, the Lady Bisons became the first Lipscomb team to win two regional games, defeating UAB twice before bowing out to Alabama.

Six players from the 2010 team were named All-A-Sun First Team – Kellie Sirius, Kiihnl, Lauren Dortwegt, Abby Keese, Mollie Mitchell and Bilington.

Ryman was named the A-Sun Coach of the Year for the second time in her career. She also won the award in 2008 when the team finished tied for the regular season title.

In 2009, the Lady Bisons finished 39-14, earning a then-program best second place regular season finish. The Purple-and-Gold went 12-3 in road games and were victorious in 10 straight road contests at one point. Kiihnl was A-Sun Freshman of the Year. Kellie Sirius was named A-Sun All-Conference First Team and also received honors as a COSIDA National All-Academic All-American. The 2008 Lipscomb squad finished 29-26, winning the Lady Bisons first-ever A-Sun regular season title.

The Lady Bisons were 25-28-1 in 2007. They finished with a 9-8-1 worksheet in Atlantic Sun Conference games, good enough for a fifth place finish. The 2006 team finished 14-34, 4-14 in the Atlantic Sun in Ryman's first season as head coach.

Ryman spent the 2005 season as a graduate assistant coach in both softball and volleyball. She helped direct the softball team to its first-ever berth in the Atlantic Sun Conference Tournament. The Lady Bisons finished in a tie for third place in the A-Sun and entered the tournament as the No. 3 seed.

She worked with both former head coach Andy Lane and interim coach Cheryl Smith, who took over mid-season, as the Lady Bisons finished 27-24, 13-7 in the conference.

On the softball field Ryman was one of the most decorated players in program history. She excelled at shortstop and in centerfield, helping lead the softball program to 122 wins while being named All-Conference and All-Region.

As a four-year starter she posted a career batting average of .300, a .400 on-base percentage, 150 runs, 187 hits, 34 doubles, 18 triples, 69 runs batted in, 41 stolen bases and a .940 fielding percentage. She served as team captain in 2003.

Ryman also set numerous school records in volleyball as a four-year starter. She was the first Lady Bison to be named to the A-Sun All-Conference Team.

Academically, Ryman was also a leader. In 2004 she won the James R. Byers Award given annually to the top male and female athlete at Lipscomb for leadership in athletics, academics and Christian life.

She was named NCAA Woman of the Year for the state of Tennessee in 2004. Ryman graduated summa cum laude with a degree in Health and Physical Education-Teaching. She was a member of the CoSIDA Academic All-American All-District IV second team.

Ryman was also a member of the Alpha Chi Honor Society and was honored by the Lipscomb Department of Education as 2004's top student teacher.

She is married to Brian Ryman, director of operations for athletics at Lipscomb. They live in Nashville. They are expecting their first child this fall.

Kristin is the daughter of Barbara and Larry Peck of Smyrna, Tenn. She has three sisters: Karin, Katie, and Kelci.

Lady Bisons Softball

2016 Overall Stats

2016 Lipscomb Softball Overall Statistics for Lipscomb (as of Apr 18, 2016) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)

Record: 22-22 Home: 8-7 Away: 5-8 Neutral: 9-7 Conference: 7-8

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%	
2 ELMORE, Brittany	.393	44-44	150	30	59	2	3	2	17	73	.487	12	1	16	0	.436	2	4	26-31	74	28	6	.944	
18 HIGGINS, Sarah	.367	41-39	120	21	44	6	2	9	31	81	.675	11	1	28	0	.424	0	0	2-2	33	60	3	.969	
6 FENICHEL, Abby	.312	44-44	125	34	39	12	1	7	31	74	.592	16	11	27	1	.429	2	0	0-2	318	33	6	.983	
20 BREWER, Destinee	.297	44-44	128	26	38	1	1	1	7	44	.344	12	0	25	0	.357	0	1	13-15	44	4	2	.960	
4 WILLIAMS, Baylee	.279	44-44	129	17	36	7	0	2	19	49	.380	8	2	12	0	.329	1	6	3-3	58	55	8	.934	
1 PLOCHECK, Caitlin	.227	44-44	132	18	30	10	0	6	28	58	.439	10	2	29	1	.288	2	2	0-0	226	10	5	.979	
3 GREEN, Khayla	.222	32-30	72	10	16	2	0	1	9	21	.292	12	0	20	0	.329	1	6	8-10	38	31	9	.885	
25 GIBSON, Kasey	.216	43-42	125	19	27	1	1	0	5	30	.240	9	2	22	0	.279	0	9	8-8	45	3	1	.980	
16 YOUNG, Kelly	.210	35-32	62	3	13	2	0	0	5	15	.242	6	0	11	0	.275	1	2	0-0	7	20	1	.964	

44 BROWN, Riley	.132	16-16	38	3	5	1	0	0	1	6	.158	9	0	13	0	.298	0	0	1-2	4	0	0	1.000	
19 BADDLEY, Dee	.105	26-21	57	3	6	1	0	0	7	7	.123	5	0	10	0	.177	0	2	0-0	21	0	1	.955	
21 GIERE, Malorie	.067	10-4	15	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.067	0	0	4	0	.063	1	3	0-0	16	3	0	1.000	
15 ALLER, Kiley	.000	8-0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2-2	0	0	0	.000	
14 JORDAN, Mandy	.000	16-12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	7	0	1.000	
10 SANDERS, Tanner	.000	27-21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	9	30	2	.951	
12 DEAN, Becca	.000	5-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000	
17 THOMAS, McCarley	.000	3-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000	
Totals	.272	44	1154	189	314	45	8	28	162	459	.398	110	19	217	2	.343	10	35	63-75	893	285	44	.964	
Opponents	.228	44	1112	164	254	41	4	25	145	378	.340	131	42	320	1	.331	6	30	50-65	885	381	50	.962	

LOB - Team (260), Opp (270). DPs turned - Team (7), Opp (13).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bks	sfa	sha
10 SANDERS, Tanner	2.45	9-12	27	20	12	1/0	1	134.1	117	69	47	52	117	19	1	11	.234	3	26	0	3	14
16 YOUNG, Kelly	3.03	11-8	26	13	10	2/3	0	129.1	99	73	56	61	168	16	3	7	.207	12	13	0	3	12

14 JORDAN, Mandy	3.74	2-2	13	10	2	0/2	0	33.2	37	21	18	18	35	6	0	6	.282	0	3	0	0	4
17 THOMAS, McCarley	21.00	0-0	2	1	0	0/1	0	0.1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2.85	22-22	44	44	24	6/3	1	297.2	254	164	121	131	320	41	4	25	.228	15	42	0	6	30
Opponents	3.49	22-22	44	44	20	4/0	1	295.0	314	189	147	110	217	45	8	28	.272	26	19	2	10	35

PB - Team (9), FENICHEL 8, GIERE 1, Opp (10). Pickoffs - Team (1), FENICHEL 1. SBA/ATT - FENICHEL (47-61), SANDERS (25-33), YOUNG (23-29), GIERE (3-3), JORDAN (2-3).