



Bowling Green, Ky., May 8, 2010 – Western Kentucky University held a dedication ceremony on Saturday, May 8, for the new Paul C. Orberson Baseball Clubhouse, a facility named for FHTM Founder and President and former WKU baseball player Paul Orberson. Orberson made the lead gift of \$600,000 toward construction of the clubhouse, which opened earlier this year.

“I’m honored to be a part of this,” Orberson said about the clubhouse. “It’s beautiful.”



Western Kentucky University’s Paul C. Orberson Clubhouse

The 4,200 square-foot clubhouse is located next to Nick Denes Field and features a head coach’s office, two assistant coaches’ offices and a 250 square-foot equipment room. The players will also have access to a locker room, lounge and training room.

“The team is all very thankful to Mr. Orberson and all of the people who made it possible for us to get our new clubhouse,” said senior infielder Matt Payton. “It is great to come to the ballpark each day and be able to use such a nice facility. We couldn’t imagine a better place to call home when we’re at the ballpark.”

The WKU Hilltoppers currently have a 32-18 record and have been ranked as high at Number 19 in the Baseball America Poll this season.

WKU President Dr. Gary Ransdell and then-Director of Athletics Dr. Wood Selig approached Orberson in 2008 to discuss the team’s need for a new clubhouse, explaining that it would provide a boost to the school’s recruiting. They also said that, in appreciation of his financial contribution, they would name the facility after him.

The clubhouse’s construction began in August of 2009 and was completed in time for the start of the 2010 season, which began in February. Saturday’s formal dedication of the Paul C. Orberson Baseball Clubhouse was part of the 100th anniversary celebration for Western Kentucky University Athletics.

“We are all so excited about our new clubhouse,” said head coach Chris Finwood. “Mr. Orberson’s gift really brought this project together, and we want to make sure that it is a facility that he will be proud to have his name on.

"The Paul Orberson Baseball clubhouse will really help us continue to make Nick Denes Field a first-class place to play college baseball."

Orberson enrolled at WKU in 1974 on a full baseball scholarship and graduated in 1979 with a degree in history. During his four years as a Hilltopper, he led the team in earned run average twice and compiled eight wins and 78 innings pitched during his senior season, both school records at the time. He received first-team all-Ohio Valley Conference honors in 1977 as a designated hitter and in '78 as a pitcher. He remains tied for third place on the college's all-time record list with 12 complete games.

Currently, Orberson is the President and Founder of Fortune Hi-Tech Marketing, Inc., a Lexington-based relationship marketing company that he founded in 2001. FHTM enables Independent Representatives to sell products and services to customers throughout the United States as well as in Canada, Puerto Rico and the United Kingdom.

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