

# 5 Western Michigan (26-24) -vs- # 4 Northern Illinois (32-17)  
5/20/2026 at Avon, Ohio (ForeFront Field)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Western Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Northern Illinois	0	3	4	2	2	0	X	11	10	0

Western Michigan 0

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
MALLY, Tanner cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
HOWARD, Drew 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	1
MALONEY, Michael ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	0
THIELMAN, Avery 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	1
RICK, Lucas dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
MENNECKE, Mark lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0
PILARSKI, Mason 3b	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
ZAJAC, Nolan c	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
PENA, Diego ph/c	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
OSTRANDER, Connor rf	2	0	0	0	0	2	0
VRIESENKA, Zach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOOVER, Matt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THOMPSON, DJ p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>

HBP: MALLY, Tanner (1)  
E: VRIESENKA, Zach (1)

Northern Illinois 11

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Wyatt Wawro rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	3
Cole Smith 2b	3	2	1	2	1	0	0
Nolan Sandee ss	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Gavin Baldwin 1b	4	3	3	2	0	1	0
Vinny Spotofora 3b	2	2	1	1	1	0	0
Marcus Romero dh	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
Ivan Dahlberg c	3	0	1	3	0	0	0
Caden Robertson lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Charlie Parcell cf	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Max Vaisvila p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>

2B: Wyatt Wawro (1); Vinny Spotofora (1)  
HR: Cole Smith (1); Gavin Baldwin (1)  
SB: Marcus Romero (1); Ivan Dahlberg (1)  
HBP: Vinny Spotofora (1); Ivan Dahlberg (1)  
DP: 1

Western Michigan	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
VRIESENKA, Zach (L, 2-6)	2.2	6	7	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	15	18	3	4	77
HOOVER, Matt	2.1	4	4	4	1	1	1	0	1	0	11	13	5	1	42
THOMPSON, DJ	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	2	8
<b>Totals</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>127</b>

Northern Illinois	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Max Vaisvila (W, 8-0)	7.0	1	0	0	1	10	0	0	1	0	21	23	0	10	86
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>86</b>

Win: Max Vaisvila (8-0)  
Loss: VRIESENKA, Zach (2-6)  
HBP: VRIESENKA, Zach, HOOVER, Matt, Max Vaisvila  
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Jay Myers First: Andy Dudones Second Base: Steve Linton Third Base: John Sapphire  
Start: 6:05 pm Time: 2:10 Weather: 53; Cloudy; ENE 10 mph

## Play By Play

Western Michigan - Top of 1st	WMU	NIU
MALLY, T. grounded out to 2b (2-1 BBK).	0	0
HOWARD, D. grounded out to 2b (1-1 KB).	0	0
MALONEY, Mi. grounded out to 3b (0-1 K).	0	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Northern Illinois - Bottom of 1st	WMU	NIU
W. Wawro flied out to lf (3-2 KBFBBF).	0	0
C. Smith grounded out to 2b (2-1 BBK).	0	0
N. Sandee grounded out to 1b unassisted (0-0).	0	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Western Michigan - Top of 2nd	WMU	NIU
THIELMAN, A. grounded out to 2b (2-2 FBBS).	0	0
RICK, L. struck out swinging (1-2 FKBS).	0	0
MENNECKE, M. grounded out to 3b (0-0).	0	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Northern Illinois - Bottom of 2nd	WMU	NIU
G. Baldwin singled up the middle (1-2 BKF).	0	0
V. Spotofora hit by pitch (3-2 SFBBFBF); G. Baldwin advanced to second.	0	0
M. Romero singled up the middle (1-1 BK); V. Spotofora advanced to second; G. Baldwin advanced to third.	0	0
I. Dahlberg reached on a fielding error by p, RBI (1-2 FSB); M. Romero advanced to second; V. Spotofora scored; G. Baldwin scored.	0	2
C. Robertson grounded out to 3b (2-2 KBKB); I. Dahlberg advanced to second; M. Romero advanced to third.	0	2
C. Parcell grounded out to 1b unassisted, RBI (1-0 B); I. Dahlberg advanced to third; M. Romero scored, unearned.	0	3
W. Wawro popped up to ss (1-1 KB).	0	3
<b>Runs: 3 Hits: 2 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 1</b>		

Western Michigan - Top of 3rd	WMU	NIU
PILARSKI, M. struck out swinging (0-2 KKS).	0	3
ZAJAC, N. struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b (2-2 KFBFBFS).	0	3
OSTRANDER, C struck out swinging (1-2 KKBS).	0	3
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Northern Illinois - Bottom of 3rd	WMU	NIU
C. Smith flied out to rf down the rf line (0-0).	0	3
N. Sandee singled through the right side (1-2 KKBBF).	0	3
G. Baldwin homered to left field, 2 RBI (3-1 BFBB); N. Sandee scored.	0	5
V. Spotofora walked (3-0 BBBB).	0	5
M. Romero singled through the right side (1-2 FKB); V. Spotofora advanced to third.	0	5
M. Romero stole second.	0	5
I. Dahlberg singled through the left side, 2 RBI (1-2 BKS); M. Romero scored; V. Spotofora scored.	0	7
C. Robertson struck out swinging (2-2 SBBFFS).	0	7
I. Dahlberg stole second.	0	7
C. Parcell walked (3-2 KBFBBB).	0	7
HOOVER, M. to p for VRIESENGA, Z.	0	7
W. Wawro out at first 1b to p (1-0 B).	0	7
<b>Runs: 4 Hits: 4 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2</b>		

Western Michigan - Top of 4th	WMU	NIU
MALLY, T. singled through the left side (0-0).	0	7
HOWARD, D. struck out looking (3-2 BSBSBFK).	0	7
MALONEY, Mi. struck out swinging (2-2 SBFFBS).	0	7
THIELMAN, A. grounded out to p (0-0).	0	7
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1</b>		

Northern Illinois - Bottom of 4th	WMU	NIU
C. Smith walked (3-1 BKBBB).	0	7
N. Sandee flied out to lf (3-2 BBBKFF).	0	7
G. Baldwin singled to left field (0-0); C. Smith advanced to second.	0	7
V. Spotofora doubled down the lf line, RBI; G. Baldwin advanced to third; C. Smith scored.	0	8
V. Spotofora advanced to third on a wild pitch; G. Baldwin scored.	0	9
M. Romero popped up to 2b (1-1 KB).	0	9
I. Dahlberg hit by pitch (2-1 BKB).	0	9
C. Robertson flied out to rf down the rf line (1-0 B).	0	9
<b>Runs: 2 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2</b>		

Western Michigan - Top of 5th	WMU	NIU
RICK, L. grounded out to 2b (2-1 BBF).	0	9
MENNECKE, M. struck out swinging (2-2 BBKSS).	0	9
PILARSKI, M. struck out looking (2-2 KBBKK).	0	9
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Northern Illinois - Bottom of 5th	WMU	NIU
C. Parcell lined out to cf (3-2 BKBBK).	0	9
W. Wawro doubled to right field (3-2 BKFBF).	0	9
C. Smith homered to left field, 2 RBI (0-0); W. Wawro scored.	0	11
N. Sandee lined out to cf (0-0).	0	11
G. Baldwin struck out looking (1-2 KSBK).	0	11
<b>Runs: 2 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Western Michigan - Top of 6th	WMU	NIU
PENA, D. pinch hit for ZAJAC, N..	0	11
PENA, D. struck out swinging (1-2 SBFS).	0	11
OSTRANDER, C struck out swinging (2-2 BBKFFS).	0	11
MALLY, T. hit by pitch (3-1 BBBK).	0	11
HOWARD, D. grounded out to 3b (0-2 KF).	0	11
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1</b>		

Northern Illinois - Bottom of 6th	WMU	NIU
PENA, D. to c.	0	11
THOMPSON, D. to p for HOOVER, M..	0	11
V. Spotofora grounded out to ss (1-0 B).	0	11
M. Romero grounded out to ss (1-1 BK).	0	11
I. Dahlberg lined out to lf (1-1 KB).	0	11
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Western Michigan - Top of 7th	WMU	NIU
MALONEY, Mi. walked (3-1 BBBKB).	0	11
THIELMAN, A. grounded into double play p to ss to 1b (0-0); MALONEY, Mi. out on the play.	0	11
RICK, L. grounded out to ss (0-0).	0	11
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Northern Illinois - Bottom of 7th	WMU	NIU
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		