

Northwestern (20-27-1) -vs- Illinois (26-23)
5/9/2026 at Champaign, Ill. (Illinois Field)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	6	0
Illinois	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	9	1

Northwestern 3

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
MCELFATRICK,OWEN 3b	4	1	2	2	0	1	0
LAUSCH,JACK cf	4	0	1	0	0	1	1
KUCHERAK,RYAN ss	4	0	1	0	0	2	2
RUIZ, NOAH 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
SLATER, JAY c	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
CARUSO,CHARLIE pr/c	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
BARRON, NICK 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	0
MILLS,GRIFFIN pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOFSTADLER, SHANE 1b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
YANG, JAKE dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
FREEMAN,JACKSON rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
DE GROOT, LOGAN lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
KAPLAN,MARTY ph/lf	2	1	0	0	1	2	2
KOUSER,MATTHEW p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RIFENBURG, JAKE p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	6	2	3	10	6

2B: SLATER, JAY (1)
HR: MCELFATRICK,OWEN (1)
SB: KUCHERAK,RYAN (1)
CS: MILLS,GRIFFIN (1)
HBP: FREEMAN,JACKSON (1)
DP: 1

Illinois 4

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Nick GROVES cf/lf	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
Michael FARINA 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jack ZEBIG lf	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
Brayden MAZZACANO pr/cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AJ PUTTY 1b	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
Kyle SCHUPMANN 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	1
Collin JENNINGS rf	3	0	0	0	1	2	0
Daniel CONTRERAS dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	2
Will JOHANNES c	4	2	3	1	0	1	0
J.R. NELSON ss	3	0	2	1	0	0	1
Aidan FLINN p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mitch DYE p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reed GANNON p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	31	4	9	4	3	4	7

2B: Jack ZEBIG (1); AJ PUTTY (1); Will JOHANNES (1); J.R. NELSON (1)
HR: Will JOHANNES (1)
SF: Nick GROVES (1)
E: J.R. NELSON (1)
DP: 1

Northwestern	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
KOUSER,MATTHEW	6.0	6	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	22	24	6	8	93
RIFENBURG, JAKE (L, 2-6)	2.0	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	9	11	3	2	38
Totals		9	4	4	3	4	0	0	0	0	31	35	9	10	131

Illinois	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Aidan FLINN	5.0	1	0	0	1	5	0	0	1	0	15	17	2	7	80
Mitch DYE	3.0	3	2	2	1	4	1	0	0	0	12	13	2	3	52
Reed GANNON (W, 4-2)	1.0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	5	6	0	1	34
Totals		6	3	2	3	10	1	0	1	0	32	36	4	11	166

Win: Reed GANNON (4-2)
Loss: RIFENBURG, JAKE (2-6)
HBP: Aidan FLINN
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: John Coons First: Rick Allen Second Base: Seth Buckminster Third Base: Mark Winters
Start: 5:32 PM **Time:** 2:36 **Attendance:** 1,558

Game notes:

- RIFENBURG faced 1 batter in the 9th.

Play By Play

Northwestern - Top of 1st	NU	ILL
MCELFATRICK struck out swinging (1-2).	0	0
LAUSCH flied out to rf (1-2).	0	0
KUCHERAK singled up the middle (1-1).	0	0
KUCHERAK stole second.	0	0
RUIZ struck out swinging (2-2).	0	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Illinois - Bottom of 1st	NU	ILL
N GROVES walked (3-2).	0	0
M FARINA grounded into double play 3b to 2b to 1b (0-1); N GROVES out on the play.	0	0
J ZEBIG doubled to left center (0-0).	0	0
A PUTTY doubled to left field, RBI (2-2); J ZEBIG scored.	0	1
K SCHUPMANN struck out swinging (1-2).	0	1
Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Northwestern - Top of 2nd	NU	ILL
SLATER walked (3-1).	0	1
BARRON grounded into double play ss to 1b (1-1); SLATER out on the play.	0	1
YANG grounded out to 3b (2-2).	0	1
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Illinois - Bottom of 2nd	NU	ILL
C JENNINGS fouled out to 3b (1-1).	0	1
D CONTRERAS singled to left field (2-2).	0	1
W JOHANNES singled to left field (3-2); D CONTRERAS advanced to second.	0	1
J NELSON doubled to right center, RBI (2-0); W JOHANNES advanced to third; D CONTRERAS scored.	0	2
N GROVES flied out to lf, SF, RBI (1-1); W JOHANNES scored.	0	3
M FARINA grounded out to 3b (0-0).	0	3
Runs: 2 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Northwestern - Top of 3rd	NU	ILL
FREEMAN hit by pitch (3-2).	0	3
DE GROOT struck out looking (1-2).	0	3
MCELFATRICK flied out to cf (0-0).	0	3
LAUSCH grounded out to 3b (1-1).	0	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Illinois - Bottom of 3rd	NU	ILL
J ZEBIG out at first 1b to p (1-0).	0	3
A PUTTY flied out to rf (1-2).	0	3
K SCHUPMANN grounded out to ss (3-1).	0	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Northwestern - Top of 4th	NU	ILL
KUCHERAK struck out looking (3-2).	0	3
RUIZ grounded out to 2b (2-0).	0	3
SLATER struck out swinging (3-2).	0	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Illinois - Bottom of 4th	NU	ILL
C JENNINGS struck out swinging (1-2).	0	3
D CONTRERAS grounded out to 2b (3-2).	0	3
W JOHANNES doubled to left field (3-1).	0	3
J NELSON flied out to rf (0-1).	0	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Northwestern - Top of 5th	NU	ILL
BARRON grounded out to ss (3-2).	0	3
YANG grounded out to 1b unassisted (2-1).	0	3
FREEMAN grounded out to 2b (2-1).	0	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Illinois - Bottom of 5th	NU	ILL
N GROVES flied out to rf (1-2).	0	3
M FARINA grounded out to p (0-1).	0	3
J ZEBIG flied out to lf (2-0).	0	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Northwestern - Top of 6th	NU	ILL
M DYE to p for A FLINN.	0	3
KAPLAN pinch hit for DE GROOT.	0	3
KAPLAN struck out swinging (1-2).	0	3
MCELFATRICK homered to right center, RBI (2-2).	1	3
LAUSCH struck out looking (0-2).	1	3
KUCHERAK lined out to 3b (0-2).	1	3
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Illinois - Bottom of 6th	NU	ILL
KAPLAN to lf.	1	3
A PUTTY grounded out to 2b (1-0).	1	3
K SCHUPMANN grounded out to ss (2-2).	1	3
C JENNINGS struck out swinging (1-2).	1	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Northwestern - Top of 7th	NU	ILL
RUIZ flied out to lf (0-1).	1	3
SLATER grounded out to 3b (3-1).	1	3
BARRON struck out swinging (1-2).	1	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Illinois - Bottom of 7th	NU	ILL
RIFENBURG to p for KOUSER.	1	3
D CONTRERAS popped up to 1b (1-2).	1	3
W JOHANNES struck out swinging (0-2).	1	3
J NELSON singled to left field (1-2).	1	3
N GROVES singled to left field (1-1); J NELSON advanced to second.	1	3
M FARINA reached on a fielder's choice to second base (0-1); N GROVES out at second 2b unassisted.	1	3
Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Northwestern - Top of 8th	NU	ILL
YANG grounded out to 2b (0-0).	1	3
FREEMAN out at first 1b to p (1-2).	1	3
KAPLAN walked (3-2).	1	3
KAPLAN advanced to second on a wild pitch.	1	3
MCELFATRICK singled down the rf line, RBI (2-2); KAPLAN scored.	2	3
LAUSCH singled to right field (1-2); MCELFATRICK advanced to third.	2	3
KUCHERAK struck out swinging (1-2).	2	3
Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Illinois - Bottom of 8th	NU	ILL
J ZEBIG walked (3-0).	2	3
B MAZZACANO pinch ran for J ZEBIG.	2	3
A PUTTY reached on a fielder's choice to shortstop (1-2); B MAZZACANO out at second ss to 2b.	2	3
K SCHUPMANN flied out to cf (0-1).	2	3
C JENNINGS walked (3-1); A PUTTY advanced to second.	2	3

D CONTRERAS flied out to cf (0-2).

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Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2

Northwestern - Top of 9th

	NU	ILL
N GROVES to lf.	2	3
B MAZZACANO to cf.	2	3
R GANNON to p for M DYE.	2	3
RUIZ grounded out to 2b (0-1).	2	3
SLATER doubled to center field (2-2).	2	3
CARUSO pinch ran for SLATER.	2	3
BARRON singled to left field (2-2); CARUSO advanced to third.	2	3
MILLS pinch ran for BARRON.	2	3
MILLS out at second c to 2b, caught stealing.	2	3
YANG walked (3-2).	2	3
FREEMAN reached on a fielding error by ss (3-2); YANG advanced to third; CARUSO scored, unearned.	3	3
KAPLAN struck out swinging (2-2).	3	3
Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 2		

Illinois - Bottom of 9th

	NU	ILL
CARUSO to c.	3	3
HOFSTADLER to 1b for MILLS.	3	3
W JOHANNES homered to right field, RBI (1-1).	3	4
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		