

NIU (31-15, 21-10 MAC) -vs- Western Michigan (24-23, 18-13 MAC)
5/14/2026 at Kalamazoo, Mich. (Hyames Field)

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
NIU	0	1	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	6	7	0
Western Michigan	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	X	8	14	1

NIU 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Wyatt Wawro rf	4	1	1	0	1	3	0
Cole Smith 2b	5	1	1	1	0	0	0
Vinny Spotofora 3b	4	1	1	2	1	0	1
Caden Robertson lf	4	1	0	1	0	3	1
Nolan Sandee ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
Gavin Baldwin 1b	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ivan Dahlberg c	2	0	0	0	2	2	1
Will Couchman dh	4	1	1	0	0	2	2
Charlie Parcell cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
Danny Cihocki p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Blake Gaskey p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cooper Cohn p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	7	4	5	11	7

3B: Vinny Spotofora (1)
SH: Charlie Parcell (1)
SF: Caden Robertson (1)
SB: Caden Robertson (1); Will Couchman (1)

Western Michigan 8

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
MALLY, Tanner cf	5	1	1	0	0	0	1
HOWARD, Drew 2b	5	0	2	2	0	1	0
MALONEY, Michael ss	5	0	3	2	0	1	2
THIELMAN, Avery 1b	4	1	0	0	1	1	4
RICK, Lucas dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	1
OSTRANDER, Connor rf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
PILARSKI, Mason 3b	3	1	2	2	0	1	0
ZAJAC, Nolan c	2	2	2	2	1	0	0
HUMS, Cooper lf	3	1	1	0	0	1	0
MENNECKE, Mark lf	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
VRIESENKA, Zach p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
LEHMANN, Adam p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DORAN, Turner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	8	14	8	2	5	8

2B: RICK, Lucas (1); PILARSKI, Mason (1)
SH: PILARSKI, Mason (1); ZAJAC, Nolan (1)
E: PILARSKI, Mason (1)

NIU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Danny Cihocki	5.0	7	5	5	2	4	0	0	0	0	22	24	9	2	93
Blake Gaskey (L, 7-2)	2.1	5	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	12	2	5	31
Cooper Cohn	0.2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	16
Totals		14	8	8	2	5	0	0	0	0	36	40	11	8	140

Western Michigan	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
VRIESENKA, Zach	4.1	3	5	3	5	6	0	0	0	0	16	22	4	3	90
LEHMANN, Adam (W, 2-1)	3.2	3	1	1	0	4	1	0	0	0	13	14	4	3	51
DORAN, Turner (S, 10)	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	4	1	1	13
Totals		7	6	4	5	11	2	0	0	0	33	40	9	7	154

Win: LEHMANN, Adam (2-1)
Loss: Blake Gaskey (7-2)
Save: DORAN, Turner (10)
HBP: None
PB: ZAJAC, Nolan (1)

Umpires: Home Plate: Cory Hinga First: Michael Wiseman Third Base: Robert Lothian
Start: 3:08 pm **Time:** 2:59 **Attendance:** 176 **Weather:** Sunny, 64, wind NNW at 4 mph

Play By Play

NIU - Top of 1st	NIU	WMU
W. Wawro struck out swinging (2-2 KKBBS).	0	0
C. Smith flied out to lf (1-1 KB).	0	0
V. Spotofora grounded out to 3b (0-2 SF).	0	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 1st	NIU	WMU
MALLY, T. grounded out to 2b (1-2 FFFB).	0	0
HOWARD, D. struck out swinging (3-2 BKBFBS).	0	0
MALONEY, Mi. flied out to rf (2-1 FBB).	0	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

NIU - Top of 2nd	NIU	WMU
C. Robertson struck out looking (3-2 FBBBFK).	0	0
N. Sandee singled to right field (0-1 S).	0	0
G. Baldwin singled through the left side (1-0 B); N. Sandee advanced to second.	0	0
I. Dahlberg walked (3-2 KBBFBFB); G. Baldwin advanced to second; N. Sandee advanced to third.	0	0
W. Couchman struck out swinging (2-2 KBBFS).	0	0
I. Dahlberg advanced to second; G. Baldwin advanced to third; N. Sandee scored on a passed ball, unearned.	1	0
C. Parcell struck out swinging (3-2 BKBBKS).	1	0
Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 2nd	NIU	WMU
THIELMAN, A. walked (3-2 BKKBBB).	1	0
RICK, L. doubled to left field (0-1 K); THIELMAN, A. advanced to third.	1	0
OSTRANDER, C popped up to ss (1-0 B).	1	0
PILARSKI, M. doubled down the rf line, 2 RBI (2-2 KBBF); RICK, L. scored; THIELMAN, A. scored.	1	2
ZAJAC, N. singled to right center, RBI (1-1 BK); PILARSKI, M. scored.	1	3
HUMS, C. singled to center field (0-1 K); ZAJAC, N. advanced to second.	1	3
MALLY, T. flied out to lf to left center (1-1 KB).	1	3
HOWARD, D. singled to center field, RBI (2-1 BBK); HUMS, C. advanced to third; ZAJAC, N. scored.	1	4
MALONEY, Mi. singled through the right side, RBI (3-2 KKBFBF); HOWARD, D. advanced to third; HUMS, C. scored.	1	5
THIELMAN, A. fouled out to 1b (0-1 K).	1	5
Runs: 5 Hits: 6 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

NIU - Top of 3rd	NIU	WMU
W. Wawro walked (3-1 BBKBB).	1	5
C. Smith reached on a fielding error by 3b (0-1 K); W. Wawro advanced to second.	1	5
V. Spotofora tripled down the rf line, 2 RBI (0-0); C. Smith scored, unearned; W. Wawro scored.	3	5
C. Robertson flied out to lf, SF, RBI (2-2 BSFBF); V. Spotofora scored.	4	5
N. Sandee walked (3-2 BKBFBB).	4	5
G. Baldwin popped up to ss to left field (1-2 KFB).	4	5
I. Dahlberg walked (3-0 BBBB); N. Sandee advanced to second.	4	5
W. Couchman struck out swinging (1-2 BFFS).	4	5
Runs: 3 Hits: 1 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 2		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 3rd	NIU	WMU
RICK, L. lined out to cf (1-1 KB).	4	5
OSTRANDER, C grounded out to 2b (0-0).	4	5
PILARSKI, M. struck out looking (1-2 KKBK).	4	5
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

NIU - Top of 4th	NIU	WMU
C. Parcell flied out to rf (0-0).	4	5
W. Wawro struck out swinging (0-2 KFS).	4	5
C. Smith grounded out to ss (2-1 BFB).	4	5

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

Western Michigan - Bottom of 4th

	NIU	WMU
ZAJAC, N. walked (3-2 BBKFFBFFB).	4	5
HUMS, C. struck out looking (3-2 BBKBFK).	4	5
MALLY, T. singled to center field (0-0); ZAJAC, N. advanced to second.	4	5
HOWARD, D. flied out to lf to left center (1-1 KB).	4	5
MALONEY, Mi. struck out swinging (3-2 FFBBBS).	4	5
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

NIU - Top of 5th

	NIU	WMU
V. Spotofora walked (3-2 KFBBFBB).	4	5
C. Robertson reached on a fielder's choice (1-2 KFB); V. Spotofora out at second 2b unassisted.	4	5
LEHMANN, A. to p for VRIESENKA, Z.	4	5
C. Robertson stole second.	4	5
N. Sandee grounded out to 2b (3-2 KKBBB); C. Robertson advanced to third.	4	5
C. Robertson scored on a wild pitch.	5	5
G. Baldwin singled to center field (1-0 B).	5	5
I. Dahlberg struck out swinging (2-2 KBFBS).	5	5
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 5th

	NIU	WMU
THIELMAN, A. flied out to rf (0-0).	5	5
RICK, L. flied out to rf down the rf line (2-1 BBS).	5	5
OSTRANDER, C flied out to lf (1-1 KB).	5	5
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

NIU - Top of 6th

	NIU	WMU
W. Couchman singled through the right side (1-1 BS).	5	5
C. Parcell out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-0); W. Couchman advanced to second.	5	5
W. Couchman stole third.	5	5
W. Wawro struck out swinging (3-2 FBKBBS).	5	5
C. Smith singled up the middle, RBI (2-1 BBF); W. Couchman scored.	6	5
V. Spotofora flied out to rf (1-1 BF).	6	5
Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 6th

	NIU	WMU
B. Gaskey to p for D. Cihocki.	6	5
PILARSKI, M. singled to left field (1-0 B).	6	5
ZAJAC, N. grounded out to p, SAC, bunt (0-0); PILARSKI, M. advanced to second.	6	5
HUMS, C. popped up to ss (2-0 BB).	6	5
MALLY, T. grounded out to ss (0-0).	6	5
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

NIU - Top of 7th

	NIU	WMU
MENNECKE, M. to lf for HUMS, C..	6	5
C. Robertson struck out swinging (0-2 SSFS).	6	5
N. Sandee flied out to rf to right center (0-0).	6	5
G. Baldwin flied out to lf (3-0 BBB).	6	5
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 7th

	NIU	WMU
HOWARD, D. lined out to rf (0-0).	6	5
MALONEY, Mi. singled to center field (0-2 KK).	6	5
THIELMAN, A. reached on a fielder's choice (0-0); MALONEY, Mi. out at second ss to 2b.	6	5
RICK, L. grounded out to 3b (1-2 KKBF).	6	5
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

NIU - Top of 8th

	NIU	WMU
I. Dahlberg struck out looking (2-2 BFKBFK).	6	5

W. Couchman grounded out to 2b (0-1 K).
C. Parcell flied out to lf (1-2 KFB).

	6	5
	6	5
Runs:	0	0
Hits:	0	0
Errors:	0	0
Left On Base:	0	0

Western Michigan - Bottom of 8th

OSTRANDER, C singled through the right side (1-2 KKBFF).
PILARSKI, M. grounded out to p, SAC, bunt (0-0); OSTRANDER, C advanced to second.
ZAJAC, N. singled to center field, RBI (2-2 BKSB); OSTRANDER, C scored.
MENNECKE, M. singled to center field (0-1 K); ZAJAC, N. advanced to second.
C. Cohn to p for B. Gaskey.
MALLY, T. reached on a fielder's choice (3-2 KBBBS); MENNECKE, M. out at second 2b to ss; ZAJAC, N. advanced to third.
HOWARD, D. singled to left center, RBI (0-1 K); MALLY, T. advanced to third; ZAJAC, N. scored.
MALONEY, Mi. singled up the middle, RBI (1-1 SB); HOWARD, D. advanced to third; MALLY, T. scored.
THIELMAN, A. struck out swinging (2-2 BKBSS).

	NIU	WMU
	6	5
	6	5
	6	6
	6	6
	6	6
	6	6
	6	7
	6	8
	6	8
Runs:	3	2
Hits:	5	0
Errors:	0	0
Left On Base:	2	0

NIU - Top of 9th

DORAN, T. to p for LEHMANN, A..
W. Wawro singled through the right side (1-0 B).
C. Smith reached on a fielder's choice (0-1 F); W. Wawro out at second ss to 2b.
V. Spotofora fouled out to 3b (0-2 FS).
C. Smith advanced to second on a wild pitch.
C. Robertson struck out swinging (2-2 BKFBFS).

	NIU	WMU
	6	8
	6	8
	6	8
	6	8
	6	8
	6	8
Runs:	0	1
Hits:	1	0
Errors:	0	0
Left On Base:	1	0

Western Michigan - Bottom of 9th

	NIU	WMU
Runs:	0	0
Hits:	0	0
Errors:	0	0
Left On Base:	0	0