

NIU (31-17, 21-12 MAC) -vs- Western Michigan (26-23, 20-13 MAC)
5/16/2026 at Kalamazoo, Mich. (Hyames Field)

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

NIU 6

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Wyatt Wawro rf	4	1	0	1	2	0	0
Cole Smith 2b	5	0	1	2	1	2	2
Nolan Sandee ss	2	0	0	0	3	1	0
Gavin Baldwin 1b	5	1	1	0	0	1	5
Vinny Spotofora 3b	3	1	2	0	1	1	0
Ivan Dahlberg c	2	1	0	1	2	1	1
Caden Robertson lf	4	1	1	2	1	1	3
Charlie Parcell cf	4	0	1	0	1	0	1
Will Couchman dh	4	1	2	0	0	2	2
Marcus Romero ph	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Max Vaisvila 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
Matt Tarr p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
John Lyman p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	6	8	6	12	9	14

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

Western Michigan 7

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
MALLY, Tanner cf	5	0	1	1	1	2	3
HOWARD, Drew 2b	6	1	3	2	0	0	0
MALONEY, Michael ss	3	2	2	1	1	1	0
THIELMAN, Avery 1b	5	0	2	2	0	0	2
RICK, Lucas dh	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
HUMS, Cooper rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OSTRANDER, Connor rf/3b	3	0	2	1	1	0	1
PILARSKI, Mason 3b/p	4	1	0	0	0	2	5
MENNECKE, Mark lf	3	2	3	0	0	0	0
ZAJAC, Nolan c	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROWOLD, Jacob ph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENA, Diego c	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
HOOVER, Matt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
THOMPSON, DJ p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WIZCEB, Joey p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DORAN, Turner p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MALONEY, Matt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	7	14	7	4	6	11

2B: MALONEY, Michael (1); THIELMAN, Avery (1)
3B: OSTRANDER, Connor (1)
SH: OSTRANDER, Connor (1); MENNECKE, Mark (1); ZAJAC, Nolan (1)
HBP: MALONEY, Michael (1); PILARSKI, Mason (1); MENNECKE, Mark (1); ROWOLD, Jacob (1)
DP: 2

NIU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Max Vaisvila	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	0	13
Blake Gaskey	4.0	7	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	16	19	4	6	56
Cooper Cohn	0.2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	5	1	0	10
Matt Tarr	1.2	2	3	3	2	2	1	0	1	0	8	11	2	1	38
John Lyman (L, 0-1)	1.1	3	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	6	9	0	3	18
Totals		14	7	7	4	6	2	0	4	1	36	47	8	10	135

Western Michigan	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
HOOVER, Matt	2.0	2	1	1	4	1	2	0	1	0	8	13	4	1	51
THOMPSON, DJ	2.0	1	1	1	1	5	0	0	1	0	7	9	1	0	37
WIZCEB, Joey	0.1	3	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	1	0	21
DORAN, Turner	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	13
MALONEY, Matt	3.0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	9	11	2	4	44
PILARSKI, Mason (W, 1-0)	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	5	1	1	17
Totals		8	6	6	12	9	2	0	2	0	33	47	9	7	183

Win: PILARSKI, Mason (1-0)
Loss: John Lyman (0-1)
HBP: Cooper Cohn, Matt Tarr, John Lyman, HOOVER, Matt, THOMPSON, DJ
PB: None

Umpires: Home Plate: Robert Lothian First: Cory Hinga Third Base: Michael Wiseman
Start: 1:09 pm **Time:** 3:23 **Attendance:** 456 **Weather:** M Sunny, 73, wind SW at 3 mph

Game notes:

- THOMPSON, D. faced 1 batter in the 5th.

Play By Play

NIU - Top of 1st	NIU	WMU
W. Wawro walked (3-2 KBBFBF).	0	0
W. Wawro advanced to second on a wild pitch.	0	0
C. Smith flied out to lf (3-1 BBBK).	0	0
N. Sandee walked (3-2 BKBBFB).	0	0
G. Baldwin struck out swinging (0-2 KKFS).	0	0
N. Sandee advanced to second; W. Wawro advanced to third on a wild pitch.	0	0
V. Spotofora hit by pitch (2-2 KBBF).	0	0
I. Dahlberg walked, RBI (3-2 BBBKFB); V. Spotofora advanced to second; N. Sandee advanced to third; W. Wawro scored.	1	0
C. Robertson flied out to cf to left center (0-0).	1	0
Runs: 1 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 3		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 1st	NIU	WMU
MALLY, T. struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b (1-2 FBKS).	1	0
HOWARD, D. flied out to rf (2-0 BB).	1	0
MALONEY, Mi. struck out swinging (3-2 FFBBBS).	1	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

NIU - Top of 2nd	NIU	WMU
C. Parcell singled through the right side (0-1 K).	1	0
W. Couchman singled to right center (2-1 KBB); C. Parcell advanced to third.	1	0
W. Wawro popped up to ss (0-1 K).	1	0
C. Smith walked (3-1 KBBBB); W. Couchman advanced to second.	1	0
N. Sandee reached on a fielder's choice (0-0); C. Smith advanced to second; W. Couchman advanced to third; C. Parcell out at home 1b to c.	1	0
G. Baldwin popped up to 2b (1-2 SBS).	1	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 3		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 2nd	NIU	WMU
B. Gaskey to p for M. Vaisvila.	1	0
THIELMAN, A. grounded out to 3b (0-1 K).	1	0
RICK, L. grounded out to 3b (1-2 BFK).	1	0
OSTRANDER, C tripled down the rf line (2-2 BBFK).	1	0
PILARSKI, M. struck out swinging (3-2 KKBBFBS).	1	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

NIU - Top of 3rd	NIU	WMU
THOMPSON, D. to p for HOOVER, M..	1	0
V. Spotofora struck out looking (3-2 BBBKFFK).	1	0
I. Dahlberg hit by pitch (0-1 K).	1	0
C. Robertson struck out swinging (1-2 KKBS).	1	0
C. Parcell walked (3-0 BBBB); I. Dahlberg advanced to second.	1	0
W. Couchman struck out swinging (0-2 KSS).	1	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 3rd	NIU	WMU
MENNECKE, M. singled through the left side (1-2 BFK).	1	0
ZAJAC, N. grounded out to c, SAC, bunt (0-0); MENNECKE, M. advanced to second.	1	0
MALLY, T. flied out to lf (2-0 BB).	1	0
HOWARD, D. singled up the middle (0-0); MENNECKE, M. advanced to third, out at third 2b to 3b.	1	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

NIU - Top of 4th	NIU	WMU
W. Wawro flied out to cf (2-1 KBB).	1	0
C. Smith struck out swinging (3-2 KSBFFS).	1	0
N. Sandee struck out swinging, out at first c to 1b (0-2 SSS).	1	0
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 4th	NIU	WMU
MALONEY, Mi. walked (3-2 KBKBBB).	1	0
THIELMAN, A. singled to center field (0-0); MALONEY, Mi. advanced to second.	1	0
RICK, L. flied out to cf (0-1 K); MALONEY, Mi. advanced to third.	1	0
OSTRANDER, C grounded out to p, SAC, bunt, RBI (0-1 K); THIELMAN, A. advanced to second; MALONEY, Mi. scored.	1	1
PILARSKI, M. grounded out to 3b (2-2 SFBBF).	1	1
Runs: 1 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

NIU - Top of 5th	NIU	WMU
G. Baldwin doubled down the lf line (0-1 K).	1	1
WIZCEB, J. to p for THOMPSON, D..	1	1
V. Spotofora singled to left field (1-1 BK); G. Baldwin advanced to third.	1	1
I. Dahlberg walked (3-1 BBKBB); V. Spotofora advanced to second.	1	1
C. Robertson singled up the middle, 2 RBI (0-1 K); I. Dahlberg advanced to second; V. Spotofora scored; G. Baldwin scored.	3	1
C. Parcell flied out to lf (0-2 KK).	3	1
W. Couchman singled to catcher (1-0 B); C. Robertson advanced to second; I. Dahlberg advanced to third.	3	1
W. Wawro walked, RBI (3-2 BBBKKB); W. Couchman advanced to second; C. Robertson advanced to third; I. Dahlberg scored.	4	1
DORAN, T. to p for WIZCEB, J..	4	1
C. Smith doubled to center field, 2 RBI (2-1 BKB); W. Wawro advanced to third; W. Couchman scored; C. Robertson scored.	6	1
N. Sandee walked (3-2 BFBBFB).	6	1
G. Baldwin grounded into double play ss to 2b to 1b (0-2 FF); N. Sandee out on the play.	6	1
Runs: 5 Hits: 5 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 5th	NIU	WMU
MENNECKE, M. singled up the middle (0-2 KF).	6	1
MENNECKE, M. advanced to second on a wild pitch.	6	1
ZAJAC, N. grounded out to ss (1-2 KFB).	6	1
MALLY, T. singled to left field, RBI (0-0); MENNECKE, M. scored.	6	2
HOWARD, D. flied out to rf (0-0).	6	2
MALONEY, Mi. singled through the right side (0-1 K); MALLY, T. advanced to second.	6	2
THIELMAN, A. flied out to lf (0-0).	6	2
Runs: 1 Hits: 3 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2		

NIU - Top of 6th	NIU	WMU
MALONEY, Ma. to p for DORAN, T..	6	2
V. Spotofora walked (3-2 BBBKFB).	6	2
I. Dahlberg struck out swinging (1-2 KKBS).	6	2
C. Robertson flied out to cf to left center (1-2 KSB).	6	2
C. Parcell grounded out to 2b (1-0 B).	6	2
Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1		

Western Michigan - Bottom of 6th	NIU	WMU
C. Cohn to p for B. Gaskey.	6	2
RICK, L. singled through the right side (0-2 SK).	6	2
OSTRANDER, C singled to center field (1-1 BK); RICK, L. advanced to second.	6	2
PILARSKI, M. lined into double play cf to 2b (0-1 S); RICK, L. out on the play.	6	2
MENNECKE, M. hit by pitch (0-0); OSTRANDER, C advanced to second.	6	2
ROWOLD, J. pinch hit for ZAJAC, N..	6	2
ROWOLD, J. hit by pitch (0-0); MENNECKE, M. advanced to second; OSTRANDER, C advanced to third.	6	2
M. Tarr to p for C. Cohn.	6	2
MALLY, T. reached on a fielder's choice (0-1 K); ROWOLD, J. advanced to second; MENNECKE, M. out at third 3b unassisted.	6	2
Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 3		

NIU - Top of 7th	NIU	WMU
PENA, D. to c for ROWOLD, J..	6	2
W. Couchman struck out swinging (2-2 KBBSS).	6	2

W. Wawro grounded out to 3b (2-1 BSB).	6	2		
C. Smith grounded out to ss (0-2 KSF).	6	2		
	Runs: 0	Hits: 0	Errors: 0	Left On Base: 0

Western Michigan - Bottom of 7th

	NIU	WMU		
HOWARD, D. reached on a fielding error by 2b (0-0).	6	2		
MALONEY, Mi. hit by pitch (3-0 BBB); HOWARD, D. advanced to second.	6	2		
THIELMAN, A. lined out to lf (1-0 B).	6	2		
MALONEY, Mi. advanced to second; HOWARD, D. advanced to third on a wild pitch.	6	2		
RICK, L. popped up to 2b (1-1 SB).	6	2		
OSTRANDER, C walked (3-0 BBBB).	6	2		
PILARSKI, M. struck out looking (1-2 KBKK).	6	2		
	Runs: 0	Hits: 0	Errors: 1	Left On Base: 3

NIU - Top of 8th

	NIU	WMU		
N. Sandee walked (3-2 BBKBBB).	6	2		
G. Baldwin flied out to rf (2-1 KBB).	6	2		
V. Spotofora singled to third base (0-0); N. Sandee advanced to second.	6	2		
I. Dahlberg grounded into double play 1b to ss to p (2-1 KBB); V. Spotofora out on the play.	6	2		
	Runs: 0	Hits: 1	Errors: 0	Left On Base: 1

Western Michigan - Bottom of 8th

	NIU	WMU		
MENNECKE, M. singled up the middle (0-1 K).	6	2		
PENA, D. walked (3-0 BBBB); MENNECKE, M. advanced to second.	6	2		
MALLY, T. struck out looking (3-2 BKBKBFK).	6	2		
HOWARD, D. singled to left center, RBI (3-1 BBBK); PENA, D. advanced to second; MENNECKE, M. scored.	6	3		
J. Lyman to p for M. Tarr.	6	3		
MALONEY, Mi. doubled to left field, RBI (0-2 KFF); HOWARD, D. advanced to third; PENA, D. scored.	6	4		
THIELMAN, A. doubled to right field, 2 RBI (0-0); MALONEY, Mi. scored; HOWARD, D. scored.	6	6		
RICK, L. grounded out to 2b (0-0); THIELMAN, A. advanced to third.	6	6		
OSTRANDER, C grounded out to 2b (0-0).	6	6		
	Runs: 4	Hits: 4	Errors: 0	Left On Base: 1

NIU - Top of 9th

	NIU	WMU		
HUMS, C. to rf for RICK, L..	6	6		
OSTRANDER, C to 3b.	6	6		
PILARSKI, M. to p.	6	6		
/ for MALONEY, Ma..	6	6		
C. Robertson walked (3-0 BBBB).	6	6		
C. Parcell reached on a fielder's choice, bunt (0-0); C. Robertson out at second p to ss.	6	6		
M. Romero pinch hit for W. Couchman.	6	6		
M. Romero walked (3-1 BKBBB); C. Parcell advanced to second.	6	6		
W. Wawro flied out to cf to right center (0-2 KF); C. Parcell advanced to third.	6	6		
M. Romero stole second.	6	6		
C. Smith struck out looking (1-2 KSBK).	6	6		
	Runs: 0	Hits: 0	Errors: 0	Left On Base: 2

Western Michigan - Bottom of 9th

	NIU	WMU		
PILARSKI, M. hit by pitch (1-1 BS).	6	6		
MENNECKE, M. grounded out to 3b, SAC, bunt (0-0); PILARSKI, M. advanced to second.	6	6		
PENA, D. struck out swinging (0-2 KSS).	6	6		
MALLY, T. intentionally walked (0-0).	6	6		
HOWARD, D. singled down the rf line, RBI (1-1 BS); MALLY, T. advanced to second; PILARSKI, M. scored.	6	7		
	Runs: 1	Hits: 1	Errors: 0	Left On Base: 2