

**Western Michigan (7-5) -vs- Butler (4-7)**  
**2/21/2026 at Bowling Green, Ky. (WKU Softball Complex)**

Score by Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
Western Michigan	0	4	4	1	0	3	12	17	0
Butler	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	3	2

**Western Michigan 12**

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Megan Malartisk rf	4	2	2	2	0	0	0
Hannah Herman 3b	3	2	2	1	1	0	0
Bella Duncan 1b	4	1	2	1	0	0	1
Jadeyn Merrill p	3	2	3	5	1	0	0
Caitlin Tighe ss	3	0	1	0	0	0	2
Analeez Niles ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Liliana Janeczko c	4	1	3	0	0	0	0
Emily Yacapraro pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Kendall Kotzmacher 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	0
Parker Ostach cf	3	1	1	2	1	0	1
Rylee O'Brien lf	3	2	2	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

**2B:** Megan Malartisk (1); Rylee O'Brien (1)  
**HR:** Jadeyn Merrill (2); Parker Ostach (1)

**Butler 2**

Player	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	LOB
Cate Lehner cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hailey Conger rf	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
Makena Alexander 1b	2	1	1	2	1	1	0
Rachel Hunt pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kayla Preiss 2b/ss	2	0	0	0	1	1	1
Alona Boydston c	2	0	0	0	1	2	0
Emily Todor pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kieli Ryan dh	1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Kendall Graves ss/3b	3	0	1	0	0	2	0
Paige Lillie 3b	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Erin Clark ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Paxton Law lf	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Olivia Roberts lf/2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	6
Kate Murray p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alyx Johnson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>

**HR:** Makena Alexander (1)  
**E:** Kayla Preiss (1); Paige Lillie (1)  
**DP:** 2

Western Michigan	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Jadeyn Merrill (W, 1-0)	6.0	3	2	2	6	11	0	0	0	0	21	27	4	3	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	

Butler	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WP	BK	HBP	IBB	AB	BF	FO	GO	NP
Kate Murray (L, 2-2)	2.2	12	8	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	18	20	4	0	-
Alyx Johnson	3.1	5	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	14	15	3	4	-
<b>Totals</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	

**Win:** Jadeyn Merrill (1-0)  
**Loss:** Kate Murray (2-2)  
**HBP:** None  
**PB:** None

**Umpires:** Home Plate: Roland Hammer First: Michelle Sandahl Third Base: Bobby Johnson  
**Start:** 10 a.m. **Time:** 2 hr **Attendance:** 77 **Weather:** 50 and mostly clear

## Play By Play

Western Michigan - Top of 1st	WMU	BUT
M. Malartisk singled to left field.	0	0
H. Herman fouled out to c, bunt; M. Malartisk out at first c to 1b.	0	0
Bella Duncan singled up the middle.	0	0
J. Merrill walked; Bella Duncan advanced to second.	0	0
C. Tighe flied out to rf.	0	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2</b>		

Butler - Bottom of 1st	WMU	BUT
Cate Lehner flied out to lf.	0	0
Hailey Conge struck out swinging.	0	0
Makena Alexa struck out swinging.	0	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

Western Michigan - Top of 2nd	WMU	BUT
L. Janeczko singled through the left side.	0	0
K Kotzmacher struck out looking.	0	0
P. Ostach walked; L. Janeczko advanced to second.	0	0
E. Yacapraro pinch ran for L. Janeczko.	0	0
R. O'Brien doubled to right field, RBI; P. Ostach advanced to third, out at home rf to 3b to c; E. Yacapraro scored.	1	0
M. Malartisk reached on an error by 3b, RBI; R. O'Brien scored, unearned.	2	0
H. Herman singled through the left side; M. Malartisk advanced to second.	2	0
Bella Duncan singled to right center, RBI; H. Herman advanced to third; M. Malartisk scored, unearned.	3	0
J. Merrill singled to right field, RBI; Bella Duncan advanced to second, out at third rf to 3b; H. Herman scored, unearned.	4	0
<b>Runs: 4 Hits: 5 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 1</b>		

Butler - Bottom of 2nd	WMU	BUT
L. Janeczko to c for E. Yacapraro.	4	0
Kayla Preiss walked.	4	0
Alona Boydstruck struck out swinging.	4	0
Kieli Ryan walked; Kayla Preiss advanced to second.	4	0
Kendall Grav struck out swinging.	4	0
Paige Lillie walked; Kiel Ryan advanced to second; Kayla Preiss advanced to third.	4	0
Olivia Rober struck out swinging.	4	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 3</b>		

Western Michigan - Top of 3rd	WMU	BUT
C. Tighe fouled out to rf.	4	0
L. Janeczko singled to right field.	4	0
K Kotzmacher fouled out to 1b.	4	0
P. Ostach homered to center field, 2 RBI; L. Janeczko scored.	6	0
R. O'Brien singled to left center.	6	0
M. Malartisk doubled to center field, RBI; R. O'Brien scored.	7	0
H. Herman singled to center field, RBI; M. Malartisk scored.	8	0
Alyx Johnson to p for Kate Murray.	8	0
Bella Duncan flied out to rf.	8	0
<b>Runs: 4 Hits: 5 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1</b>		

Butler - Bottom of 3rd	WMU	BUT
Cate Lehner grounded out to 3b.	8	0
Hailey Conge flied out to lf.	8	0
Makena Alexa walked.	8	0
Rachel Hunt pinch ran for Makena Alexa.	8	0
Kayla Preiss fouled out to lf.	8	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1</b>		

<b>Western Michigan - Top of 4th</b>	<b>WMU</b>	<b>BUT</b>
Makena Alexa to 1b for Rachel Hunt.	8	0
J. Merrill homered to center field, RBI.	9	0
A. Niles pinch hit for C. Tighe.	9	0
A. Niles struck out swinging.	9	0
L. Janeczko singled to third base.	9	0
K Kotzmacher flied into double play rf unassisted; L. Janeczko out on the play.	9	0
<b>Runs: 1 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

<b>Butler - Bottom of 4th</b>	<b>WMU</b>	<b>BUT</b>
C. Tighe to ss for A. Niles.	9	0
Alona Boydst walked.	9	0
Emily Todor pinch ran for Alona Boydst.	9	0
Kieli Ryan struck out swinging.	9	0
Kendall Grav singled through the left side; Emily Todor advanced to second.	9	0
Erin Clark pinch hit for Paige Lillie.	9	0
Erin Clark struck out swinging.	9	0
Olivia Rober flied out to rf.	9	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 1 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 2</b>		

<b>Western Michigan - Top of 5th</b>	<b>WMU</b>	<b>BUT</b>
Alona Boydst to c for Emily Todor.	9	0
Paige Lillie to 3b for Erin Clark.	9	0
P. Ostach grounded out to 2b.	9	0
R. O'Brien flied out to lf.	9	0
M. Malartisk grounded out to ss.	9	0
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

<b>Butler - Bottom of 5th</b>	<b>WMU</b>	<b>BUT</b>
Cate Lehner singled to pitcher, bunt.	9	0
Hailey Conge reached on a fielder's choice to shortstop; Cate Lehner out at second ss unassisted.	9	0
Makena Alexa homered to left field, 2 RBI; Hailey Conge scored.	9	2
Kayla Preiss struck out swinging.	9	2
Alona Boydst struck out swinging.	9	2
<b>Runs: 2 Hits: 2 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 0</b>		

<b>Western Michigan - Top of 6th</b>	<b>WMU</b>	<b>BUT</b>
Kayla Preiss to ss.	9	2
Kendall Grav to 3b.	9	2
Paxton Law to lf for Paige Lillie.	9	2
Olivia Rober to 2b.	9	2
H. Herman walked.	9	2
Bella Duncan reached on an error by ss; H. Herman advanced to second.	9	2
J. Merrill homered to left field, 3 RBI; Bella Duncan scored, unearned; H. Herman scored.	12	2
C. Tighe singled up the middle.	12	2
L. Janeczko hit into double play 3b to 2b to 1b; C. Tighe out on the play.	12	2
K Kotzmacher singled up the middle.	12	2
P. Ostach reached on a fielder's choice to second base; K Kotzmacher out at second 2b to ss.	12	2
<b>Runs: 3 Hits: 3 Errors: 1 Left On Base: 1</b>		

<b>Butler - Bottom of 6th</b>	<b>WMU</b>	<b>BUT</b>
Kieli Ryan walked.	12	2
Kendall Grav struck out swinging.	12	2
Paxton Law struck out swinging.	12	2
Olivia Rober grounded out to p.	12	2
<b>Runs: 0 Hits: 0 Errors: 0 Left On Base: 1</b>		