



MILWAUKEE BASEBALL GAME NOTES

1999, 2001, 2002, 2010 NCAA APPEARANCES | 26 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL DRAFT PICKS

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2026 SCHEDULE / RESULTS

Date	Opponent	TV	Time
February			
13	at No. 1/2 LSU		L, 5-15 (8)
14	at No. 1/2 LSU		L, 3-5
15	at No. 1/2 LSU		L, 7-21 (7)
20	at Duke		3:00 pm
21	at Duke		12:00 pm
	at Duke		3:00 pm
22	at Duke		12:00 pm
27	at Evansville		3:00 pm
28	at Evansville		2:00 pm
March			
1	at Evansville		1:00 pm
3	at Minnesota		6:00 pm
4	at Minnesota		6:00 pm
6	at Southeast Missouri St.		3:00 pm
7	at Southeast Missouri St.		2:00 pm
8	at Southeast Missouri St.		1:00 pm
10	at Purdue		3:00 pm
13	at Northern Kentucky *		2:00 pm
14	at Northern Kentucky *		12:00 pm
15	at Northern Kentucky *		11:00 am
17	at Western Illinois		2:00 pm
20	WRIGHT STATE *		3:00 pm
21	WRIGHT STATE *		2:00 pm
22	WRIGHT STATE *		1:00 pm
27	BUTLER		3:00 pm
28	BUTLER		2:00 pm
29	BUTLER		1:00 pm
31	UIC		3:00 pm
April			
2	YOUNGSTOWN STATE *		3:00 pm
3	YOUNGSTOWN STATE *		3:00 pm
4	YOUNGSTOWN STATE *		12:00 pm
7	IOWA		4:00 pm
10	at Oakland *		2:00 pm
11	at Oakland *		1:00 pm
12	at Oakland *		12:00 pm
13	at Central Michigan		2:00 pm
17	NORTHERN KENTUCKY *		3:00 pm
18	NORTHERN KENTUCKY *		2:00 pm
19	NORTHERN KENTUCKY *		1:00 pm
21	ST. THOMAS		3:00 pm
24	at Wright State *		2:00 pm
25	at Wright State *		1:00 pm
26	at Wright State *		12:00 pm
28	at Northwestern		3:30 pm
29	at Notre Dame		5:30 pm
May			
1	at UNLV		8:00 pm
2	at UNLV		8:00 pm
3	at UNLV		2:00 pm
5	VALPARAISO		11:00 am
6	at UIC		6:00 pm
8	at Youngstown State *		10:00 am
9	at Youngstown State *		2:00 pm
10	at Youngstown State *		11:00 am
12	at Northern Illinois		3:00 pm
14	OAKLAND *		5:00 pm
15	OAKLAND *		11:00 am
16	OAKLAND *		11:00 am
20-23	Horizon Championship		TBD

*Horizon League Game | All Times Central | HOME GAMES

FEBRUARY 20-22, 2026 MILWAUKEE at DUKE

Jack Coombs Field | Durham, N.C. | Friday at 3:00 pm | Saturday at 12:00 pm (DH) | Sunday at 12:00 pm |



PANTHERS

0-3 Overall
0-0 Horizon

HOME 0-0

AWAY 0-3

NEUTRAL 0-0

SHAUN WEGNER (Third Season)

Career Record: 43-74

Record at Milwaukee: Same

Probables: Friday: Matthew Mueller; Saturday: Aric Ehmke & To Be Announced; Sunday: Riley Peterson



BLUE DEVILS

4-1 Overall
0-0 Atlantic Coast

HOME 4-1

AWAY 0-0

NEUTRAL 0-0

COREY MUSCARA (First Season)

Career Record: 4-1

Record at Duke: Same

Probables: Friday: Aidan Weaver; Saturday: Peter Lemke & Aiden O'Connell; Sunday: Andy Leon

SERIES HISTORY

ALL-TIME SERIES

Series Tied, 0-0

CURRENT STREAK

N/A - First Meeting

HOME / AWAY / NEUTRAL

0-0 / 0-0 / 0-0

LAST FIVE MEETINGS

February 20, 2026

February 21, 2026

February 21, 2026

February 22, 2026

HEAD TO HEAD

MILWAUKEE		CATEGORY	DUKE
.265	<<	Batting Average	.252
15		Runs Scored	>> 31
26		Hits	>> 37
5	<<	Doubles	4
0		Triples	>> 2
4	<<	Home Runs	>> 4
.439	<<	Slugging Percentage	.388
.354		On-Base Percentage	>> .403
2		Stolen Bases	>> 18
12.66		Earned Run Average	>> 2.51
2.61		WHIP	>> 1.19
18		Strikeouts	>> 49
.385		Opponent Batting Average	>> .180
7		Errors	>> 2

LEADING OFF

» Milwaukee opened the season with the defending College World Series Champions LSU a week ago, and their schedule does not get any easier as the Panthers head to Durham, N.C. to take on Duke, who reached the Super Regionals a season ago.

» The Panthers are 0-3 on the year, while Duke enters play this weekend with a 4-1 mark, including a 10-5 win on Tuesday afternoon against Appalachian State. The Blue Devils fell behind 3-0 in the top of the first inning and outscored the Mountaineers 10-2 from the third inning on.

» Milwaukee was led offensively by Bradyn Horn and Charlie Marion in Baton Rouge, as the duo both hit .400 against Tiger pitching. Horn also hit his first collegiate home run in the series, while Marion connected on his first of the year after leading the Panthers with 12 a season ago.

» Matthew Mueller pitched the first three innings in the season opener followed by Mason Weckler's 2 2/3 innings in relief as Milwaukee threatened the defending champs with an early-season loss ahead 5-4 in the seventh inning.

» Aric Ehmke pitched game two of the series and allowed just one earned run over seven innings of work while striking out three.

» The Panthers had a bullpen game on Sunday, started by Riley Peterson, who struck out two Tigers over his first two innings of work.

» This will be the first time that Milwaukee will play against Duke. However, the Panthers have played five other ACC opponents in its history, with a 5-17 record. Milwaukee is 0-2 vs. Louisville, 0-4 vs. Miami, 3-10 vs. Notre Dame, 1-0 vs. Pitt, and 1-1 vs. Wake Forest.

» Among current members that comprise the Horizon League, Duke has only played Wright State and are 2-2 against the Raiders, last playing in the 2021 Knoxville Regional, and winning 15-6.

**General Information**

Location	Milwaukee, Wis.
Founded	1885
Enrollment	22,882
Nickname	Panthers
Colors	Black and Gold
Facility / Capacity	Franklin Field/4,000
Surface	Turf
Dimensions	LF - 330, CF - 408, RF - 330
Affiliation	NCAA Division I
Conference	Horizon League
Chancellor	Thomas Gibson
Director of Athletics	Amanda Braun
Associate AD/SWA	Kathy Litzau

Baseball History

First Year of Baseball	1957-73, 1987-pres.
Overall All-Time Record	1092-1275-4
First Year in Division I	1991
Division I Record	881-949-3 (31 Years)
All-Time Horizon League Record	407-341-1 (28 Years)
Horizon League Championships	2000, 2001, 2013
Years in NCAA Regional/Last	4 / 2010
Result	L, 6-2 at #1 Arizona State L, 22-1 at #15 San Diego

Baseball Staff

Head Coach	Shaun Wegner
Assistant Coach	Cory Bigler
Assistant Coach	Mike Porcaro
Assistant Coach	Jack Sievers
Assistant Coach	Andy Bergholz
Athletic Trainer	Tori Ghilardi
Academic Advisor	Andy Van Sistine

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2026 HORIZON LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Horizon League				Overall				Streak
	W	L	T	Pct.	W	L	T	Pct.	
Oakland	0	0	0	---	1	2	0	.333	W1
Wright State	0	0	0	---	1	2	0	.333	W1
Northern Kentucky	0	0	0	---	1	3	0	.250	L1
Milwaukee	0	0	0	---	0	3	0	.000	L3
Youngstown State	0	0	0	---	0	3	0	.000	L3

HORIZON LEAGUE SCHEDULE (All Times Central)

Feb. 13-15	Wright State at Georgia UGA, 13-1 / UGA, 9-0 / WSU, 6-3
	Northern Kentucky at South Carolina SC, 5-2 / SC, 6-5 / NKU, 3-2
	Youngstown State at Auburn AUB, 2-1 / AUB, 2-1 / AUB, 17-2
	Oakland at Lamar LAM, 8-2 / LAM, 9-7 / OAK, 3-2
Feb. 17	Northern Kentucky at Eastern Kentucky ECU, 16-11
Feb. 19-22	Youngstown State at Oregon 5:00 pm / 5:00 pm / 2:00 pm / 2:00 pm
Feb. 20	Northern Kentucky vs. Louisiana Monroe (at New Orleans) 11:00 am
Feb. 20-22	Wright State at Charlotte 3:00 pm / 1:00 pm / 12:00 pm
	Oakland at Southern Indiana 4:00 pm / 1:00 pm (DH) / 1:00 pm
Feb. 21	Northern Kentucky at New Orleans 4:00 pm
Feb. 22	Northern Kentucky vs. Alabama A&M (at New Orleans) 11:00 am
Feb. 24	Morehead State at Northern Kentucky 1:00 pm
Feb. 25	Kent State at Wright State 2:00 pm
Feb. 27-Mar. 1	Wright State at Campbell 4:00 pm / 2:00 pm / 12:00 pm
	Eastern Illinois at Northern Kentucky 1:00 pm / 12:00 pm / 11:00 am
	Youngstown State at Longwood 2:00 pm / 11:00 am (DH) / 12:00 pm
	Oakland at Georgia 2:00 pm / 12:00 pm (DH) / 12:00 pm
Mar. 3	Miami (Ohio) at Wright State 2:00 pm
	Youngstown State at Pittsburgh 2:00 pm
	Northern Kentucky at Indiana 3:00 pm
Mar. 4	Oakland at Tennessee 3:00 pm
Mar. 6-8	Wright State at Tennessee 5:30 pm / 5:00 pm / 12:00 pm
	Youngstown State at Southern Indiana 3:00 pm / 3:00 pm / 12:00 pm
	Northern Kentucky at Florida State 5:00 pm / 1:00 pm / 12:00 pm
	Oakland at Texas A&M 6:00 pm / 2:00 pm / 1:00 pm
Mar. 10	Wright State at Indiana 4:00 pm
	Toledo at Northern Kentucky 2:00 pm
Mar. 11	Oakland at Akron 1:00 pm
	Central Michigan at Youngstown State 4:00 pm
Mar. 13-15	Oakland at Youngstown State 2:00 pm / 2:00 pm / 12:00 pm
	SEMO at Wright State 2:00 pm / 1:00 pm / 12:00 pm
Mar. 17	Wright State at Kent State TBA
	Oakland at Eastern Michigan 2:00 pm
	Northern Kentucky at Louisville 5:00 pm
Mar. 18	Youngstown State at Pittsburgh 2:00 pm
	Eastern Michigan at Oakland 2:00 pm

IT'S "MILWAUKEE"

A lot has been made of the correct way to talk about the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, especially in the area of athletics. It would be appreciated if you would refer to the athletics teams as either "Milwaukee" or "MKE".

Milwaukee Athletics is making an effort to brand itself as "Milwaukee" instead of other references. Please avoid UW-Milwaukee, UW-M, Wisc.-Mil, UW-MIL, Wisconsin-Milwaukee, etc.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

2026 HORIZON LEAGUE PRESEASON POLL

School (1st place votes)	Points
1. Wright State (4)	24
2. Milwaukee	18
3. Northern Kentucky	12
4. Youngstown State	11
5. Oakland (1)	10

* Purdue Fort Wayne No Longer Sponsors Baseball following the 2025 Season
* Northern Illinois to join Horizon League beginning 2027 Season

MILWAUKEE BASEBALL ROSTER

No.	Pitchers	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School / College)
24	Tyler Andrews	LHP	L/L	6-1	185	So.	Whitefish Bay, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)
23	Tristan Arnold	RHP	R/R	6-1	170	R-So.	Mukwonago, Wis. (Mukwonago)
38	Justin Breitensetein	RHP	L/R	6-5	235	R-So.	Estero, Fla. (Estero / Southern Indiana)
14	Aric Ehmke	RHP	R/R	6-1	200	Sr.	Waterloo, Ind. (DeKalb / Frontier)
28	Aiden Fishnick	RHP	R/R	6-2	210	R-Jr.	Barneveld, Wis. (Barneveld / McHenry)
12	Riley Golden	LHP	L/L	5-9	165	Fr.	Crystal Lake, Ill. (Prairie Ridge)
11	Tyler Hrin	LHP	L/L	6-4	215	R-Jr.	Denver, Colo. (Thomas Jefferson / Howard College)
48	Sotaro Ishida	RHP	R/R	5-8	160	Jr.	Okayama, Japan (Urawagakuin / Cochise)
31	Matthew Mueller	LHP	L/L	6-5	220	Jr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East / Gonzaga)
39	Riley Peterson	LHP	L/L	6-0	185	So.	Verona, Wis. (Verona Area)
32	Cullen Riel	RHP	R/R	6-2	200	Jr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Druid Hills / Mineral Area)
17	Braden Theis	RHP	R/R	6-3	180	Fr.	Sussex, Wis. (Lake Country Lutheran)
18	Gavin Theis	RHP	R/R	6-3	200	Gr.	Sussex, Wis. (Lake Country Lutheran)
49	Alex Vander Loop	RHP	R/R	6-1	205	R-Fr.	Kimberly, Wis. (Kimberly)
55	Lucas Watson	RHP	R/R	6-2	180	5th	Sacramento, Calif. (Bella Vista / Yuba / Regis (Colo.))
34	Mason Weckler	RHP	R/R	6-0	205	Jr.	Belvidere, Ill. (Belvidere North / Stevens Point)
No.	Catchers	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School / College)
30	Connor Harvie	C	R/R	5-10	200	Fr.	Waterford, Wis. (Waterford Union)
27	Dominic Kibler	C/OF	L/R	5-8	190	Jr.	New Berlin, Wis. (New Berlin West / Kent State)
15	Turner Kuhnke	C	R/R	6-1	200	Fr.	Greenville, Wis. (Hortonville)
33	Ryan Lemm	C/OF	L/R	5-9	200	Fr.	Janesville, Wis. (Janesville Craig)
13	Joey Spence	C/1B	L/R	5-10	205	Sr.	West Bend, Wis. (West Bend East / Notre Dame / Texas A&M-Texarkana)
No.	Infielders	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School / College)
7	Connor Bozak	INF	R/R	5-11	180	Sr.	Bay Village, Ohio (Bay / Cuyahoga)
4	Tristan Ellis	INF	L/R	5-7	170	Jr.	Greendale, Wis. (Greendale / Minnesota)
1	Max Glusick	UTL	R/R	5-8	165	Fr.	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie East)
6	John Hadley VI	1B	L/R	6-3	190	So.	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie East)
29	Christian Holmes	INF	R/R	6-3	210	Jr.	Crete, Ill. (Brother Rice / UIC)
16	Camden Kuhnke	3B/P	R/R	6-3	210	So.	Hortonville, Wis. (Hortonville)
8	Grant Ross	INF	R/R	5-10	192	R-Sr.	Pewaukee, Wis. (Pewaukee / Valparaiso / Madison/ Illinois)
3	Tate Schmidt	INF	L/R	6-0	190	So.	Waunakee, Wis. (Waunakee)
26	Peter Visconti II	UTL	R/R	5-10	190	Fr.	Gurnee, Ill. (Kenosha St. Joseph (Wis.))
No.	Outfielders	Pos.	B/T	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School / College)
20	Bradyn Horn	OF	R/L	6-0	185	So.	Wind Lake, Wis. (Muskego)
22	Charlie Marion	OF	L/R	6-0	200	Sr.	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin / Madison)
2	Dylan O'Connell	OF	R/R	5-10	180	Jr.	Eau Claire, Wis. (Eau Claire Memorial / St. Thomas / Western Kentucky)
9	Cade Palkowski	OF	L/L	5-10	190	So.	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)

BASEBALL STAFF

Head Coach / Third Base Coach: #10 Shaun Wegner (Third Season)

Assistant Coach / Pitching Coach: #47 Cory Bigler

Assistant Coach: #81 Mike Porcaro

Assistant Coach / First Base Coach: #41 Jack Sievers

Assistant Coach: Andy Bergholz

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

CLASS	POSITION	HOME STATE	STATUS
Graduate: 1	RH Pitchers: 11	Wisconsin: 23	Returns: 17
Fifth Year: 1	LH Pitchers: 5	Illinois: 4	Transfers: 10
Seniors: 6	Catchers: 5	California: 1	Freshmen: 7
Juniors: 11	Infielders: 7	Colorado: 1	
Sophomores: 7	Outfielders: 7	Florida: 1	
Freshmen: 8	Two-Way: 1	Georgia: 1	
	Utility: 2	Indiana: 1	
		Ohio: 1	
		Japan: 1	

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Connor Bozak	bo-ZACK	Ryan Lemm	LEM
Justin Breitenstein	bright-en-stine	Charlie Marion	marry-un
Aric Ehmke	Eric M-key	Matthew Mueller	mill-er
Bradyn Horn	BRAY-din	Cade Palkowski	PAL-cow-skee
Tyler Hrin	RIN	Cullen Riel	reel
Max Glusick	gloo-sick	Jack Sievers (Asst. Coach)	SEE-vers
Sotaro Ishida	so-TAR-o ee-she-da	Braden Theis	TICE
Dominic Kibler	kibb-ler	Gavin Theis	TICE
Camden Kuhnke	kun-key		
Turner Kuhnke	kun-key		

GAME NOTES

QUICK LOOK AT DUKE

The Blue Devils got off to a 3-1 start against Maine this weekend before doubling up Appalachian State on Tuesday afternoon by a 10-5 score. Duke has outscored its opponents by a 31-16 difference through its first five games.

Milwaukee's catchers will have their work cut out for them as Duke is fifth in the nation through the first weekend in stolen bases, having swiped 17 bags thus far on the season. The Blue Devil offense is very patient at the plate as well, drawing the eighth-most walks nationally with 33. Tyler Albright leads the team and is top-five nationally in walks with eight drawn already in 2026.

First year head coach Corey Muscara brings a strong pitching background to Durham after four seasons as the pitching coach at Wake Forest. In addition to his time at Wake Forest, Muscara coached at Maryland, St. John's, and Division II Southern New Hampshire. Muscara played at Division II power Franklin Pierce in New Hampshire.

Last season, Duke finished the season 41-21 with a 17-13 record in the Atlantic Coast Conference, which included a 30-10 record in home games. The Blue Devils have an 80-33 at Jack Coombs Field, dating back to the 2023 season.

DUKE – PLAYERS TO WATCH

Brooks Perez – 1B – .375 AVG, 1.393 OPS, 3 H, 1 HR, 2 RBIs, .750 SLG%, .643 OB%
 Cider Canon – C – .375 AVG, 1.128 OPS, 6 H, 1 HR, 4 RBIs, .750 SLG%, .643 OB%
 Coltin Quagliano – 3B – .313 AVG, .728 OPS, 5 H, .375 SLG%, .353 OB%
 Adin Zorn – RF – .235 AVG, .647 OPS, 4 H, 1 HR, 4 RBIs, .412 SLG%, .235 OB%

DUKE – PITCHERS TO WATCH

Ben Dean – RHP – 1-0, 5 IP, 0.00 ERA, 0.60 WHIP, 9 K, .067 B/AVG
 Jack Hedrick – RHP – 1-0, 4 IP, 0.00 ERA, 1.00 WHIP, 5 K, .077 B/AVG
 Aidan Weaver – RHP – 1-0, 5 IP, 3.60 ERA, 1.40 WHIP, 4 K, .222 B/AVG
 Matthew Nochowitz – RHP – 0-0, 4 IP, 6.75 ERA, 2.00 WHIP, 5 K, .368 B/AVG

UP NEXT

After the four-game series with Duke this weekend, Milwaukee heads to Indiana to take on Evansville. The Panthers last visited the Aces in 2017 and have played all 12 of their meetings with Evansville in Indiana. MKE is 4-8 in 12 meetings against the Aces.

LAST MEETING

This weekend will be the first meetings between Milwaukee and Duke.

ON THESE DATES

February 20 – 3-3 Record; Streak: Won 1; Last Win: 12-2 vs. Alabama A&M (2022)
 February 21 – 1-10 Record; Streak: Lost 4; Last Win: 5-4 vs. Omaha (2014)
 February 22 – 0-8 Record; Streak: Lost 8; Last Win: N/A

ROTATION RECAP

After beginning last season as Milwaukee's closer with a save in the season opener, Matthew Mueller picked up where he left off late in 2025 in the Panther weekend rotation. He tossed three innings and struck out as many batters over his first outing of the season.

Senior right-hander Aric Ehmke was a strong candidate for Horizon League Pitcher of the Week to begin the season, after a seven-inning outing on Saturday vs. LSU. The righty's seven innings of work was his second-longest outing as a Panther, as he left the game trailing just 2-1 against the Tigers.

HEAD COACH SHAUN WEGNER



Third Season | Milwaukee '10

Head Coaching Records

Career Record: 43-74
 Conference Record: 29-30
 Postseason Record: 4-4

Player Awards & Honors

Horizon Pitcher of the Year: 1
 Horizon Reliever of the Year: 1
 Horizon All-League First Team: 6
 Horizon All-League Second Team: 3
 Horizon All-Tournament Team: 4
 Horizon All-Freshman Team: 1
 Horizon All-Academic Team: 5

Coaching Timeline

2024-present - Milwaukee, Head Coach
 2019-2023 - Milwaukee, Assoc. Head Coach
 2018 - Milwaukee, Assistant Coach
 2013-2017 - Whitewater, Assistant Coach
 2011-12 - Minnesota-Mankato, Grad. Asst.

Playing Career

2006-2010 - Milwaukee, Catcher

Career Statistics (at Milwaukee)

180 Games, 566 At Bats, 101 Runs Scored,
 162 Hits, 28 2Bs, 2 3Bs, 9 HRs, 87 RBIs,
 .286 AVG, .390 SLG%, 18 SBs

Hometown

Watertown, Wis.

High School

Watertown '06



MILWAUKEE'S RECORD WHEN...

Overall	0-3
Horizon League Games	0-0
Non-League Games	0-3
Postseason Games	0-0
At Home	0-0
On the Road	0-3
At a Neutral Site	0-0
In Day Games	0-3
In Night Games	0-0
vs. Left-Handed Starting Pitcher	0-0
vs. Right-Handed Starting Pitcher	0-3
In One-Run Games	0-0
In Two-Run Games	0-1
In 5+ Run Games	0-2
In Extra Inning Games	0-0
Shutouts	0-0
Scoring 0-2 Runs	0-0
Scoring 3-5 Runs	0-2
Scoring 6-9 Runs	0-1
Scoring 10+ Runs	0-0
Scoring in the First Inning	0-1
Opponent Scores in the First Inning	0-0
Scoring First	0-1
Opponent Scores First	0-0
Ahead After 6 Innings	0-1
Trailing After 6 Innings	0-2
Tied After 6 Innings	0-0
Ahead After 8 Innings	0-0
Trailing After 8 Innings	0-1
Tied After 8 Innings	0-0
Out-Hitting Opponents	0-1
Being Out-Hit	0-2
Hits are Tied	0-0
On Weekdays	0-1
On Weekends	0-2
On Monday	0-0
On Tuesdays	0-0
On Wednesdays	0-0
On Thursdays	0-0
On Fridays	0-1
On Saturday	0-1
On Sundays	0-1
In February	0-3
In March	0-0
In April	0-0
In May	0-0

GAME NOTES

SOPHOMORE POWER

Against No. 1/2 LSU, sophomores Bradyn Horn and Cade Palkowski each hit home runs. For Horn it was the first of his career, while for Palkowski he matches his freshman-year total with one.

FRESHMEN FIRSTS

Two freshmen for Milwaukee had their first career hits for the Panthers during the opening weekend against No. 1/2 LSU. Ryan Lemm had a two-run single in game three of the series, while Max Glusick had a pair of singles off the bench in the series finale.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Before its first home game on March 20 against Wright State, Milwaukee will travel a total of 7,840 miles, beginning on Feb. 13 against LSU and continuing through its season-opening 20-game road stretch.

The Panthers will begin the year with its longest of the road trip, as Franklin Field to Alex Box Stadium is 997 miles. The team's second trip, to Duke covers 871 miles. The "closest" trip for the Panthers during the 20-game stretch will be on March 10, when Milwaukee visits Purdue.

FIRST-TIME FOES

Milwaukee will face two first-time opponents in 2026, opening the season against both. The Panthers will begin the year at LSU before traveling to North Carolina to take on Duke, marking the first-ever meetings with both the Tigers and the Blue Devils.

BACK IN THE BLACK & GOLD

Seventeen players are back with Milwaukee this season, including position players Connor Bozak, Tristan Ellis, John Hadley VI, Bradyn Horn, Camden Kuhnke, Charlie Marion, Cade Palkowski, and Tate Schmidt.

The returning pitchers include Tyler Andrews, Tristan Arnold, Aric Ehmke, Aiden Fishnick, Matthew Mueller, Riley Peterson, Gavin Theis, Alex Vander Loop, and Mason Weckler.

THROUGH THE PORTAL

The Panthers added 10 transfers for the 2026 season including position players Christian Holmes (UIC), Dominic Kibler (Kent State), Dylan O'Connell (Western Kentucky), Grant Ross (Illinois), and Joey Spence (Texas A&M Texarkana).

Pitchers joining the program include Justin Breitenstein (Southern Indiana), Tyler Hrin (Howard College), Sotaro Ishida (Cochise), Cullen Riel (Mineral Area), and Lucas Watson (Regis [Colo.]).

NEW TO THE CREW

Milwaukee welcomes seven true freshmen to the roster for the 2026 season, this year's incoming freshman class includes position players Max Glusick, Connor Harvie, Turner Kuhnke, Ryan Lemm, and Peter Visconti II, along with pitchers Riley Golden, and Braden Theis.

ALL-LEAGUE RETURNERS

Milwaukee returns two players that earned Horizon League honors last season. Graduate student Gavin Theis was named Horizon League Pitcher of the Year and earned All-League First Team honors, while Tate Schmidt was selected to the Horizon League All-Freshman Team.

GAME NOTES

THE THEIS IS RIGHT

Gavin Theis was dominant for Milwaukee during Horizon League play in 2025. He recorded 53 strikeouts over 61 innings of work with a perfect 7-0 record. In Horizon League games started by Theis, the Panthers were 9-1 and 14-4 overall in games he started.

HOME RUNS IN A SEASON

Last season, Milwaukee hit 56 home runs, the third most in a season by a Panther squad since joining Division I in 1990-91. The program record is 77 home runs, set in 1999, while the second-most in a season was 74 in 2001.

HOME COOKING

Over the last 21 seasons (2005-25), Milwaukee has taken "home field advantage" to another level, posting winning home records in all but two seasons (8-14 in 2022; 0-0 in 2020).

The Panthers went unbeaten at home in 2013 (13-0), and have posted three straight 12-7 home records in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

IN EXTRA INNINGS

In 2025, Milwaukee was 1-3 in extra-inning games and holds a 17-19-1 record in extra-inning contests dating back to the 2015.

PRESEASON POLL

The Horizon League preseason poll projected the Panthers to finish second with 18 points. Wright State was tabbed as preseason favorite with 24 points and four first-place votes. Northern Kentucky, Youngstown State, and Oakland round out the five-team league.

ON THE HORIZON

Northern Illinois will join the Horizon League on July 1, 2026, and become a full-time baseball member beginning with the 2027 season.

The addition of NIU replaces Purdue Fort Wayne, which announced it was discontinuing baseball and softball following the conclusion of the 2025 season. The Horizon League will be at five full-time baseball members in 2026 before returning to six in 2027.

PANTHERS IN THE PROS

Daulton Varsho

Toronto (American League)
Drafted by Arizona (2017)

AJ Blubaugh

Houston (American League)
Major League Spring Training Invitee
Drafted by Houston (2022)

Austin Schuler

Lehigh Valley (Philadelphia, Triple-A)
Drafted by Minnesota (2018)

Riley Frey

Rome (Atlanta, High-A)
Drafted by Atlanta (2023)

Owen Rice

FCL Cardinals (St. Louis, Rookie)
Drafted by St. Louis (2024)

PROGRAM HISTORY

No Hitters: 1

Alex McIntosh (7 IP) & Mike Schneider (2 IP)
(April 7, 2015 vs. Superior)

Hits for Cycle: 1

Mark Connelly
(March 31, 2023 at Oakland)

Multi-Home Run Games: 71**Most Home Runs**

Todd Ludwig (4, March, 17, 1999)

Most Recent

Caden Headlee (2, May, 17, 2025)

Five-Hit Games: 22**Most Hits**

Three Players Tied: 6

Most Recent

Justin Hausser (5, April, 15, 2025)

10+ Strikeout Games: 42**Most Strikeouts**

Two Players Tied: 15

Most Recent

Adrian Montilva (10, March 29, 2024)

20+ Runs Score in a Game: 24**Most Runs Scored**

28, April 18, 1993 vs. Concordia Wisconsin

Most Recent

22, March 26, 2016 vs. Youngstown State


BASEBALL



PROBABLE MILWAUKEE LINEUP

Pos.	No.	Name	OPS
CF	2	Dylan O'Connell	.237
DH	27	Dominic Kibler	1.316
1B	8	Grant Ross	.750
RF	22	Charlie Marion	1.200
LF	20	Brady Horn	1.100
C	13	Joey Spence	.125
2B	3	Tate Schmidt	.708
SS	29	Christian Holmes	.500
3B	4	Tristan Ellis	.650

2026 MULTI-HIT GAMES

NAME	2	3	4+	TOTAL
Brady Horn	2	-	-	2
Tristan Ellis	1	-	-	1
Max Glusick	1	-	-	1
Dominic Kibler	1	-	-	1
Charlie Marion	1	-	-	1
Cade Palkowski	1	-	-	1
	7	0	0	7

2026 MULTI-RBI GAMES

NAME	2	3	4+	TOTAL
Cade Palkowski	-	1	-	1
Tristan Ellis	1	-	-	1
Ryan Lemm	1	-	-	1
	2	2	0	3

2026 STARTERS SUMMARY

BY POSITION

Pitcher

Aric Ehmke	1
Matthew Mueller	1
Riley Peterson	1

Catcher

Dominic Kibler	2
Joey Spence	1

First Base

Grant Ross	2
Joey Spence	1

Second Base

Tate Schmidt	3
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Third Base

Tristan Ellis	2
Grant Ross	1

Shortstop

Christian Holmes	2
Tristan Ellis	1

Left Field

Brady Horn	3
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Center Field

Dylan O'Connell	3
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Right Field

Charlie Marion	3
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Designated Hitter

Ryan Lemm	1
Joey Spence	1
Dominic Kibler	1

BATTING ORDER

First

Dylan O'Connell	3
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Second

Dominic Kibler	3
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Third

Grant Ross	3
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Fourth

Charlie Marion	3
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Fifth

Joey Spence	2
Brady Horn	1

Sixth

Brady Horn	2
Ryan Lemm	1

Seventh

Tate Schmidt	2
Joey Spence	1

Eighth

Christian Holmes	2
Tate Schmidt	1

Ninth

Tristan Ellis	3
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2026 OVERALL STATISTICS

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
22 Marion, Charlie	.400	3-3	10	2	4	0	0	1	1	7	.700	2	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	6	0	0	1.000
20 Horn, Bradyn	.400	3-3	10	3	4	0	0	1	1	7	.700	0	0	5	0	.400	0	0	0-0	4	0	0	1.000
27 Kibler, Dominic	.333	3-3	9	2	3	1	0	1	2	7	.778	3	1	4	0	.538	0	0	0-0	8	0	0	1.000
3 Schmidt, Tate	.250	3-3	8	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	.375	0	1	6	0	.333	0	0	0-0	3	6	2	.818
8 Ross, Grant	.222	3-3	9	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	.333	0	3	3	0	.417	0	0	0-0	14	1	1	.938
4 Ellis, Tristan	.200	3-3	10	0	2	2	0	0	3	4	.400	1	0	6	0	.250	1	0	0-0	2	6	1	.889
2 O'Connell, Dylan	.083	3-3	12	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	.083	1	0	6	0	.154	0	0	1-1	7	0	0	1.000
13 Spence, Joey	.000	3-3	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	5	0	.125	0	0	0-0	11	0	0	1.000

9 Palkowski, Cade	1.000	2-0	2	1	2	0	0	1	3	5	2.500	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
1 Glusick, Max	.500	2-0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	.500	0	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
6 Hadley, John	.500	1-0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.500	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	3	0	0	1.000
29 Holmes, Christian	.250	2-2	8	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.250	0	0	5	0	.250	0	0	0-0	2	3	2	.714
33 Lemm, Ryan	.250	2-1	4	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.250	1	0	1	0	.400	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
30 Harvie, Connor	.000	1-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
26 Visconti II, Peter	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
Totals	.265	3	98	15	26	5	0	4	15	43	.439	8	6	49	0	.354	1	0	2-2	64	19	7	.922
Opponents	.385	3	104	41	40	12	1	6	37	72	.692	15	6	18	1	.480	2	1	3-3	72	11	1	.988

LOB - Team (26), Opp (23). DP's turned - Team (1).

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bks	sfa	sha
14 Ehmke, Aric	1.29	0-1	1	1	0	0/0	0	7.0	4	2	1	2	3	1	0	0	.174	0	0	0	1	0
31 Mueller, Matthew	6.00	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	3.0	3	2	2	3	3	0	0	1	.250	2	0	1	0	0

28 Fishnick, Aiden	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	.667	0	0	0	1	0
32 Riel, Cullen	5.40	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.2	3	3	1	2	2	2	0	1	.333	1	1	0	0	0
34 Weckler, Mason	6.75	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.2	4	2	2	0	4	2	0	1	.308	0	0	0	0	0
39 Peterson, Riley	13.50	0-0	1	1	0	0/0	0	2.0	2	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	.286	1	2	0	0	1
48 Ishida, Sotaro	18.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	3	2	2	2	2	0	1	0	.500	1	0	0	0	0
49 Vander Loop, Alex	27.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	3	4	4	1	1	1	0	1	.429	0	1	0	0	0
11 Hrin, Tyler	27.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	4	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	.571	0	0	0	0	0
55 Watson, Lucas	54.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
16 Kuhnke, Camden	81.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	4	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	.800	2	1	0	0	0
24 Andrews, Tyler	81.00	0-1	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	2	3	3	0	1	2	0	0	.667	0	1	0	0	0
23 Arnold, Tristan	99.00	0-1	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.0	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	12.66	0-3	3	3	0	0/0	0	21.1	40	41	30	15	18	12	1	6	.385	7	6	1	2	1
Opponents	5.62	3-0	3	3	0	0/0	1	24.0	26	15	15	8	49	5	0	4	.265	2	6	0	1	0

PB - Team (0), Opp (2). SBA/ATT - SPENCE (2-2), WATSON (1-1), RIEL (1-1), KIBLER (1-1), HRIN (1-1).



FINAL 2025 HORIZON LEAGUE STATISTICS

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
26 Bickers, Tyler	.412	29-29	114	31	47	5	2	2	27	62	.544	25	3	17	0	.524	1	0	7-10	30	58	4	.957
38 Hausser, Justin	.363	29-29	124	29	45	13	2	4	21	74	.597	10	2	24	1	.413	2	0	1-1	238	16	1	.996
2 Roessler, Gabe	.333	29-29	123	32	41	8	0	5	20	64	.520	20	7	8	0	.453	0	1	14-18	48	93	6	.959
11 Lethert, Teige	.318	22-17	66	10	21	7	0	1	13	31	.470	10	2	12	2	.423	0	1	0-0	119	13	1	.992
88 Headlee, Caden	.306	29-29	98	24	30	4	2	4	17	50	.510	31	4	25	1	.489	0	2	10-10	62	0	1	.984
22 Marion, Charlie	.306	27-27	108	18	33	9	1	7	32	65	.602	12	4	15	0	.386	3	1	2-2	49	3	1	.981
32 Otto, Thomas	.224	21-16	49	9	11	1	0	4	12	24	.490	13	6	12	0	.441	0	1	0-0	109	12	2	.984
3 Schmidt, Tate	.209	27-23	110	17	23	7	0	0	12	30	.273	7	2	34	2	.264	2	0	1-1	28	53	3	.964
1 Phillips, Q	.196	27-27	92	18	18	4	1	3	14	33	.359	16	2	34	2	.324	1	2	2-2	36	5	3	.932
4 Ellis, Tristan	.242	13-10	33	6	8	0	0	0	3	8	.242	5	0	11	0	.342	0	1	1-1	7	10	0	1.000
20 Horn, Bradyn	.200	16-7	25	2	5	2	0	0	1	7	.280	4	1	4	0	.333	0	2	2-2	14	0	0	1.000
16 Kuhnke, Camden	.200	3-3	10	0	2	1	0	0	2	3	.300	0	0	2	1	.200	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
6 Hadley, John	.160	12-4	25	5	4	1	0	0	3	5	.200	4	1	15	0	.300	0	0	0-0	7	0	0	1.000
9 Palkowski, Cade	.114	17-11	35	5	4	2	1	0	8	8	.229	5	2	16	0	.256	1	3	1-1	3	0	0	1.000
33 Buehring, Ben	.000	4-0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
Totals	.288	29	1015	206	292	64	9	30	185	464	.457	162	36	229	9	.401	10	14	41-48	765	299	30	.973
Opponents	.275	29	963	197	265	59	8	30	178	430	.447	150	46	224	20	.391	20	12	54-66	760	243	28	.973

LOB - Team (271), Opp (229). DPs turned - Team (22), Opp (13). IBB - Team (2), HEADLEE 1, MARION 1. Picked off - HAUSSER 1, BICKERS 1, HEADLEE 1.

(Horizon games only Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
18 Theis, Gavin	3.98	7-0	10	10	0	0/2	0	61.0	57	28	27	30	53	12	1	3	.251	4	10	0	2	0
14 Ehmke, Aric	6.75	1-3	10	9	0	0/0	0	45.1	43	35	34	22	28	14	0	4	.253	5	6	1	2	3
19 Dobbstein, Logan	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	0
23 Arnold, Tristan	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
53 Snow, Logan	1.96	0-1	12	0	0	0/1	5	18.1	13	4	4	2	19	1	2	0	.194	0	4	0	0	1
17 Deleskiewicz, Tyler	2.45	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.2	3	1	1	2	5	1	0	0	.231	0	1	0	0	0
55 Bleck, Parker	2.70	0-0	3	0	0	0/1	0	3.1	3	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	.333	0	0	0	2	1
39 Peterson, Riley	2.87	2-1	14	0	0	0/2	1	15.2	15	7	5	13	14	2	0	1	.259	2	3	1	0	0
30 Kaufmann, Keagon	5.09	1-1	7	1	0	0/1	0	17.2	24	16	10	5	9	4	1	6	.316	3	1	0	2	1
31 Mueller, Matthew	5.23	1-1	8	4	0	0/1	0	20.2	17	15	12	18	32	4	0	4	.233	10	4	0	1	2
24 Andrews, Tyler	8.53	1-1	5	0	0	0/1	0	6.1	7	6	6	2	3	0	0	2	.292	0	3	0	0	1
21 Schulfer, Logan	9.20	2-1	6	3	0	0/0	0	14.2	17	16	15	10	16	5	2	2	.309	3	5	0	3	1
34 Weckler, Mason	9.90	0-1	8	1	0	0/0	0	20.0	26	23	22	13	23	4	1	2	.325	4	5	0	1	1
29 Dohrmann, Zach	10.80	1-1	7	0	0	0/1	0	8.1	10	11	10	9	6	2	0	3	.333	1	0	0	2	0
37 Mulhern, Eamonn	11.42	0-0	8	0	0	0/0	0	8.2	12	11	11	8	3	3	0	1	.333	0	0	1	2	0
15 Sullivan, Mike	12.60	0-0	5	1	0	0/1	0	5.0	4	7	7	9	8	2	0	1	.235	4	3	0	1	0
28 Fishnick, Aiden	23.14	0-2	5	0	0	0/0	0	4.2	13	12	12	2	4	3	1	1	.520	1	1	0	1	1
8 Kojis, DJ	81.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	0.1	1	3	3	2	0	1	0	0	1.000	2	0	0	1	0
Totals	6.35	16-13	29	29	0	3/3	6	255.0	265	197	180	150	224	59	8	30	.275	41	46	3	20	12
Opponents	6.29	13-16	29	29	1	1/1	5	253.1	292	206	177	162	229	64	9	30	.288	23	36	3	10	14

PB - Team (7), OTTO 5, LETHERT 2, Opp (4). Pickoffs - Team (4), SULLIVAN 1, LETHERT 1, DOHRMANN 1, MUELLER 1, Opp (3). SBA/ATT - OTTO (31-37), LETHERT (20-25), EHMKE (10-12), WECKLER (11-11), PETERSON (8-9), KAUFMANN (6-7), THEIS (3-7), M (5-5), SCHULFER, L. (2-4), DOHRMANN (3-3), ANDREWS (2-2), FISHNICK (2-2), SNOW (1-1), ARNOLD (0-1), KOJIS (1-1), BLECK (1-1).



2026 GAME-BY-GAME TEAM BATTING STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	ab	r	h	rbi	2b	3b	hr	tb	bb	ibb	sb	cs	hbp	sac	sf	gdp	k	po	a	e	lob	avg
Feb 13	at LSU	33	5	8	5	2	0	1	13	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	17	22	6	3	8	.242
Feb 14	at LSU	36	3	9	3	2	0	1	14	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	17	24	7	1	9	.246
Feb 15	at LSU	29	7	9	7	1	0	2	16	6	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	15	18	6	3	9	.265
Totals		98	15	26	15	5	0	4	43	8	0	2	0	6	0	1	0	49	64	19	7	26	.265



2026 GAME-BY-GAME TEAM PITCHING STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	hbp	dp	ibb	score	w-l	sv	era
Feb 13	at LSU	7.1	15	15	13	6	9	6	0	3	5	1	3	0	0	5-15	0-1	0	15.95
Feb 14	at LSU	8.0	8	5	4	2	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3-5	0-2	0	9.98
Feb 15	at LSU	6.0	17	21	13	7	6	2	1	3	2	0	3	0	0	7-21	0-3	0	12.66
Totals		21.1	40	41	30	15	18	12	1	6	7	1	6	1	0	15-41	0-3	0	12.66



2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS

DATE	OPPOSING TEAM	SCORE	MKE LINE	OPP LINE	INN	RECORD (HORIZON)	MKE PITCHER(S)	TIME	ATT.
Feb. 13	at No. 1/2 LSU	L, 5-15	5-8-3	15-15-0	8	0-1	Andrews (0-1)	3:37	11,582
Feb. 14	at No. 1/2 LSU	L, 3-5	3-9-1	5-8-0	9	0-2	Ehmke (0-1)	2:55	11,078
Feb. 15	at No. 1/2 LSU	L, 7-21	7-9-3	21-17-1	7	0-3	Arnold (0-1)	3:11	10,753
Feb. 20	at Duke								
Feb. 21	at Duke								
Feb. 22	at Duke								
Feb. 27	at Evansville								
Feb. 28	at Evansville								
Mar. 1	at Evansville								
Mar. 3	at Minnesota								
Mar. 4	at Minnesota								
Mar. 6	at SEMO								
Mar. 7	at SEMO								
Mar. 8	at SEMO								
Mar. 10	at Purdue								
Mar. 13	at Northern Kentucky *								
Mar. 14	at Northern Kentucky *								
Mar. 15	at Northern Kentucky *								
Mar. 17	at Western Illinois								
MAR. 20	WRIGHT STATE *								
MAR. 21	WRIGHT STATE *								
MAR. 22	WRIGHT STATE *								
MAR. 27	BUTLER								
MAR. 28	BUTLER								
MAR. 29	BUTLER								
MAR. 31	UIC								
APR. 2	YOUNGSTOWN STATE *								
APR. 3	YOUNGSTOWN STATE *								
APR. 4	YOUNGSTOWN STATE *								
APR. 7	IOWA								
Apr. 10	at Oakland *								
Apr. 11	at Oakland *								
Apr. 12	at Oakland *								
Apr. 13	at Central Michigan								
APR. 17	NORTHERN KENTUCKY *								
APR. 18	NORTHERN KENTUCKY *								
APR. 19	NORTHERN KENTUCKY *								
APR. 21	ST. THOMAS								
Apr. 24	at Wright State *								
Apr. 25	at Wright State *								
Apr. 26	at Wright State *								
Apr. 28	at Northwestern								
Apr. 29	at Notre Dame								
May 1	at UNLV								
May 2	at UNLV								
May 3	at UNLV								
MAY 5	VALPARAISO								
May 6	at UIC								
May 8	at Youngstown State *								
May 9	at Youngstown State *								
May 10	at Youngstown State *								
May 12	at Northern Illinois								
MAY 14	OAKLAND *								
MAY 15	OAKLAND *								
MAY 16	OAKLAND *								

May 20-23 Horizon League Tournament ^

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