



NORTHERN COLORADO SOFTBALL NOTES

2021 Season

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Feb. 12	at Metro State	Canceled
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Feb. 13	vs Adams State ¹	Canceled
Feb. 13	at CSU-Pueblo ¹	Canceled
Feb. 14	vs Adams State ¹	Canceled
Feb. 14	at CSU-Pueblo ¹	Canceled
Feb. 19	at UTEP	L, 4-5
Feb. 19	at UTEP	W, 3-2 (8)
Feb. 20	at UTEP	W, 10-7
Feb. 20	at UTEP	L, 3-4
Feb. 26	vs Utah State ²	L, 3-4 (9)
Feb. 26	vs Weber State ²	L, 4-9
Feb. 27	vs Utah State ²	L, 0-8
Feb. 27	at Dixie State ²	L, 14-15 (8)
Feb. 28	at Dixie State ²	L, 4-5 (8)
Mar. 5	South Dakota State	L, 8-14
Mar. 5	Colorado State	L, 2-7
Mar. 6	vs Oregon State ³	L, 0-5
Mar. 7	Oregon State	L, 0-15
Mar. 7	South Dakota State	L, 1-10
Mar. 13	at Colorado State	Postponed
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Mar. 19	vs South Dakota State ⁴	3:00 pm
Mar. 19	at Nebraska Omaha ⁴	5:30 pm
Mar. 20	vs South Dakota State ⁴	11:00 am
Mar. 20	at Nebraska Omaha ⁴	2:00 pm
Mar. 21	at Nebraska Omaha ⁴	11:00 am
Mar. 26	at Sacramento State*	1:00 pm
Mar. 26	at Sacramento State*	3:00 pm
Mar. 27	at Sacramento State*	1:00 pm
Mar. 30	Colorado School of Mines	4:00 pm
Mar. 30	Colorado School of Mines	6:00 pm
Apr. 2	Portland State*	1:00 pm
Apr. 2	Portland State*	3:00 pm
Apr. 3	Portland State*	Noon
Apr. 9	Montana*	1:00 pm
Apr. 9	Montana*	3:00 pm
Apr. 10	Montana*	Noon
Apr. 16	at Weber State*	2:00 pm
Apr. 16	at Weber State*	4:00 pm
Apr. 17	at Weber State*	Noon
Apr. 30	Southern Utah*	1:00 pm
Apr. 30	Southern Utah*	3:00 pm
May 1	Southern Utah*	Noon
May 7	at Idaho State*	Noon
May 7	at Idaho State*	2:00 pm
May 8	at Idaho State*	Noon
May 13-15	Big Sky Championship	

1 - In Pueblo, Co., 2 - In St. George, Utah, 3 - In Fort Collins, Co., 4 - in Omaha, Neb. * - Big Sky Conference Games
All times mountain time



NORTHERN COLORADO BEARS [2-12, 0-0 BIG SKY]

Head Coach: Ben Garcia
26-66, 3rd season at UNC
195-115, 7th season overall



NEBRASKA OMAHA MAVERICKS [4-12, 0-0 SUMMIT]

Head Coach: Laura Berg
215-186-1, 9th season at OSU
Same overall



SOUTH DAKOTA STATE JACKRABBITS [13-4, 0-0 SUMMIT]

Head Coach: Krista Wood
158-144, 7th season at SDSU
428-297, 15th season overall

LEADING OFF

- Northern Colorado's doubleheader against Colorado State was postponed last week due to weather.
- UNC faces a pair of Summit League foes this week in host Nebraska Omaha and South Dakota State.
- The Bears hosted SDSU two weeks ago, playing the Jackrabbits twice falling 14-8 and 10-1.
- Freshman Alison Steinker had a strong weekend the last time the Bears were on the field. She hit .625 with a run scored starting in three games and appearing in four. She is hitting .370 for the year.
- Carson Fischer continues to lead the team in runs batted in with nine on the season. She had a three RBI game against SDSU two weeks ago. Fischer leads the team with three multi-RBI games.

BIG SKY STANDINGS

School	Conf.	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral	Streak
Idaho State	0-0	5-5	2-0	3-2	0-0	W1
Weber State	0-0	6-8	0-0	1-3	5-5	L2
Sacramento State	0-0	6-15	6-6	0-9	0-0	L4
Montana	0-0	5-13	0-0	3-5	2-8	L1
Southern Utah	0-0	4-12	0-0	1-5	3-7	L1
Northern Colorado	0-0	2-12	0-4	2-4	0-4	L11
Portland State	0-0	1-12	0-0	1-5	0-7	L11

HEAD COACH BEN GARCIA



Career Record - 195-115, 7th season
UNC Record - 26-66, 3rd season

Career Record

Year	School	Record
2015	Colorado Mesa	33-23
2016	Colorado Mesa	40-13
2017	Colorado Mesa	48-8
2018	Colorado Mesa	48-5
2019	Northern Colorado	14-39
2020	Northern Colorado	10-15
2021	Northern Colorado	2-12
Overall		195-115

Resume

2019-pres.	Northern Colorado	HC
2015-18	Colorado Mesa	HC
2012-14	Otero Junior College	HC
1991-12	Pueblo East (Co) HS	HC

The Garcia Files

- 3x RMAC Regular Season Champion
- 1x RMAC Tournament Champion
- 2x RMAC Coach of the Year
- 2x Region IX Champion
- 1 JUCO All-American
- 400 CHSAA wins
- 19 CHSAA state tournament appearances
- 2012 CHSAA state champion
- 4x CHSAA state runner-up

2021 ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	B/T	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown/Last School
1	Katie Simonsgaard	OF	L/L	Jr	5-2	Camarillo, Ca./Oaks Christian HS
2	Mady Young	INF	R/R	Sr	5-3	Lenexa, Ka./Olathe Northwest HS
3	Lauren Strathearn	OF	L/R	So	5-3	Broomfield, Co./Legacy HS
4	Dani Young	INF	R/R	Jr	5-9	Fort Collins, Co./Rocky Mountain HS
5	Maddee Blood-Smyth	C	R/R	Sr	5-5	Thornton, Co./Fort Lewis College
6	Alison Steinker	INF	R/R	Fr	5-6	Rancho Santa Margarita, Ca./Jesuit Catholic HS
7	Paola Villegas	INF	R/R	Jr	5-7	Sylmar, Ca./Cal State Fullerton
9	Natalie Joyner	INF	R/R	Sr	5-4	Edgewood, Wa./Puyallup HS
10	Erin Caviness	P	R/R	So	5-10	Thornton, Co./Holy Family HS
11	Brooke Ballard	INF	R/R	Fr	5-6	Highlands Ranch, Co./Thunder Ridge HS
13	Bridgette Strobl	C	R/R	So	5-10	Highlands Ranch, Co./Thunder Ridge HS
14	Reyna Caudillo	UTL	L/R	So	5-4	Phoenix, Az./Alhambra HS
15	Rachel Forsythe	OF	R/R	Fr	5-6	Peoria, Ar./Liberty HS
16	Lainey Hanehan	P	R/R	So	5-10	San Ramon, Ca./California HS
17	Kathleen Ingram	P	R/R	Jr	5-6	Centennial, Co./St. John's River State
18	Carson Fischer	INF	R/R	Jr	5-7	Lincoln, Ne./Nebraska
19	Brooklyn Himmelberg	INF	R/R	Fr	5-10	Fort Collins, Co./Rocky Mountain HS
21	Jayden Mercado	OF	L/R	Fr	5-0	Timnath, Co./Fossil Ridge HS
22	Hunter Huser	P	R/R	R-Jr.	5-11	Thornton, Co./Mountain Ridge HS
26	Haley Boxwell	OF/C	R/R	So	5-7	Scottsdale, Ca./Chaparral HS
27	Alyssa Wenzel	OF	L/R	So	5-7	Murrieta, Ca./Chaparral HS
32	Emma Brockmann	C	L/L	Sr	5-9	Beaverton, Or./Beaverton HS
33	Anna Martinez	OF	L/L	Fr	5-4	Broomfield, Co./Holy Family HS
99	Maggie Thurston	P	R/R	Jr	5-6	Scottsdale, Az./Chaparral HS

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach	Ben Garcia, third season
Assistant Coach.....	Brooke Hodgson
Assistant Coach.....	Bob Bledsoe
Assistant Coach.....	Harold Simmons
Graduate Assistant	Randy Click
Athletic Trainer.....	Taylor Karty

PRO-NUN-SEE-A-SHUNS

Reyna **Caulldio** -RAY-na CALL-dee-oh
 Rachel **Forsythe** -FOR-sigh-th
 Alison **Stienker** -Stein-ker
 Lauren **Strathern** -St-rath-earn
 Paola **Villegas** -PA-oh-la VEE-a-gus
 Alyssa **Wenzel** -When-zz-elle

SCOUTING NEBRASKA OMAHA

Nebraska Omaha finally plays its first home games of the year this week when they first host Creighton on Wednesday before hosting the Bears and Jackrabbits.

UNO is looking for its bats to heat up with the weather as they enter the weekend hitting .256 as a team. Lexi Burkhardt leads the team hitting .390.

In the circle, Sydney Nuismer leads the team with a 3.99 ERA.

SCOUTING SOUTH DAKOTA STATE

South Dakota State has been on a tear this year entering the weekend at 13-4 overall.

Emma Osmundson leads the team with an impressive .462 batting average. Cylie Halvorson is the team's big bat with seven home runs on the year.

The duo of Tori Kniesche and Grace Glanzer have been tough to touch in the circle. Kniesche is 6-1 with a 1.97 ERA and two complete games. Glanzer has a 3.13 ERA and 5-2 record. She has an impressive seven complete games.

SDSU was picked to finish second in the Summit League this year.

TURNING TWO!

Mady Young had herself a game against Dixie State. The senior hit for the cycle on February 27. She was 4-for-5 on the day with a triple in the first, home run in the third, double in the fifth and single in the seventh. She is leading the team with two home runs this season.

DOUBLE-DOUBLE

In the shortened 2020 season, Northern Colorado led the Big Sky in doubles. They are near the top of the conference again. With 1.07 per game they rank third in the conference.

FLYING AROUND THE BASES

Northern Colorado isn't afraid to be aggressive on the base paths. The Bears rank third in the Big Sky with 0.79 steals per game.

Outfielder Alyssa Wenzel leads the team with six stolen bases. Her 0.43 steals per game is second the Big Sky and 122nd nationally.

WHAT'S AHEAD

Northern Colorado starts Big Sky play next week when they travel to Sacramento. The Bears and Hornets will play a double header on March 27 and follow it up with the three-game series finally on March 28.

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WHERE THEY RANK

Through 3/15/2021

Stat	NCAA	Big Sky	Value
Batting Average	163	5	.247
Double Plays/Game	107	5	0.29
Doubles/Game	143	3	1.07
ERA	229	4	6.54
Fielding %	94	2	.965
Home Runs/Game	161	5	0.43
On Base %	189	5	.313
Scoring	139	4	4.00
Slugging %	161	5	.358
Stolen Bases/Game	171	3	0.79
Strikeout/Walk	154	2	1.64
Triples/Game	29	1	0.36

Stat	Player	NCAA	Big Sky	Value
Hit by Pitch/Game	P. Villegas	45	2	0.38
Stolen Bases/Game	A. Wenzel	122	2	0.43
Triples/Game	L. Strathearn	50	1	0.15

BIG SKY PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Feb. 17	Lewa Day, Sacramento State
Feb. 24	Lauren Hoe, Weber State
Mar. 3	Isabel Cargill, Idaho State
Mar. 10	Maygen McGrath, Montana

BIG SKY PITCHER OF THE WEEK

Feb. 17	Marissa Bertuccio, Sacramento State
Feb. 24	Marissa Bertuccio, Sacramento State
Mar. 3	Mariah Ramirez, Weber State
Mar. 10	Marissa Bertuccio, Sacramento State

2021 OVERALL STATS

Overall: 2-12 • Conference: 0-0 • Home: 0-4 • Away: 2-4 • Neutral: 0-4

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%
6 STEINKER, Alison	.370	11-8	27	1	10	2	0	0	1	12	.444	2	0	4	0	.414	0	0	0-0	6	11	2	.895
4 YOUNG, Dani	.353	9-7	17	4	6	0	0	1	1	9	.529	1	0	4	0	.389	0	1	0-0	13	0	1	.929
27 WENZEL, Alyssa	.333	14-13	45	7	15	2	1	0	6	19	.422	2	0	5	0	.362	0	0	6-7	13	1	0	1.000
7 VILLEGAS, Paola	.333	13-13	39	7	13	0	1	1	5	18	.462	1	5	2	1	.413	1	0	0-0	56	1	0	1.000
1 SIMONSGAARD, Katie	.333	11-4	15	3	5	2	0	0	4	7	.467	3	0	4	0	.444	0	0	0-0	8	1	1	.900
26 BOXWELL, Haley	.273	8-2	11	1	3	0	0	0	1	3	.273	3	0	1	0	.429	0	1	0-0	9	0	0	1.000
3 STRATHEARN, Lauren	.265	13-11	34	5	9	0	2	0	3	13	.382	0	0	7	0	.265	0	0	2-3	8	1	0	1.000
18 FISCHER, Carson	.243	14-13	37	4	9	3	0	1	9	15	.405	2	3	4	0	.333	0	0	1-1	21	4	1	.962
2 YOUNG, Mady	.238	14-13	42	9	10	2	1	2	5	20	.476	3	1	3	0	.298	1	2	2-2	23	33	4	.933
5 BLOOD-SMYTH, Maddee	.222	9-6	18	2	4	2	0	0	2	6	.333	0	0	1	0	.222	0	0	0-0	13	7	0	1.000
21 MERCADO, Jayden	.200	12-5	15	6	3	1	0	0	0	4	.267	3	0	3	0	.333	0	0	0-0	4	3	1	.875
14 CAUDILLO, Reyna	.133	7-5	15	1	2	0	0	0	1	2	.133	4	0	2	0	.316	0	0	0-0	1	3	0	1.000
13 STROBL, Bridgette	.133	7-6	15	1	2	1	0	0	2	3	.200	0	0	5	0	.133	0	0	0-0	29	2	0	1.000
32 BROCKMANN, Emma	.107	11-8	28	3	3	0	0	1	4	6	.214	2	0	7	0	.167	0	0	0-0	36	5	0	1.000
9 JOYNER, Natalie	.056	10-9	18	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	.056	2	1	2	0	.190	0	1	0-0	27	8	2	.946
33 MARTINEZ, Anna	.000	13-2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	4	0	.000	0	0	0-0	4	0	1	.800
11 BALLARD, Brooke	.000	5-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	5	0	1.000
19 HIMMELBERG, Brooklyn	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
15 FORSYTHE, Rachel	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
16 HANEHAN, Lainey	.000	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	4	0	1.000
Totals	.247	14	385	56	95	15	5	6	46	138	.358	28	10	58	1	.313	2	5	11-13	276	105	14	.965
Opponents	.380	14	426	110	162	32	3	21	105	263	.617	36	6	59	1	.429	7	6	9-13	291	127	19	.957

LOB - Team (87), Opp (99). DPs turned - Team (4), Opp (3). Picked off - WENZEL, A 3.

(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
10 CAVINESS, Erin	5.80	0-7	10	8	2	0/0	1	41.0	70	42	34	13	32	16	0	7	.374	5	3	0	2	3
99 THURSTON, M	6.36	1-4	10	3	0	0/0	0	25.1	41	27	23	12	15	7	1	6	.366	2	2	0	2	2
16 HANEHAN, Lainey	7.11	1-1	7	3	1	0/0	0	21.2	37	30	22	10	9	4	1	5	.370	0	1	0	3	1
14 CAUDILLO, Reyna	11.67	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	11	9	5	1	2	5	0	2	.524	0	0	0	0	0
17 INGRAM, Kathleen	14.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	3	2	2	0	1	0	1	1	.500	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	6.54	2-12	14	14	3	0/0	1	92.0	162	110	86	36	59	32	3	21	.380	8	6	0	7	6
Opponents	2.38	11-2	14	14	5	3/2	0	97.0	95	56	33	28	58	15	5	6	.247	6	10	0	2	5

PB - Team (0), Opp (1). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - THURSTON, M (3-6), CAVINESS, E (5-6), BROCKMANN, E (4-6), STROBL, B (3-5), BLOOD-SMYTH (2-2), HANEHAN, L (1-1).