

WESTERN MICHIGAN VOLLEYBALL



OPENING WEEKEND



VS



AUG. 28-30

UNIVERSITY ARENA



WESTERN MICHIGAN VOLLEYBALL

9 MAC REGULAR SEASON TITLES | 8 MAC TOURNAMENT TITLES | 8 ALL-AMERICANS

14 NCAA TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES | 5 SWEET SIXTEEN APPEARANCES (1983, 1984, 1986, 1987, 2008)

CONFERENCE: Mid-American
2025 WMU RECORD: 17-16
2025 MAC RECORD: 13-5
HEAD COACH: Colleen Munson
SEASONS AT WMU: 22
WEBSITE: www.wmubroncos.com

MATCHES 1-3

DATES AUG. 28-30, 2026
TIMES 6 pm (8/28-29), 3 pm (8/30)
LOCATION Kalamazoo, Mich.
VENUE University Arena
TV YouTube

THE OPPONENTS: Green Bay, Navy, Indiana State
CONFERENCES: Horizon League, Patriot League, MVC
2025 GB RECORD: 11-19 (10-8 HL)
2025 NAVY RECORD: 13-14 (8-8 PL)
2025 ISU RECORD: 9-19 (3-13 MVC)

2026 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time / Result
AUG. 28	GREEN BAY !	6 PM
AUG. 29	NAVY !	6 PM
AUG. 30	INDIANA STATE !	3 PM
Sept. 3	at Omaha ^	7:30 pm
Sept. 4	vs. Chicago State ^	3 pm
Sept. 5	vs. Louisiana Tech ^	12 pm
Sept. 8	at Michigan State	6 pm
Sept. 12	at DePaul \$	5 pm
Sept. 13	at UIC \$	3 pm
Sept. 18	vs. St. Thomas &	3 pm
Sept. 19	at Milwaukee &	5 pm
Sept. 25	at Ball State *	6 pm
Sept. 26	at Ball State *	4 pm
SEPT. 29	CENTRAL MICHIGAN *	6 PM
OCT. 2	EASTERN MICHIGAN *	6 PM
Oct. 8	at Akron *	6 pm
Oct. 9	at Akron *	6 pm
OCT. 16	TOLEDO *	6 PM
OCT. 17	TOLEDO *	4 PM
OCT. 23	BUFFALO *	6 PM
OCT. 24	BUFFALO *	4 PM
Oct. 30	at Ohio *	6 pm
Oct. 31	at Kent State *	4 pm
Nov. 3	at Eastern Michigan *	6 pm
NOV. 7	BOWLING GREEN *	4 PM
NOV. 13	MIAMI *	6 PM
Nov. 14	at Central Michigan *	5:30 pm
Nov. 20-22	MAC Championship +	TBD

Home Matches in **BOLD**

* Mid-American Conference Match

+ MAC Championship (Muncie, Ind.)

! - Western Michigan Tournament (Kalamazoo, Mich.)

^ - Omaha Tournament (Omaha, Neb.)

\$ - UIC-DePaul Invitational (Chicago, Ill.)

& - Milwaukee/Marquette Tournament (Milwaukee, Wis.)

All times Eastern and subject to change

WEEKEND NOTES

THE FIRST SERVE

Western Michigan begins its 2026 season by hosting its annual non-conference tournament this weekend at University Arena. This year, the Broncos welcome Green Bay, Navy and Indiana State to Kalamazoo for the three-day event.

HOME SWEET HOME

The Brown and Gold went 9-4 in Kalamazoo last season, including winning each of their final five home tilts. University Arena has become a huge home court advantage for the Broncos under *Colleen Munson*, as they own a 181-63 (.742) home record during her tenure.

THE OPPONENTS

WMU opens up the season on Friday against Green Bay, which went 11-19 overall and 10-8 in Horizon League play to finish sixth in the standings. These two teams met last season in Green Bay, with the Broncos prevailing in five to improve to 4-0 in the all-time series. Navy turned in a 13-14 record last season and made a run to the Patriot League Tournament semifinals. Saturday's tilt marks the first-ever meeting between the Broncos and Midshipmen. WMU rounds out the weekend on Sunday against Indiana State, which is coming off of a 9-19 campaign in 2025. The Sycamores own a 5-3 edge in the all-time series, but Western Michigan earned a straight-set win in the two teams' most recent encounter in Kalamazoo back in 2022.

2025 SEASON REVIEW

Western Michigan surged in the second-half of the 2025 season, winning nine of its final 11 regular-season contests to finish second and earn a bye in the MAC Tournament. The Broncos reached the MAC Tournament Championship Match for the third straight year before falling to Toledo in four sets. WMU's defense led all of NCAA Division I in total digs (2,226), was fourth nationally in digs per set (17.53) and finished 35th in the nation with a .179 opponents' hitting percentage.

RICHMOND EARNS PRESEASON HONORS

After earning spots on the All-MAC First Team and All-MAC Freshman Team a year ago, redshirt sophomore setter *Leah Richmond* was named to the Preseason All-MAC Team on Monday. The Indianapolis native led the conference and ranked 50th in NCAA DI with 9.93 assists per set, while finishing second in the league and 16th nationally with 1,241 assists last year. Richmond also set a single-season program record with 26 double-doubles.

PRESEASON POLL

Western Michigan was picked third in the MAC Preseason Coaches Poll, finishing behind last season's tournament champion, Toledo, and regular season champion, Ball State.

FULL PREVIEW AVAILABLE AT: WMUBRONCOS.COM





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WESTERN MICHIGAN BRONCOS (0-0, 0-0 MAC)

No.	Name	Yr.	Position	Height	Hometown / High School (Previous School)
1	Izzy Swiercz	Jr.	OH	6-0	Hudsonville, Mich. / Hudsonville (Central Mich.)
2	Elana Erickson	Jr.	DS/L	5-10	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Forest Hills Northern
3	Riley Messenger	Fr.	S/DS	5-7	Portage, Mich. / Portage Northern
4	Leah Richmond	R-So.	S	5-8	Indianapolis, Ind. / Lawrence North
6	Annalise Patchett	Jr.	OH	5-11	Appleton, Wis. / Fox Valley Lutheran
7	Ella Askin	Fr.	OH	6-0	Louisville, Ky. / Assumption
8	Camille Morrison	R-So.	OH	6-0	Aurora, Ill. / Metea Valley
9	Ella Guilfoy	Jr.	DS/L	5-9	Indianapolis, Ind. / Roncalli (Virginia Tech)
10	Gabby Weihe	Sr.	MB	6-0	Noblesville, Ind. / Noblesville (Western Ky.)
11	Bri Zimmerman	Fr.	MB	6-1	Grand Rapids, Mich. / Forest Hills Northern
12	Cassidy Pratley	So.	MB	6-1	East Leroy, Mich. / Harper Creek
19	Carley Piercefield	Jr.	DS/L	5-4	Ionia, Mich. / Lakewood
21	Mia Jurkovic	So.	OH	6-1	Oswego, Ill. / Oswego

Head Coach: Colleen Munson (22nd season at WMU / 27th overall)

Senior Associate Head Coach / Recruiting Coordinator: Ryan Manning

Assistant Coach: Logan Case

Pronunciation Guide

1 Izzy Swiercz	SWEERZ
2 Elana Erickson	Uh-LA-nuh
9 Ella Guilfoy	GILL-foy
10 Gabby Weihe	WHY
21 Mia Jurkovic	MEE-uh YUR-kuh-vitch





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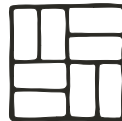
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GREEN BAY PHOENIX (0-0, 0-0 HORIZON LEAGUE)

No.	Name	Yr.	Position	Height	Hometown / Previous School
2	Macy Kline	Fr.	DS/L	5-5	Holmen, Wis. / Holmen
3	Taylor Neuenschwander	Fr.	MB	6-1	Green Bay, Wis. / Bay Port
4	Kennedy Schmitz	Sr.	L/DS	5-4	Appleton, Wis. / Fox Valley Lutheran
5	Olivia Neumann	Jr.	MB	6-2	Greenville, Wis. / Xavier HS
6	Kayla Birmingham	So.	OH	5-11	Oak Lawn, Ill. / St. Laurence
7	Riley Schmitz	Fr.	L	5-3	Appleton, Wis. / Fox Valley Lutheran
8	Alexis Gardner	So.	DS/L	5-6	Mukwonago, Wis. / Mukwonago
9	Victoria Kurilov	Fr.	MB	6-1	Shoreview, Minn. / Mounds View
10	Diane Pichelman	Jr.	MB	6-1	Madison, Wis. / Edgewood
11	Kirsten Fish	Sr.	OH	6-2	Brodhead, Wis. / Brodhead
12	Kendall Schara	Gr.	OH/DS	5-8	Crown Point, Ind. / Crown Point
13	Eva Swenson	Fr.	S	6-3	Minnetonka, Minn. / Wayzata
14	Sari Marks	Fr.	S/RS	6-1	Sun Prairie, Wis. / Sun Prairie
16	Gillian Koning	R-So.	OH	6-0	Madison, Wis. / Edgewood
17	Kelsey Justman	Jr.	OH	5-9	La Valle, Wis. / Wonewoc-Center
18	Ambryn Aanonsen	Fr.	RS	6-1	Jackson, Wis. / Kettle Moraine Lutheran
20	Jessica Kurpeikis	R-So.	RS	5-10	Chicago, Ill. / Marist HS
21	Alexa Hernandez	So.	S	5-7	Green Bay, Wis. / Green Bay Southwest

Head Coach: Abbey Sutherland (9th season)

Assistant Coaches: Shannon Coughlin, Jim Dwyer, Calli Gentry

Pronunciation Guide

3 Taylor Neuenschwander	New-en-shwan-der
9 Victoria Kurilov	Kerr-ee-love
10 Diane Pichelman	Pitch-el-man
11 Kirsten Fish	Kerr-stin
12 Kendall Schara	Sh-are-ah
14 Sari Marks	Sar-ree
16 Gillian Koning	Koe-ning
18 Ambryn Aanonsen	Aah-non-sen
20 Jessica Kerpeikis	Ker-pay-kiss
AC Calli Gentry	Jen-tree



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NAVY MIDSHIPMEN (0-0, 0-0 PATRIOT LEAGUE)

No.	Name	Yr.	Position	Height	Hometown / High School (Previous School)
1	Madeline Bildeaux	So.	MB	6-0	Traverse City, Mich. / Traverse City West
2	Ally Alessio	Sr.	DS/L	5-4	Scottsdale, Ariz. / Notre Dame Prep
3	Hailey Jacobus	Fr.	OH	5-10	Dallas, Texas / Lake Highlands
4	Farrah Eike	Jr.	OH	6-0	Parker, Colo. / Valor Christian
6	Isa Boyd	Jr.	S	5-7	Atlanta, Ga. / St. Pius X
7	Paige Buzzerio	Sr.	OH	6-2	Chino Hills, Calif. / Orange Lutheran
8	Simone Lawson	Fr.	S	6-0	Richmond, Va. / Patrick Henry
9	Caroline Buffum	So.	OH	5-11	Raleigh, N.C. / Millbrook
10	Kinamoni Jerome	Sr.	S	5-8	Las Vegas, Nev. / Shadow Ridge
11	Mackenzie Palumbo	Fr.	OH/OPP	6-1	Powell, Ohio / Jerome
12	Ellen Gundlach	So.	MB	6-0	Chicago, Ill. / Loyola Academy
13	Caroline Adams	Fr.	S	5-8	Friendswood, Texas / Friendswood
14	Nicole Neal	Fr.	OH	5-10	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. / Montgomery Blair
15	Baylee Doolan	So.	DS/L	5-8	Hagerstown, Md. / North Hagerstown
16	Lillian Schultheis	Fr.	S/DS	5-9	Columbus, Ohio / Worthington Kilbourne
17	Avery Maddux	Fr.	MB	6-1	Libertyville, Ill. / Libertyville
18	Izzy Picard	Fr.	OH	6-1	Putnam Valley, N.Y. / Putnam Valley
21	Amara Chambers	Jr.	DS/L	5-6	Hillsborough, N.C. / Eno River
22	Grace Burgoyne	Sr.	MB	6-4	Marshfield, Mass. / Notre Dame Academy
24	Siena Morgan	So.	MB	5-11	Los Angeles, Calif. / Village Christian

Head Coach: Paco Labrador (9th season)

Associate Head Coach: Hallie Cruzen

Assistant Coaches: Laughlin Murray, Shawna Laurendine

Pronunciation Guide

1 Madeline Bildeaux	BILL-due
2 Ally Alessio	ah-LESS-see-oh
3 Hailey Jacobus	juh-COH-bus
4 Farrah Eike	EYE-key
6 Isa Boyd	EE-sah
7 Paige Buzzerio	buzz-AIR-ee-oh
10 Kinamoni Jerome	KEY-na-mo-knee
11 Mackenzie Palumbo	pa-LUMM-bo
12 Ellen Gundlach	GUND-lock
21 Amara Chambers	ah-MAR-uh
22 Grace Burgoyne	burr-GOIN
HC Paco Labrador	PAH-co
AHC Hallie Cruzen	HAL-lee CREW-zen
AC Laughlin Murray	LOCK-lyn
AC Shawna Laurendine	LORE-in-dean





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INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES (0-0, 0-0 MVC)

No.	Name	Yr.	Position	Height	Hometown / High School (Previous School)
1	Sydni Weber	So.	DS/L	5-6	Terre Haute, Ind. / Terre Haute South
2	Chloe Gilley	Jr.	DS/L	5-4	Columbus, Ind. / Columbus East
3	Sydney King	So.	MB	5-11	Lebanon, Tenn. / Mount Juliet
4	Ella Scott	Sr.	MB	6-1	Plainfield, Ind. / Plainfield
5	Kennedy "K Jo" Glasgow	Fr.	DS/L	5-7	Lawrence, Kan. / Lawrence
6	Lily Mueller	Sr.	MB	6-1	Genoa, Ill. / Genoa-Kingston (Stetson)
7	Ava Robart	So.	OH	6-0	Potosi, Mo. / Potosi
8	Hadley Hardersen	So.	S	6-0	Urbandale, Iowa / Des Moines Christian
9	Anna Ptacin	Jr.	MB	6-2	Roscoe, Ill. / Hononegah
10	Kylie Miller	Jr.	MB	6-3	Medford, Ore. / North Medford (Clark College)
11	Emmy Sher	Jr.	DS/L	5-8	Lenexa, Kan. / Olathe Northwest
12	Corinne Knapp	So.	OH	5-10	Lithopolis, Ohio / Bloom-Carroll
14	Curry Kendall	Jr.	OH	6-1	Tulsa, Okla. / Bishop Kelley
16	Macy Lengacher	Sr.	DS/L	5-4	Wakarusa, Ind. / NorthWood
18	Kira Holland	Sr.	OH	6-2	Medina, Ohio / Medina
19	Avery Hales	Sr.	S	5-11	Cromwell, Ind. / Warsaw Community
21	Taylor Knuth	Sr.	MB	5-11	Glenview, Ill. / Glenbrook South (Harper Coll.)
22	Dylann Loggins	Fr.	MB	6-2	Elliott City, Md. / Howard

Head Coach: Ted Kopacz (1st season)

Assistant Coaches: Jordan Holland, Nathan Marshall

Pronunciation Guide

9 Anna Ptacin	Puh-taa-sin
11 Emmy Sher	Sheer
12 Corinne Knapp	Nap
16 Macy Lengacher	Lonn-uh-grr
18 Kira Holland	Keer-uh
21 Taylor Knuth	Kuh-nooth
HC Ted Kopacz	Co-pazz





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FINAL 2025 MAC STANDINGS

	MAC			OVERALL		
	W	L	%	W	L	%
Ball State	17	1	.944	21	10	.677
Western Michigan	13	5	.722	17	16	.515
Ohio	12	6	.667	14	17	.452
Toledo	11	7	.611	23	11	.676
Miami	10	8	.556	16	15	.516
Bowling Green	10	8	.556	17	15	.531
Akron	9	9	.500	16	13	.552
Northern Illinois	6	12	.333	13	14	.481
Buffalo	6	12	.333	9	18	.333
Central Michigan	6	12	.333	9	21	.300
Eastern Michigan	5	13	.278	13	18	.419
Kent State	3	15	.167	8	21	.276



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