



# Baseball Set For Weekend Series With Western Michigan

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SIUE (2-4) vs. Western Michigan (1-5)  
March 4-6  
Roy E. Lee Field / Simmons Baseball Complex

SIUE starting pitching:  
Game 1: RHP [Noah Matheny](#) (0-0)  
Game 2: TBA  
Game 3: RHP [Brant Glidewell](#) (0-0)  
Game 4: RHP [Collin Baumgartner](#) (2-0)

**LAST WEEKEND:** The Cougars dropped two of three in a weekend series at Mercer. SIUE took the Sunday game for its second win of the year.

**HOMER HAPPY:** The Cougars are tied for the Ohio Valley Conference lead in home runs with 11, despite playing the least amount of games in the league. [Brett Johnson](#) and [Josh Ohl](#) are tied atop the league with three homers apiece. SIUE returns three players who hit at least 10 home runs, led by 13 from [Brady Buntin](#), which is No. 6 on SIUE's single season list, and the second most in a season in the Division I era. [Ole Arntson](#) hit 11 home runs and Johnson finished with 10 long balls last year.

**HURLERS:** SIUE pitchers open the weekend second in the OVC with an earned run average of 3.96. The Cougars also are second in the league with an opponent's average of .211. [Taylor Bruninga](#) is tied for the league lead with a 0.00 ERA, while [Kaid Karnes](#) is seventh at 1.42.

**STRIKE FORCE:** SIUE pitchers are averaging 9.00 strikeouts per nine innings, which is third best in the OVC. Karnes is third individually at 12.79 strikeouts per nine innings, while [Brant Glidewell](#) is eighth at 9.90.

**SUSPENDED:** SIUE opened the home season with Saint Louis Feb. 22, sort of. The Cougars and Billikens were suspended after six innings in a 9-9 game due to weather. They are scheduled to complete the game April 5 when SIUE visits SLU.

**SERIES STUFF:** SIUE faced Western Michigan in a four-game series last year in Kalamazoo, Michigan. The Cougars won three of four in the series.

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