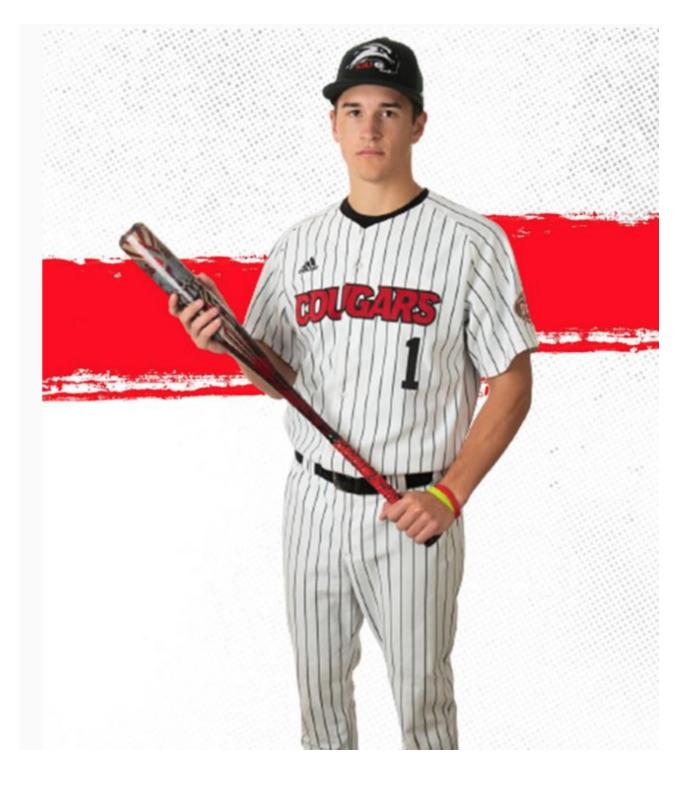


## **Baseball Set For Weekend Series With Western Michigan**

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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 <u>Noah Matheny</u> (0-0) Game 2: TBA Game 3: RHP <u>Brant Glidewell</u> (0-0) Game 4: RHP <u>Collin Baumgartner</u> (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. <u>Brett Johnson</u> and <u>Josh Ohl</u> are tied atop the league with three homers apiece. SIUE returns three players who hit at least 10 home runs, led by 13 from <u>Brady Bunten</u>, which is No. 6 on SIUE's single season list, and the second most in a season in the Division I era. <u>Ole Arntson</u> 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. <u>Taylor Bruninga</u> is tied for the league lead with a 0.00 ERA, while <u>Kaid Karnes</u> 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 <u>Brant Glidewell</u> 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. <u>Print Friendly Version</u>