



2026 Athletes Unlimited Softball League Season: Game #26
Rosemont, Illinois (Parkway Bank Sports Complex)

Monday, June 22, 2026
1 p.m. ET/Noon CT

SCORE BY INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	LOB
Blaze (5-3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0	7
Bandits (4-5)	2	2	0	1	0	0	X	5	7	2	7

Winning Pitcher: Amber Fiser (3-1) | **Losing Pitcher:** Keilani Ricketts (0-2) | **Save:** n/a | **Time of Game:** 1:56

HOME RUNS	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	ROB	OUT	COUNT	LOCATION
None							

The Quick Story: Outfielder **Morgan Zerkle** and infielder **Erin Coffel** combined to post four hits and score four runs as the Chicago Bandits (4-5) secured a 5-1 victory over the Carolina Blaze (5-3) in the finale of their Athletes Unlimited Softball League series at Parkway Bank Sports Complex on Monday afternoon.

Key Moment: The Bandits sprinted to a 4-0 lead by scoring a pair of runs in each of the first two innings, including an RBI triple by infielder **Sami Williams**.

Better Late Than Never: Today's game was originally scheduled to be played yesterday, but was postponed due to the threat of inclement weather in the area.

BLAZE NOTES



- The Blaze saw their lead-off hitter reach base in 5-of-7 innings but were just 1-for-15 with runners on base.
- Carolina lost a series for the first time this season after dropping 2-of-3 games against the Bandits ... The Blaze opened the season with a pair of victories over Portland before taking both contests against Texas.
- Infielder **Aubrey Leach** has hit safely in five of her last six games after recording a single in the sixth inning ... She has now reached base safely in all eight games this season.
- Designated player **Kayla Kowalik** extended her hitting streak to five straight games with a single in the seventh inning.
- Infielder **Ana Gold** brought home the Blaze's lone run in the seventh inning with a bases-loaded walk, marking the third time she has driven in a run over the last four games.
- Outfielder **Dakota Kennedy** had her six-game on-base streak come to an end after going 0-for-3 on Monday.
- Pitcher **Keilani Ricketts** dropped to 0-2 on the season after allowing two runs on one hit in the first inning with two walks and two strikeouts.
- Pitcher **Emma Lemley** threw a season-high 3.0 innings in relief on Monday ... She conceded three runs on six hits with one strikeout.

Blaze's Next Game: Thursday, June 25, vs. Utah (7 p.m. ET)

BANDITS NOTES



- The Bandits have won back-to-back series after opening the season with three straight losses against Utah ... Chicago took 2-of-3 games against Oklahoma City before claiming 2-of-3 contests in the series with Carolina.
- The Bandits scored in the first inning for the fifth time in nine games this season after plating two runs in the opening frame on Monday ... They have now scored 13 runs in the first inning this season.
- Chicago also scored the game's first run for the fourth time in its nine outings this season.
- The Bandits have logged a triple in three of their last four games after outfielder **Morgan Zerkle** posted a three-base hit in the first inning ... Chicago did not record a triple in its first five fixtures.
- Chicago authored a 7-for-18 effort in advancement opportunities while going 4-for-11 with runners on base.
- Infielder **Sami Williams** added an RBI triple in the second inning, giving the Bandits multiple triples in the same game for the second time in team history ... They also had two triples against the Blaze on July 8, 2025, in a 12-10 loss at Parkway Bank Sports Complex.
- Designated player **Mary Iakopo** ran her hitting streak to eight straight games after registering an infield single in the second inning.
- Pitcher **Amber Fiser** authored her second complete game this season after allowing one run on four hits with four strikeouts ... She has accounted for both of the Bandits' complete games.

Bandits' Next Game: Tuesday, June 23 at Texas (7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT)



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Carolina Blaze 1 (5-3)

Chicago Bandits 5 (4-5)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg	Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg
A Gold 3b	2	0	0	1	1	1	3	1	1	.227	M Zerkle cf	4	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	.333
A Leach 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	4	.280	E Coffel ss	3	2	2	0	1	1	4	2	0	.348
D Kennedy rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	.400	S Williams 3b	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	.478
R Atwood c	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	.500	M Iakopo dp	1	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	.474
J Laird ph	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.059	K Sand pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
K Kowalik dp	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	.400	T Bell rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.267
J Wright pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	E Butler rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	.312
D Netz 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	1	.200	J Erickson c	2	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	.160
V Cagle ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.333	T Kern 1b	2	0	0	0	0	1	8	0	0	.188
A Brito ss	2	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	.200	J Clements lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	.158
M Clark cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.000	B Copeland ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.000
A Ocasio lf	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	.350	A Agbayani 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	.231
K Ricketts p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	A Fiser p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-
E Lemley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	Totals	23	5	7	4	3	4	21	8	7	
Totals	24	1	4	1	3	4	18	5	7												

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Chicago Bandits	2	2	0	1	0	0	X	5	7	2

E - S Williams 2(5). DP - Blaze 1; Bandits 2. LOB - Blaze 7; Bandits 7. 2B - M Zerkle(2); E Coffel(4). 3B - M Zerkle(1); S Williams(1). HBP - A Gold; S Williams; M Iakopo; T Kern. SH - A Leach(1). SF - S Williams(1).

Carolina Blaze	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era	Chicago Bandits	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era
K Ricketts	1.0	1	2	2	2	2	4	8	38	5.09	A Fiser	7.0	4	1	1	3	4	24	29	136	2.15
E Lemley	3.0	6	3	3	1	1	13	16	63	12.92											
A Ocasio	2.0	0	0	0	0	1	6	6	27	2.42											

Win - A Fiser (3-1). Loss - K Ricketts (0-2). Save - None.

WP - K Ricketts(3); E Lemley(1). HBP - by A Fiser (A Gold); by K Ricketts (S Williams); by K Ricketts (M Iakopo); by E Lemley (T Kern). Inherited runners/scored: None. Pitches/strikes: K Ricketts 38/23; E Lemley 63/39; A Ocasio 27/16; A Fiser 136/87.

Umpires - HP: Willie Lopez 1B: Scott Tomlinson 3B: Antonio Flores

Start: 12:00 pm Time: 1:56 Attendance:

Weather: Sunny, temps in 70s



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Chicago Bandits	2	2	0	1	0	0	X	5	7	2

Carolina Blaze starters: 4/3b A Gold; 75/2b A Leach; 22/1b D Kennedy; 15/c R Atwood; 99/dp K Kowalik; 34/1b D Netz; 33/ss A Brito; 86/cf M Clark; 8/lf A Ocasio; 10/p K Ricketts;
 Chicago Bandits starters: 18/cf M Zerkle; 21/ss E Coffel; 7/3b S Williams; 33/dp M Iakopo; 20/1b T Bell; 12/c J Erickson; 99/1b T Kern; 5/lf J Clements; 50/2b A Agbayani; 13/p A Fiser;

Carolina Blaze 1st - A Gold hit by pitch (1-2 SBK). A Leach grounded out to p, SAC, bunt (0-0); A Gold advanced to second. D Kennedy grounded out to 1b unassisted (3-2 BBKKB); A Gold advanced to third. R Atwood popped up to 1b (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Chicago Bandits 1st - M Zerkle tripled down the rf line (0-0). E Coffel walked (3-2 BSFFFBBB). S Williams hit by pitch (1-2 BFF); E Coffel advanced to second. S Williams advanced to second; E Coffel advanced to third; M Zerkle scored on a wild pitch. M Iakopo hit by pitch (1-0 B). T Bell struck out swinging (2-2 KFFFBBFS). J Erickson walked, RBI (3-0 BBBB); M Iakopo advanced to second; S Williams advanced to third; E Coffel scored. K Sand pinch ran for M Iakopo. T Kern struck out swinging (2-2 BBKFFS). B Copeland pinch hit for J Clements. B Copeland reached on a fielder's choice (1-2 KFB); J Erickson out at second 2b to ss. 2 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 3 LOB.

Carolina Blaze 2nd - E Butler to rf for T Bell. J Clements to lf for B Copeland. K Kowalik lined out to lf (2-2 KFBB). D Netz struck out looking (1-2 FFBFK). A Brito grounded out to 3b (0-0). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Chicago Bandits 2nd - E Lemley to p for K Ricketts. A Agbayani lined out to rf (2-1 KBB). M Zerkle fouled out to 3b (1-1 KB). E Coffel doubled to left center (3-2 KBFB). S Williams tripled to left center, RBI (1-0 B); E Coffel scored. M Iakopo to dp for K Sand. M Iakopo singled to shortstop, RBI (0-0); S Williams scored. E Butler struck out swinging (0-2 KFS). 2 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Carolina Blaze 3rd - M Clark flied out to cf (2-2 KSBBFFF). A Ocasio walked (3-0 BBBB). A Gold struck out looking (1-2 KFBK). A Leach flied out to rf (2-0 BB). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Chicago Bandits 3rd - D Kennedy to lf. R Atwood to dp. K Kowalik to c. A Ocasio to rf. J Erickson grounded out to 2b (0-2 KK). T Kern hit by pitch (3-2 KBFFBBF). J Clements singled up the middle (3-1 KBBB); T Kern advanced to second. A Agbayani lined into double play 3b to 2b (1-2 KBF); T Kern out on the play. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Carolina Blaze 4th - D Kennedy reached on a throwing error by 3b (2-2 BKFBF). J Laird pinch hit for R Atwood. J Laird reached on a fielding error by 3b (2-2 KKBB); D Kennedy advanced to second. K Kowalik reached on a fielder's choice (1-2 KBF); J Laird advanced to second; D Kennedy out at second ss unassisted. D Netz grounded into double play 2b to ss to 1b (2-2 KFBFBFF); K Kowalik out on the play. 0 runs, 0 hits, 2 errors, 1 LOB.

Chicago Bandits 4th - M Zerkle doubled to center field (1-1 KB). E Coffel singled to right field (0-1 K); M Zerkle advanced to third. S Williams popped up to ss, SF, RBI (2-0 BB); M Zerkle scored. E Coffel advanced to second on a wild pitch. M Iakopo walked (3-1

BFBFB). T Bell pinch hit for E Butler. T Bell reached on a fielder's choice (2-2 KSBFFBF); M Iakopo advanced to second; E Coffel out at third 3b unassisted. J Erickson reached on a fielder's choice (1-0 B); T Bell out at second 2b to ss. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Carolina Blaze 5th - E Butler to rf for T Bell. A Brito singled to center field (2-2 BKFBF). M Clark reached on a fielder's choice (1-1 FB); A Brito out at second 3b to 2b. A Ocasio popped up to ss (2-0 BB). A Gold grounded out to p (2-1 BBS). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Chicago Bandits 5th - D Kennedy to rf. J Laird to lf. A Ocasio to p. / for E Lemley. T Kern grounded out to 1b unassisted (2-0 BB). J Clements grounded out to 1b unassisted (2-2 BKBSF). A Agbayani flied out to cf. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Carolina Blaze 6th - M Iakopo to c. J Erickson to dp. A Leach singled up the middle (0-0). D Kennedy hit into double play 2b to ss to 1b (2-2 KBSB); A Leach out on the play. J Laird grounded out to 1b unassisted (2-2 KKBBF). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Chicago Bandits 6th - M Zerkle grounded out to 2b (3-2 BKBBKF). E Coffel struck out swinging (3-2 KBBKFS). S Williams flied out to rf (1-2 FFB). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Carolina Blaze 7th - K Kowalik singled to center field (1-1 FB). J Wright pinch ran for K Kowalik. V Cagle pinch hit for D Netz. V Cagle struck out looking (3-2 BBKKBK). A Brito walked (3-2 FBFFBBB); J Wright advanced to second. M Clark struck out looking (1-2 BFKFK). A Ocasio singled to left field (0-2 KK); A Brito advanced to second; J Wright advanced to third. A Gold walked, RBI (3-2 BBKFFFFB); A Ocasio advanced to second; A Brito advanced to third; J Wright scored. A Leach lined out to rf (2-2 FKFBFBFF). 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 3 LOB.



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Carolina Blaze 1 (5-3)

Player	[plate appearances]									vs		rbi	with	adv	with	lead	bases	runnr	rnr	rnr	2out	gnd	fly
	tpa	ab	h	bb	hbp	sh	sf	ci	left	right	ops												
A Gold 3b	4	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-2	1-3	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	1	1	0	
A Leach 2b	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	1-3	0-1	0-2	1-3	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-0	1	4	0	1	2	
D Kennedy rf	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-2	1-2	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	2	0	
R Atwood c	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	1	
J Laird ph	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	
K Kowalik dp	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-3	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	
J Wright pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
D Netz 1b	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	1	0	
V Cagle ph	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
A Brito ss	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	
M Clark cf	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	
A Ocasio lf	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	
K Ricketts p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
E Lemley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	29	24	4	3	1	1	0	0	0-0	4-24	1-7	1-15	7-18	1-7	5-7	0-1	0-0	2	7	1	9	6	

Chicago Bandits 5 (4-5)

Player	[plate appearances]									vs		rbi	with	adv	with	lead	bases	runnr	rnr	rnr	2out	gnd	fly
	tpa	ab	h	bb	hbp	sh	sf	ci	left	right	ops												
M Zerkle cf	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1-1	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1	
E Coffel ss	4	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	2-3	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
S Williams 3b	4	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	3-3	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	1	0	1	0	2	
M Iakopo dp	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0	
K Sand pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
T Bell rf	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	1	0	
E Butler rf	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0	
J Erickson c	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-1	0	2	0	2	0	
T Kern 1b	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	1	0	
J Clements lf	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-2	0-0	1-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0	
B Copeland ph	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0	3	0	1	0	
A Agbayani 2b	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	3	
A Fiser p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	30	23	7	3	3	0	1	0	1-4	6-19	3-9	4-11	8-14	3-8	2-6	0-3	2-4	1	7	2	7	6	

Carolina Blaze	[batters faced]														vs		with	with	lead	gnd	fly		
	ip	bf	ab	h	bb	hbp	sh	sf	ci	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	kl	left						right	runrs
K Ricketts L,0-2	1.0	8	4	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1-2	0-2	0-3	0-1	1-1	1	0	38
E Lemley	3.0	16	13	6	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2-7	4-6	4-8	3-5	1-3	3	4	63
A Ocasio	2.0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-4	0-2	0-0	0-2	0-2	3	2	27

Chicago Bandits	[batters faced]														vs		with	with	lead	gnd	fly		
	ip	bf	ab	h	bb	hbp	sh	sf	ci	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	kl	left						right	runrs
A Fiser W,3-1	7.0	29	24	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3-11	1-13	1-15	1-7	5-7	9	6	136