



2026 Athletes Unlimited Softball League Season: Game #52
Hillsboro, Oregon (Hillsboro Ballpark)

Tuesday, July 7, 2026
8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT

SCORE BY INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	LOB
Blaze (8-8)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	2	4
Cascade (10-7)	0	0	0	3	0	1	X	4	3	1	6

Winning Pitcher: Kenzie Brown (3-2) | **Losing Pitcher:** Karlyn Pickens (4-3) | **Save:** n/a | **Time of Game:** 1:53

HOME RUNS	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	ROB	OUT	COUNT	LOCATION
Ana Gold (Inside the Park)	2	Kenzie Brown	5	1	2	0-0	LF

The Quick Story: Rookie pitcher **Kenzie Brown** recorded her third complete game of the season and tallied nine strikeouts as the Portland Cascade (10-7) won its second straight game, a 4-2 Athletes Unlimited Softball League victory over the Carolina Blaze (8-8) in front of a sell-out crowd at Hillsboro Ballpark on Tuesday evening.

Key Moment: Portland broke a scoreless deadlock by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fourth inning. Infielder **Sis Bates** plated the first run when she scored on a fielding error after a single by outfielder **Kendra Falby**. Outfielder **Sierra Sacco-Ferrie** and infielder **Tori Vidales** each added an RBI fielder's choice for a 3-0 advantage.

K-Force: Portland and Carolina combined to record 18 strikeouts in Tuesday's series opener, establishing a new AUSL single-game record ... The previous mark was set with 17 strikeouts between the Blaze and the Volts on June 18, 2025.

No Help Needed: Portland pitcher **Kenzie Brown** and Carolina pitcher **Karlyn Pickens** each posted a complete game on Tuesday, marking the second time in AUSL regular season history both starting pitchers have gone the distance in the same game ... Brown was involved in the other instance when she joined Utah pitcher **Montana Fouts** for a pair of complete games on June 14 at Dumke Family Softball Stadium.

Century Mark: Tuesday's series opener marked the 100th regular season game in AUSL history.

BLAZE NOTES



- The Blaze has lost seven of their last 11 games, including three of the last four outings, after starting the season with a 4-1 record.
- Infielder **Ana Gold** hit the third inside-the-park home run in AUSL regular season history when she belted a two-run shot to left field in the fifth inning ... Chicago outfielder **Morgan Zerkle** authored the first inside-the-park home run on June 8, 2025, against the Talons before Utah outfielder **Jadelyn Allchin** fashioned an inside-the-park grand slam against Oklahoma City on June 23, 2026.
- Catcher **Reese Atwood** has reached base safely in four consecutive games after recording a walk to lead off the sixth inning.
- Rookie pitcher **Karlyn Pickens** tallied a season-high nine strikeouts in the loss on Tuesday night ... Pickens dropped to 4-3 on the season after giving up four runs on three hits with two walks in the complete game effort.
- Infielder **Alyssa Brito** registered her second multi-hit game of the season with a single and a double.

Blaze's Next Game: Wednesday, July 8 at Portland (8 p.m. ET/5 p.m. PT)

CASCADE NOTES



- Portland, which improved to 2-2 at Hillsboro Ballpark this season, played its first home game since June 21 ... All four of the Cascade's home games have been played in front of sell-out crowds.
- Infielder **Kenleigh Cahalan** reached base for the third straight outing after earning a walk in the first inning ... Cahalan has reached base in 14-of-17 games so far this season.
- Utility player **Megan Grant** has reached base safely in 10 consecutive games after drawing a walk in the bottom of the third inning.
- Outfielder **Korbe Otis** began Tuesday's game with an infield single, giving her a hit in six of her last nine outings.
- Pitcher **Kenzie Brown** collected nine strikeouts against Carolina on Tuesday night ... She had tallied eight total strikeouts over 10.0 innings in her previous three combined appearances.
- Brown upped her record to 3-2 after allowing two runs on four hits in a complete game effort ... It is her first victory in the circle since June 14 against Utah.
- Infielder **Paige Sinicki** made her season debut for the Portland Cascade, replacing infielder **Sis Bates** in the fifth inning.

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