

MURRAY STATE BASEBALL GAME NOTES

2024 GAME NOTES - GAME #9-12

MURRAY STATE (6-2) VS. #2 ARKANSAS (6-2)

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MURRAY STATE RACERS VS ARKANSAS RAZORBACKS



TALE OF THE TAPE

.313	Batting Avg.	.287
8.88	Runs PG	7.38
.500	Slug %	.455
.424	On-Base %	.422
8/11 (.727)	SB/SBA (%)	7/8 (.875)
3.73	ERA	2.70
1.06	WHIP	1.00
11.1	K/9	13.9
4.30:1	K:BB Ratio	4.52:1
.210	Opp. Avg.	.187



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» Through the first eight games of the season, Carson Garner has posted a staggering 1.672 OPS with five home runs and a .440 batting average
» Garner leads the MVC in OPS and SLG while also tied for the most home runs with SIU's Steven Loden
» Alex Elsing, Ryan Fender and Bryce Valero sit in a tie for the second-most strikeouts in the conference with 12 each
» Murray State's pitching staff sits atop the conference in combined strikeout total (86) and lowest opponents' batting average (.210)

2024 MVC Standings

Team	Conf.			Overall			Stk.
	W	L	Avg.	W	L	Avg.	
Indiana St.	0	0	.000	7	1	.875	L1
Murray State	0	0	.000	6	2	.750	W2
Belmont	0	0	.000	6	3	.667	W1
Southern Ill.	0	0	.000	5	3	.625	W1
Evansville	0	0	.000	4	3	.571	W1
Missouri St.	0	0	.000	4	3	.571	L1
UIC	0	0	.000	4	4	.500	W1
Illinois St.	0	0	.000	2	4	.333	L1
Valparaiso	0	0	.000	2	5	.286	L4
Bradley	0	0	.000	1	5	.167	L5

NUMBERS TO KNOW

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On February 23, Jacob Pennington became the fifth player in program history to record 200 strikeouts with his second strikeout of the seventh inning and eighth of he game.

86

Murray State's pitching staff has recorded 86 strikeouts so far this season, currently leading the MVC.

100

Dustin Mercer picked up his 100th hit as a Racer with a single in the top of the eighth inning at Louisiana-Monroe on February 25.

2024 SCHEDULE

OVERALL: 6-2 | MVC: 0-0

HOME: 4-0 | AWAY: 2-2 | NEUTRAL: 0-0

Feb. 17	PURDUE FORT WAYNE	W, 11-1
Feb. 18	PURDUE FORT WAYNE	W, 17-2
Feb. 19	PURDUE FORT WAYNE	W, 5-2
Feb. 21	at SEMO	L, 7-8
Feb. 23	at Louisiana-Monroe	W, 2-0
Feb. 24	at Louisiana-Monroe	L, 10-12
Feb. 25	at Louisiana-Monroe	W, 11-5
Feb. 27	NORTH ALABAMA	W, 8-1
Mar. 1	at Arkansas	3 p.m.
Mar. 2	at Arkansas	2 p.m.
Mar. 3	at Arkansas	1 p.m.
Mar. 5	ARKANSAS STATE	3 p.m.
Mar. 6	at North Alabama	4 p.m.
Mar. 8	LINDENWOOD ¹	3 p.m.
Mar. 9	LINDENWOOD ¹	2 p.m.
Mar. 10	LINDENWOOD ¹	1 p.m.
Mar. 12	at Kentucky	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 15	LITTLE ROCK	3 p.m.
Mar. 16	LITTLE ROCK	2 p.m.
Mar. 17	LITTLE ROCK	1 p.m.
Mar. 22	at Evansville*	6 p.m.
Mar. 23	at Evansville*	2 p.m.
Mar. 24	at Evansville*	1 p.m.
Mar. 26	WESTERN KENTUCKY	3 p.m.
Mar. 28	BELMONT*	5 p.m.
Mar. 29	BELMONT*	5 p.m.
Mar. 30	BELMONT*	1 p.m.
Apr. 2	SOUTHERN INDIANA	5 p.m.
Apr. 3	at Southern Indiana	6 p.m.
Apr. 5	INDIANA STATE*	5 p.m.
Apr. 6	INDIANA STATE*	2 p.m.
Apr. 7	INDIANA STATE*	1 p.m.
Apr. 9	at Ole Miss	6:30 p.m.
Apr. 12	at Southern Illinois*	6 p.m.
Apr. 13	at Southern Illinois*	2 p.m.
Apr. 14	at Southern Illinois*	1 p.m.
Apr. 16	SEMO	5 p.m.
Apr. 19	at UIC*	6 p.m.
Apr. 20	at UIC*	2 p.m.
Apr. 21	at UIC*	1 p.m.
Apr. 23	BELLARMINE	5 p.m.
Apr. 26	ILLINOIS STATE ^{2*}	5 p.m.
Apr. 27	ILLINOIS STATE ^{2*}	2 p.m.
Apr. 28	ILLINOIS STATE ^{2*}	1 p.m.
Apr. 30	at UT Martin	3 p.m.
May 1	UT MARTIN	TBA
May 3	at Missouri State*	6:30 p.m.
May 4	at Missouri State*	2 p.m.
May 5	at Missouri State*	1 p.m.
May 10	VALPARAISO ^{3*}	5 p.m.
May 11	VALPARAISO ^{3*}	5 p.m.
May 12	VALPARAISO ^{3*}	1 p.m.
May 14	ALABAMA A&M	4 p.m.
May 16	at Bradley*	6 p.m.
May 17	at Bradley*	11 a.m.
May 18	at Bradley*	11 a.m.
May 21-25	Missouri Valley Conference Tournament ⁴	

* - MVC Contest

Home games in ALL CAPS

All Times Central

Current game(s) in bold italics

¹Players' Weekend

²Alumni Weekend

³Graduation Weekend

⁴at Evansville, Ind.

2024 IMPACT PLAYERS



3 VOGEL

.375 BA/4 2B/3-3 SB



8 GARNER

.440 BA/5 HR/1.672 OPS



15 HOGART

.419 BA/13 R/3-3 SB



34 ELSING

5.2 IP/12 K/1 SAVE



20 LYKE

0.00 ERA/5 K/7.0 IP

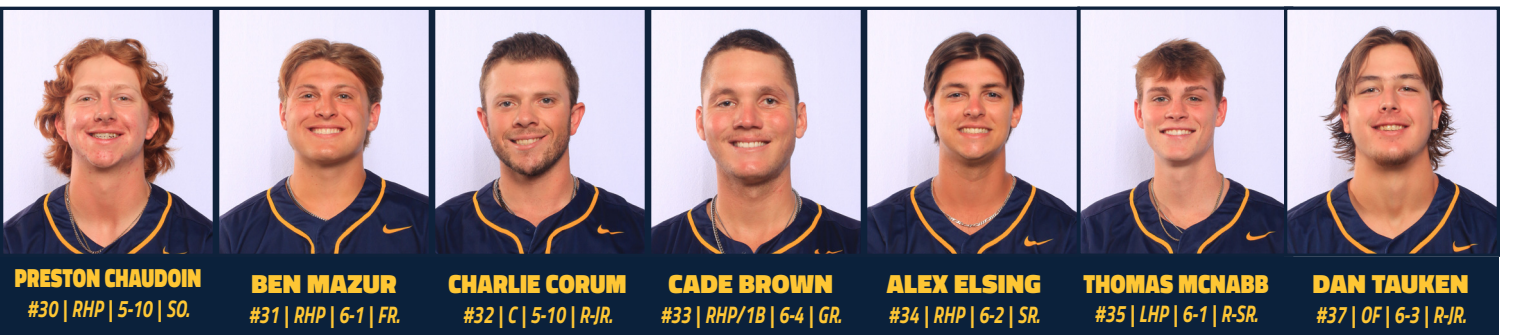
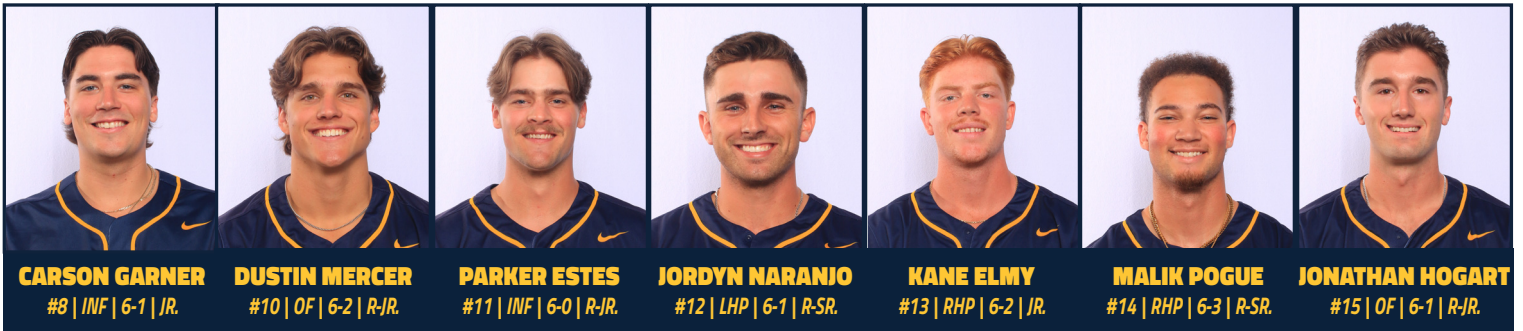
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MURRAY STATE 2024 ROSTER



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Seas.	Overall	Conf.	Finish
2019	24-30	16-14	6th
2020*	10-7	0-0	N/A
2021	33-25	18-12	2nd
2022	30-25	11-13	7th
2023**	31-28	14-13	5th
2024	6-2	0-0	---
Total	134-117 (.534)	59-52 (.531)	

**2020 season cut short due to COVID-19 global pandemic*

**2023 was Murray State's first year competing in the Missouri Valley Conference*

COACHING STAFF

NAME	POS./SEAS.	ALMA MATER
Dan Skirka	HC/6th	Grand Valley State, '07
Stephen Adkins	AC/2nd	Bradley, '15
Cooper Goen	AC/3rd	TCU, '19
Tommy Goodale	AC/1st	St. Ambrose, '18

GAMES #9-12 NOTES

- Murray State has gotten off to a hot start offensively in 2024, sitting among the top three in the MVC team rankings for runs scored (71), home runs (11), RBIs (67), walks drawn (47) and on-base percentage (0.424)
- Junior Carson Garner has one of the hottest bats in the country with the seventh-most home runs and is top 20 in Division I with a 1.040 slugging percentage
- Graduate right-handed pitcher Jacob Pennington was named the Missouri Valley Pitcher of the Week after tossing seven scoreless innings at Louisiana-Monroe, allowing just four hits and striking out nine batters
- Murray State ranks fourth nationally in strikeout-to-walk ratio, striking out 4.3 batters for every walk allowed this season
- The Racers are among the country's top teams in walks allowed per nine innings with the ninth-best ratio in Division I at 2.57 walks allowed

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

- 3 - VOGEL - Voh-gul
- 4 - GUNNAR BINGHAM - Bing-um
- 6 - BRYCE VALERO - like the gas station
- 12 - JORDYN NARANJO - Nuh-ron-ho
- 14 - MALIK POGUE - Muh-leek
- 18 - JACOB HUSTEDDE - Huh-sted-ee
- 19 - JOE PECA - Peck-uh
- 28 - BRADY GRABOWSKI - Gruh-bow-skee
- 30 - PRESTON CHAUDOIN - Shuh-doe-in
- 31 - BEN MAZUR - May-zur
- 37 - DAN TAUKEN - Taw-kin
- 38 - REED BRUANDMEIER - Brawnd-my-ur

2024 OVERALL STATS



Murray State Baseball Overall Statistics for Murray State (as of Feb 28, 2024) (All games Sorted by Batting avg)



Record: 6-2 Home: 4-0 Away: 2-2 MVC: 0-0

Player	avg	gp-gs	ab	r	h	2b	3b	hr	rbi	tb	slg%	bb	hp	so	gdp	ob%	sf	sh	sb-att	po	a	e	fld%
8 Garner, Carson	.440	8-8	25	8	11	0	0	5	13	26	1.040	11	2	4	0	.632	0	0	0-1	14	8	1	.957
15 Hogart, Jonathan	.419	8-8	31	13	13	2	0	0	4	15	.484	7	2	5	0	.537	1	0	3-3	14	1	0	1.000
3 Vogel, Drew	.375	8-8	32	8	12	4	0	1	7	19	.594	5	1	8	0	.474	0	0	3-3	9	18	2	.931
1 Hawthorne, Riley	.360	7-7	25	8	9	0	0	0	6	9	.360	9	1	4	1	.543	0	0	0-1	6	4	0	1.000
10 Mercer, Dustin	.333	8-8	36	13	12	3	0	2	7	21	.583	4	0	6	0	.400	0	0	2-3	16	1	0	1.000
24 Howell, Taylor	.310	8-8	29	4	9	1	1	1	11	15	.517	1	2	4	0	.343	3	0	0-0	54	8	2	.969
16 Bland, Logan	.269	8-7	26	5	7	1	1	0	2	10	.385	5	1	5	2	.406	0	0	0-0	12	19	0	1.000
37 Tauken, Dan	.172	8-7	29	2	5	1	0	0	9	6	.207	1	0	11	1	.194	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000

11 Estes, Parker	.500	3-1	6	2	3	0	0	1	4	6	1.000	0	0	2	0	.500	0	0	0-0	10	1	0	1.000
44 Orberson, John	.500	2-1	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	3	.750	0	0	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
2 Shelton, Preston	.333	2-1	6	3	2	0	0	1	1	5	.833	1	0	0	0	.429	0	0	0-0	3	3	0	1.000
22 Krizen, Ethan	.200	4-4	15	2	3	1	0	0	1	4	.267	1	1	3	0	.278	1	0	0-0	49	2	1	.981
43 Stokely, David	.200	2-1	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.200	0	0	0	0	.200	0	0	0-0	15	0	0	1.000
7 Rudd, Dalton	.143	5-2	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	.143	2	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
17 Pennington, Jacob	.000	2-1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	1	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
4 Bingham, Gunnar	.000	3-0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
25 Buckner, Brayden	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	.319	8	282	71	90	14	2	11	67	141	.500	47	10	57	5	.424	8	0	8-11	210	68	8	.972
Opponents	.210	8	257	31	54	8	1	9	29	91	.354	20	8	86	2	.288	0	3	9-12	204	77	11	.962

LOB - Team (72), Opp (47). DPs turned - Team (5), Opp (9). Picked off - VOGEL 1.

(All games Sorted by Earned run avg)

Player	era	w-l	app	gs	cg	sho	sv	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	2b	3b	hr	b/avg	wp	hp	bk	sfa	sha
23 Roulette, Allen	3.48	2-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	10.1	7	4	4	1	10	2	0	1	.189	1	1	0	0	0

20 Lyke, Ethan	0.00	1-0	2	1	0	0/1	0	7.0	1	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	.045	0	0	0	0	0
17 Pennington, Jacob	0.00	1-0	1	1	0	0/1	0	7.0	4	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	.160	1	1	0	0	1
34 Elsing, Alex	0.00	0-0	3	0	0	0/0	1	5.2	2	0	0	1	12	1	0	0	.105	0	1	0	0	0
35 McNabb, Thomas	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	3.0	2	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	.182	0	2	0	0	0
13 Elmy, Kane	2.25	0-0	2	1	0	0/0	0	4.0	5	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0	0	0
41 Fender, Ryan	3.52	0-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	7.2	4	3	3	7	12	1	0	1	.148	1	1	0	0	0
6 Valero, Bryce	4.50	1-1	2	1	0	0/0	0	8.0	6	6	4	2	12	2	0	0	.214	0	2	0	0	2
21 Holler, Nathan	4.50	0-0	2	0	0	0/1	1	2.0	2	1	1	1	2	0	0	1	.250	0	0	0	0	0
12 Naranjo, Jordyn	4.50	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	2.0	1	1	1	0	5	0	0	1	.143	0	0	0	0	0
40 Vernon, Cade	6.52	1-0	2	2	0	0/0	0	9.2	13	7	7	3	10	1	1	0	.317	1	0	0	0	0
14 Pogue, Malik	18.00	0-0	1	0	0	0/0	0	1.0	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	.250	0	0	0	0	0
38 Braundmeier, Reed	20.25	0-1	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	.500	1	0	0	0	0
33 Brown, Cade	20.25	0-0	2	0	0	0/0	0	1.1	3	3	3	1	1	0	0	2	.429	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3.73	6-2	8	8	0	1/1	2	70.0	54	31	29	20	86	8	1	9	.210	5	8	0	0	3
Opponents	7.68	2-6	8	8	0	0/0	1	68.0	90	71	58	47	57	14	2	11	.319	10	10	0	8	0

PB - Team (2), HOWELL 2, Opp (3). Pickoffs - Team (0), Opp (1). SBA/ATT - KRIZEN (7-8), FENDER (5-6), HOWELL (2-4), VERNON (2-2), ELMY (0-1), ELSING (1-1), LYKE (0-1), HOLLER (1-1).