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POSTGAME NOTES

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LEGENDARY****2025 AUSL All-Star Cup: Game #9**
Rosemont, Illinois (Parkway Bank Sports Complex)**Thursday, August 21, 2025**
7 p.m. ET/6 p.m. CT

SCORE BY INNING	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	LOB
Team Willis (1-2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1	1
Team Kowalik (2-0)	0	0	0	0	3	1	-	4	7	0	4

Winning Pitcher: Aliyah Binford (1-1) | **Losing Pitcher:** Alana Vawter (0-1) | **Save:** Montana Fouts (2) | **Time of Game:** 1:45**Game MVPs:**

#1 - Kayla Kowalik (Team Kowalik), +60 points

#2 - Sierra Romero (Team Kowalik), +40 points

#3 - Emma Lemley (Team Kowalik), +20 points

Defensive MVP - Caroline Jacobsen (Team Kowalik), +20 points

HOME RUNS	NO.	PITCHER	INN.	ROB	OUT	COUNT	LOCATION
Sierra Romero	1	Sarah Willis	6	0	1	3-2	LF
Sydney Romero	1	Montana Fouts	7	0	0	0-1	LCF

The Quick Story: Catcher **Kayla Kowalik** and infielder **Sierra Romero** combined for four hits and three runs batted in as Team Kowalik (2-0) closed the second series of the Athletes Unlimited Softball League All-Star Cup with a 4-1 victory over Team Willis (1-1) at Parkway Bank Sports Complex on Thursday evening.

Key Moment: After the teams played to a scoreless draw through the first four innings, Team Kowalik broke the stalemate in the bottom of the fifth inning with a three-run outburst. Pinch hitter **Ali Newland** drew a bases-loaded walk to plate the game's first run before Kowalik followed with a two-run single to left field for a 3-0 advantage.

Leaderboard Update: Kowalik, who tallied 210 leaderboard points in the victory on Thursday, remains the league leader with 860 leaderboard points. Sierra Romero climbed into ninth place in the league standings after compiling 240 points, while pitcher **Keilani Ricketts** moved into second place and will captain the Orange team in the next series.

TEAM WILLIS NOTES

- Team Willis went 0-for-4 in advancement opportunities, including an 0-for-4 mark with runners on base.
- Middle infielder **Sydney Romero** accounted for Team Willis' lone run by blasting a solo home run to left center field to open the seventh inning, ending Team Kowalik's shutout bid.
- Corner infielders **Paige Sinicki** has hit safely in three consecutive games after going 1-for-2 against Team Kowalik on Thursday.
- Corner infielder **Tori Viales** owns a hit in three of her four All-Star Cup games after going 1-for-3 with an infield single in the fourth inning.
- Pitcher **Alana Vawter** (0-1) suffered the loss after allowing two runs on five hits in 4.0 innings of work ... She also registered four strikeouts before exiting in the fifth frame.
- Pitcher **Emiley Kennedy** made her first appearance in the All-Star Cup after entering in the fifth inning ... She allowed one earned run with two walks in 0.1 innings.

TEAM KOWALIK NOTES

- Team Kowalik was 4-for-14 in advancement opportunities, including 2-for-9 with runners in scoring position ... Team Kowalik's lead-off hitters also reached base safely in 3-of-6 innings.
- Team Kowalik authored the fourth win points sweep of the All-Star Cup campaign ... Team Kowalik also claimed all 130 win points against Team Falby in a 5-0 victory to open the series on Tuesday night.
- Captain **Kayla Kowalik** has earned Game MVP honors in all four games this season, including three consecutive MVP 1 certificates ... She leads the AUSL All-Star Cup field in MVP points (220) and stat points (150), while tying for third in the circuit with 490 win points.
- Kowalik has also recorded three consecutive multi-hit efforts after going 2-for-3 in the victory on Thursday night ... She has also driven in the game-winning run in all four of her games this season.
- Kowalik has registered at least one hit in all four games through the first two series and leads the AUSL with nine hits.
- Kowalik also becomes the first player in the All-Star Cup this season to record multiple games with 200 or more leaderboard points ... She opened this week's series with a 270-point performance against Team Falby on Tuesday night.

- Middle infielder **Sierra Romero** belted her first home run of the campaign with a solo shot in the sixth inning to earn MVP 2 status and a game-high 240 leaderboard points.
- Pitcher **Emma Lemley**, the game's MVP 3 honoree, did not factor in the decision despite holding Team Willis scoreless across 4.0 innings ... She registered 198 leaderboard points after scattering two hits with two strikeouts.
- Outfielder **Caroline Jacobsen** was named as the game's Defensive MVP after finishing with three putouts ... She also contributed an outfield assist on a double play in the third inning.
- Outfielder **McKenzie Clark** registered her first hit of the All-Star Cup with a single through the right side in the third inning.
- Pitcher **Aliyah Binford** (1-1) picked up her first victory of the All-Star Cup after tossing 1.0 inning of scoreless relief with one strikeout.
- Pitcher **Montana Fouts** earned her second save of the series after allowing one run on one hit over the final 2.0 innings with two strikeouts ... She is tied with pitcher **Taylor McQuillin** for the league lead in saves.



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Team Willis 1 (1-1)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg
S Sacco rf	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	.222
Sy Romero 2b	3	1	1	1	0	0	4	1	0	.455
T Vidales 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	.357
A Gold 3b	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	.125
T Edwards c	3	0	0	0	0	2	7	1	0	.250
V Hayward lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.250
P Sinicki ss	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	.300
S Willis dp	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
A Andrews cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	.167
A Vawter p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
E Kennedy p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Totals	22	1	3	1	1	5	18	6	1	

Team Kowalik 4 (2-0)

Player	ab	r	h	rbi	bb	so	po	a	lob	avg
K Otis lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	.231
K Kowalik c	3	0	2	2	0	0	5	0	0	.600
E Coffel ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	2	.167
B Klingler 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	.250
Si Romero 2b	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.455
D Coffey 3b	3	1	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	.273
A Binford dp	2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	.200
C Jacobsen rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	.000
A Newland ph	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	.000
M Clark cf	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143
E Lemley p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
M Fouts p	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Totals	23	4	7	4	2	7	21	4	4	

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Team Willis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1
Team Kowalik	0	0	0	0	3	1	X	4	7	0

E - A Gold(2). DP - Willis 2; Kowalik 2. LOB - Willis 1; Kowalik 4. 2B - P Sinicki(2); B Klingler(1); Si Romero(2). HR - Sy Romero(1); Si Romero(1). SH - Si Romero(1). SB - D Coffey(1). CS - M Clark(1).

Team Willis	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era	Team Kowalik	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	ab	bf	np	era
A Vawter	4.0	5	2	2	0	4	14	15	56	3.50	E Lemley	4.0	2	0	0	1	2	12	13	62	1.91
E Kennedy	0.1	0	1	1	2	0	1	3	16	21.00	A Binford	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	8	5.25
S Willis	1.2	2	1	1	0	3	8	8	34	2.55	M Fouts	2.0	1	1	1	0	2	7	7	26	1.00

Win - A Binford (1-1). Loss - A Vawter (0-1). Save - M Fouts (2).

Inherited runners/scored: E Kennedy 2/1; S Willis 3/2. Pitches/strikes: A Vawter 56/40; E Kennedy 16/7; S Willis 34/21; E Lemley 62/39; A Binford 8/6; M Fouts 26/18.

Umpires - HP: Alex Leap 1B: Jim Cooper 3B: Lindon Baptiste

Start: 6:02 pm Time: 1:45 Attendance:

Weather: Partly Cloudy, 76 degrees



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Team Willis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	1
Team Kowalik	0	0	0	0	3	1	X	4	7	0

Team Willis starters: 28/rf S Sacco; 2/2b Sy Romero; 29/1b T Vidales; 40/3b A Gold; 12/c T Edwards; 1/lf V Hayward; 36/ss P Sinicki; 66/dp S Willis; 11/cf A Andrews; 15/p A Vawter;

Team Kowalik starters: 31/lf K Otis; 99/c K Kowalik; 21/ss E Coffel; 38/1b B Klingler; 32/2b Si Romero; 24/3b D Coffey; 25/dp A Binford; 51/rf C Jacobsen; 86/cf M Clark; 54/p E Lemley;

Team Willis 1st - S Sacco struck out swinging (3-2 BSFBBS). Sy Romero flied out to lf (2-2 BKBK). T Vidales popped up to ss (0-1 K). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Team Kowalik 1st - K Otis grounded out to ss (0-1 F). K Kowalik grounded out to 3b (0-0). E Coffel lined out to 2b (0-1 K). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Team Willis 2nd - A Gold walked (3-2 BBBKFFB). T Edwards popped up to ss (3-2 BFFBFB). V Hayward lined into double play 3b to 1b (2-1 BKB); A Gold out on the play. 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Team Kowalik 2nd - B Klingler doubled down the lf line (0-0). Si Romero out at first 1b to 2b, SAC, bunt (0-1 F); B Klingler advanced to third. D Coffey struck out looking (2-2 KFFBBK). A Binford struck out swinging (3-2 BFKFBFB). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Team Willis 3rd - P Sinicki doubled to right center (1-1 BK). S Willis flied into double play rf to 3b (1-2 SSBF); P Sinicki out on the play. A Andrews grounded out to ss (2-1 BBK). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Team Kowalik 3rd - C Jacobsen struck out swinging (2-2 BBFFS). M Clark singled through the right side (3-2 KSBBFFBFF). K Otis struck out swinging (2-2 BFFBS); M Clark out at second c to 2b, caught stealing. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Team Willis 4th - S Sacco struck out swinging (3-2 BFBKFFBFFS). Sy Romero flied out to rf (1-0 B). T Vidales singled to third base (1-2 KFFB). A Gold popped up to ss (0-0). 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 LOB.

Team Kowalik 4th - K Kowalik singled down the lf line (0-0). E Coffel flied out to cf (1-1 BK). B Klingler hit into double play 2b to ss to 1b (1-1 BK); K Kowalik out on the play. 0 runs, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Team Willis 5th - A Binford to p. / for E Lemley. T Edwards struck out looking (0-2 SKK). V Hayward grounded out to 3b (1-0 B). P Sinicki flied out to rf (1-1 BK). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Team Kowalik 5th - Si Romero doubled to right field (2-1 KBB). D Coffey singled to left field (0-2 FK); Si Romero advanced to third. E Kennedy to p for A Vawter. D Coffey stole second. A Binford walked (3-1 BFBFB). A Newland pinch hit for C Jacobsen. A Newland walked, RBI (3-1 BBSBB); A Binford advanced to second; D Coffey advanced to third; Si Romero scored. M Clark popped up to 2b (1-2 BSKFF). S Willis to p. / for E Kennedy. K Otis struck out looking (3-2 BKKBFBK). K Kowalik singled to left field, 2 RBI (0-0); A Newland advanced to second; A Binford scored; D Coffey scored. E Coffel flied out to cf (0-1 K). 3 runs, 3 hits, 0 errors, 2 LOB.

Team Willis 6th - C Jacobsen to rf for A Newland. A Binford to dp. M Fouts to p. S Willis popped up to 3b (0-1 F). A Andrews lined out to ss (2-2 BFFB). S Sacco struck out swinging (2-2 KSBB). 0 runs, 0 hits, 0 errors, 0 LOB.

Team Kowalik 6th - B Klingler flied out to cf (3-2 BKBBF). Si Romero homered to left field, RBI (3-2 BBFKB). D Coffey reached on a throwing error by 3b, advanced to second (1-0 B). A Binford struck out swinging (2-2 FBFFBS). A Newland pinch hit for C Jacobsen. A Newland struck out looking (1-2 KKBFBK). 1 run, 1 hit, 1 error, 1 LOB.

Team Willis 7th - A Newland to rf. Sy Romero homered to left center, RBI (0-1 K). T Vidales flied out to rf (1-1 BK). A Gold lined out to lf (0-1 K). T Edwards struck out swinging (3-2 KKBBS). 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 0 LOB.



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Team Willis 1 (1-1)

	[plate appearances]								vs	vs	rbi	with	adv	with	lead	bases	runnr	mrs	mrs	2out	gnd	fly
Player	tpa	ab	h	bb	hbp	sh	sf	ci	left	right	ops	runrs	ops	2outs	off%	full	on3rd	adv	lob	rbi	out	out
S Sacco rf	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Sy Romero 2b	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
T Vidales 1b	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
A Gold 3b	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	2
T Edwards c	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-3	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
V Hayward lf	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1
P Sinicki ss	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
S Willis dp	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
A Andrews cf	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1
A Vawter 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 Kennedy 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	23	22	3	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	3-22	0-1	0-4	0-4	1-7	3-7	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	2	12

Team Kowalik 4 (2-0)

	[plate appearances]								vs	vs	rbi	with	adv	with	lead	bases	runnr	mrs	mrs	2out	gnd	fly
Player	tpa	ab	h	bb	hbp	sh	sf	ci	left	right	ops	runrs	ops	2outs	off%	full	on3rd	adv	lob	rbi	out	out
K Otis lf	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	1	0
K Kowalik c	3	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	2-3	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	0	0	2	1	0
E Coffel ss	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-3	0-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	2	0	0	3
B Klingler 1b	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1
Si Romero 2b	3	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	1	0
D Coffey 3b	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-3	1-2	1-2	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0
A Binford dp	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
C Jacobsen rf	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
A Newland ph	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	1-2	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	1	0	0	0
M Clark cf	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-1	1-1	0-1	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0	0	0	0	1
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
M Fouts 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	26	23	7	2	0	1	0	0	0-1	7-22	2-9	2-12	4-14	1-5	3-6	1-3	1-4	1	4	2	4	5

Team Willis	[batters faced]										vs		vs	with	with	lead	gnd	fly					
	ip	bf	ab	h	bb	hbp	sh	sf	ci	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	kl	left	right	runrs	2outs	off%	out	out	np
A Vawter L,0-1	4.0	15	14	5	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2-4	3-10	1-6	0-2	3-5	4	2	56
E Kennedy	0.1	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	1	16
S Willis	1.2	8	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1-3	1-5	1-5	1-3	0-1	0	2	34

Team Kowalik	[batters faced]										vs						vs	with	with	lead	gnd	fly	
	ip	bf	ab	h	bb	hbp	sh	sf	ci	2b	3b	hr	wp	bk	kl	left	right	runrs	2outs	off%	out	out	np
E Lemley	4.0	13	12	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0-4	2-8	0-4	1-4	2-4	1	7	62
A Binford W,1-1	1.0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0-1	0-2	0-0	0-1	0-1	1	1	8
M Fouts S,2	2.0	7	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0-2	1-5	0-0	0-2	1-2	0	4	26