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West Michigan Whitecaps (93-39/48-18) at Lake County Captains (74-59/39-27)

Game #2 of 3 | WM Leads 1-0 | MWL Eastern Division Championship

September 11, 2025 | 6:35 pm EST | LMCU Ballpark | Comstock Park, MI

Radio: 106.1 FM/1340 AM WJRW | TV: MiLB.TV



UPCOMING SCHEDULE & PROBABLE PITCHERS

Thu, Sep 11	vs. Lake County	6:35pm - Game 2	RHP Hayden Minton (7-2, 3.63)	vs.	LHP Caden Favors (8-9, 4.08)
Fri, Sep 12	vs. Lake County	6:35pm - Game 3	RHP Preston Howey (6-4, 3.19)	vs.	LHP Michael Kennedy (2-2, 3.32)
Sun, Sep 14	vs. TBD	2:00pm	MIDWEST LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP - Game 1 of 3		
Tue, Sep 16	@ TBD	TBD	MIDWEST LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP - Game 2 of 3		
Wed, Sep 17	@ TBD	TBD	MIDWEST LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP - Game 3 of 3		

'CAPS TAKE GAME ONE IN LAKE COUNTY, 7-2: The West Michigan Whitecaps took an early lead and finished the job with one big swing to win their first playoff game since September 6, 2018, as part of a 7-2 win over the Lake County Captains on Tuesday night in Game 1 of the Midwest League Eastern Division Championship Series at Classic Park. West Michigan now leads this best-of-three series one game to none, with Game 2 scheduled for Thursday night in Comstock Park. A victory on Thursday sends the Whitecaps to the Midwest League Championship series for the first time since winning their last league title in 2015. The win gives the Whitecaps a total of 93 victories in 2025 – more than any other year in Whitecaps history.

WINNING IN ALL PHASES: The Whitecaps finished the season with the best numbers in the three major categories in 2025. West Michigan led all Midwest League teams in hitting (.264), pitching (3.17), and fielding (.978) to become the first Midwest League team to accomplish the feat since stats began being officially recorded by MiLB in 2005.

TWO HALVES ARE BETTER THAN ONE: With the 'Caps 7-2 win over the Great Lakes Loons on Sunday, August 31, they clinched both the first and second-half Midwest League East Division crowns and will now face off against the best overall team in the east in the first round of the playoffs, rather than a different second-half division winner. Lake County and Great Lakes are the two closest teams to West Michigan as the season winds down.

MURR LEAPS TO S.C. TOP PLAY: With his incredible leap over Great Lakes Loons catcher Frank Rodriguez to give West Michigan a 2-1 win on August 26 at Dow Diamond, OF Austin Murr took home the No. 1 play on the SportsCenter Top 10 the following day.

RUNNING AWAY WITH RUNS RECORD: With their 16-0 win on August 24 over Lansing at LMCU Ballpark, not only did the Whitecaps collect their most lopsided shutout in team history, breaking the previous mark of 14-0 in a win over the Burlington Bees on June 5, 2000, but also broke the franchise record for runs scored in a season, and are now up to 753 on the year. The previous high was 1997 when the team scored 698 times.

ALONE AT THE TOP: A number of current Whitecaps players have set franchise records this season. Infielder Izaac Pacheco is the franchise's all-time home run record holder (39) and RBI-Leader (166). Another player who sits in the Top-5 is IF/OF Austin Murr (137). Murr currently holds the franchise all-time mark for doubles (64) with Pacheco sitting four behind at 60.

WELCOME TO THE CLUB: Infielders Izaac Pacheco (No. 19 - Baseball America) and pitcher Lucas Elissalt (No. 26, MLB Pipeline) we're both recently named top-30 prospects in the Detroit Tigers Minor League system. Pacheco, who was a top-15 prospect after being drafted by the Tigers in 2021, subsequently dropped out of the top-30 before rejoining the list of top prospects in 2025 - setting career highs in every offensive category while becoming the Whitecaps career RBI and home run leader in the process.

A GRAND SEASON: The Whitecaps have shattered their franchise record for grand slams with eight this season, breaking the previous record of five, the most recent of which came by Andrew Jenkins in the 1st inning of a 12-2 win over the Lake County Captains at LMCU Ballpark on July 11.

THE WALK-OFF WHITECAPS: After the Whitecaps 3-2 walk-off victory over the Lansing Lugnuts on Friday, August 22, 11 of the 'Caps 48 victories at home have been walk-offs - accounting for nearly 25% of their wins inside of LMCU Ballpark during the season.

DRUMSTICKS FOR EVERYONE: As part of a 15-2 win over the Lansing Lugnuts at LMCU Ballpark on September 4, the Whitecaps extended a new franchise record by scoring double-digit runs in their 21st game this season, surpassing the previous record of 17 set in 2022. This season, a postgame tradition was instituted by manager Tony Cappuccilli, rewarding the team with Drumsticks Ice Cream Cones after each double-digit performance. This amounts to over 800 Drumsticks consumed by players, coaches, and support staff. This is not counting if anyone has seconds.

A LOT TO A LITTLE: The West Michigan Whitecaps finished the season with the best run differential in all of MiLB at +294 -- the highest of any full-season MiLB team on record (since 1988) and most since the short-season 1996 Lethbridge Black Diamonds had +298. The next closest team was the San Jose Giants of the California League at +251.

FOR WEST MICHIGAN: RHP Hayden Minton makes his 12th start and 17th overall appearance on the season after closing the year with five scoreless frames and six strikeouts in a 15-2 win over the Fort Wayne TinCaps. The Tigers ninth-round pick in the 2023 MLB Draft out of Missouri State has controlled the zone this season with West Michigan, going 7-2 with a 3.63 ERA while posting a 20/70 walk-to-strikeout ratio through 69.1 innings of work.

FOR LAKE COUNTY: LHP Caden Favors makes his 26th start with Lake County after finishing the season allowing just one run through six innings pitched with six strikeouts in the Captains 3-2 clinching victory on September 5th. Despite allowing 52 walks this season, Favors has piled on the strikeouts, going 8-9 with a 4.08 ERA while adding 113 strikeouts in 108 IP.

BALLPARK PROMOTIONS (MWL Playoffs): Thursday, September 11: Midwest League Playoffs - Eastern League Championship - Game 2: MI Army Natl Guard Thrifty Thursday... Saturday, September 13: Midwest League Playoffs - Eastern League Championship - Game 3: Kids Run the Bases...Call 616-784-4131 or go online to whitecapsbaseball.com.

2025 WEST MICHIGAN WHITECAPS

Overall Record.....	93-39
Second-Half Record.....	48-18
Home.....	48-17
Road.....	45-22
Place (MWL East).....	1st
Streak.....	W2
Last 6.....	5-1
Last 12.....	8-4

WEST MICHIGAN vs LAKE COUNTY

2025 vs. Lake County.....	13-12
at West Michigan.....	5-7
at Lake County.....	8-5
All-Time vs. Lake County.....	146-131
2024 vs. Lake County.....	6-15

THIS SERIES

Games.....	1
Record.....	1-0

LAST SERIES

Tuesday, September 2.....	W/8-5
Wednesday, September 3.....	W/8-4
Thursday, September 4.....	W/15-2
Friday, September 5.....	L/6-1
Saturday, September 6.....	W/6-1
Sunday, September 7.....	W/5-0

THIS SERIES

Tuesday, September 9.....	W/7-2
Thursday, September 11.....	6:35pm
Friday, September 12.....	6:35pm

Batters (This Series)

Batting Average.....	.289 (11/38)
RISP.....	.333 (4/12)
Runs/Runs Per Game.....	7/7
Home Runs.....	1

Pitchers (This Series)

ERA.....	2.00 (9 IP/2 ER)
Starter W/L.....	1-0
Starter ERA.....	3.53 (5.1 IP/2 ER)
Reliever W/L.....	3-0
Reliever ERA.....	0.00 (3.2 IP/0 ER)
Saves/Opps.....	0-0 (0%)