

## WKU SOFTBALL

# Houge named CUSA Pitcher of the Week

*Sophomore tossed 20.2 scoreless innings, earned 3 wins for Tops*

**The Daily News**

Conference USA announced its first weekly awards for the 2026 season with Western Kentucky sophomore right hander Erica Houge earning the first Pitcher of the Week honor.

She led the Hilltoppers to their best start since 2021, finishing 4-1, while Houge also collected three wins in five games and posted a 0.00 ERA.

The Iowa native earned the win in all three shutout games and was responsible for 16.2 of the

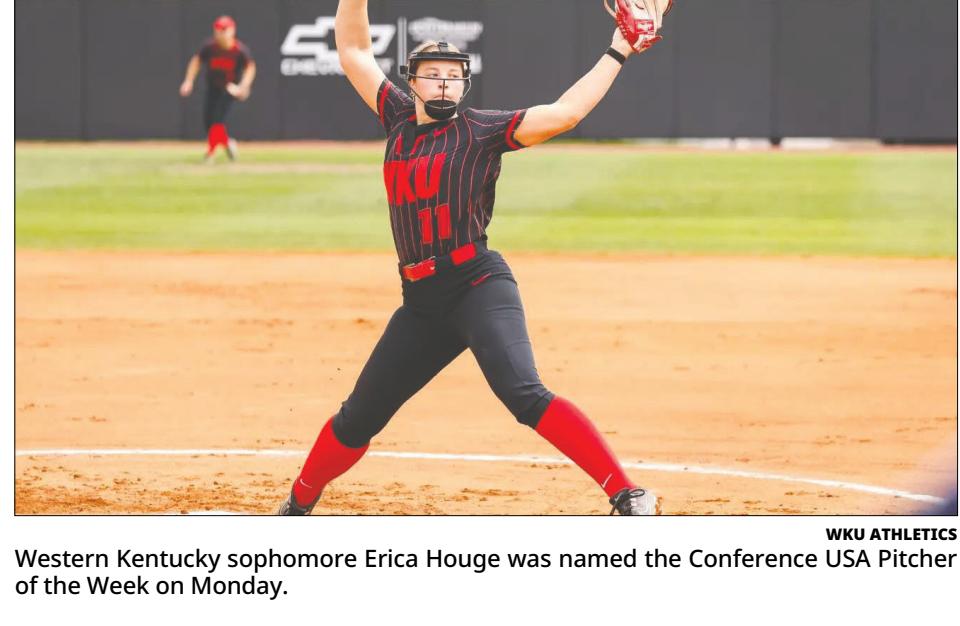
20.2 scoreless innings posted by the WKU pitching staff.

Her complete game shutout against Georgia Southern featured a performance in which she gave up only three hits in 6.2 innings of work and collected two strikeouts. In addition, she only needed 63 pitches and faced 23 batters to earn the win.

The sophomore posted a new career high in strikeouts with seven against UNC Greensboro on Friday and matched her total against EIU on

Sunday. In that same game against the Panthers, Houge only needed 72 pitches to secure the win.

WKU is back in action Friday with two games in the MUSB Invitational in Macon, Georgia. The Hilltoppers will face Army at 9 a.m. CT, then take on host Mercer at 2 p.m. The Tops will play five games in all, with a Saturday matchup against Iowa (11:30 a.m.) and a rematch against Mercer (4:30 p.m.) before finishing up with a second game against Army on Sunday (9 a.m.).



WKU ATHLETICS

Western Kentucky sophomore Erica Houge was named the Conference USA Pitcher of the Week on Monday.

## PROFESSIONAL SOCCER

# Nashville SC loans Sipić to Bundesliga 2

**The Daily News**

Bowling Green native Adem Sipić will continue his professional soccer career in Europe.

Nashville Soccer Club announced Tuesday it has loaned forward Sipić to

German Bundesliga 2 side Eintracht Braunschweig through July 13, 2026.

Sipić signed with Major League Soccer's Nashville SC in 2023 as a 17-year-old Homegrown player after developing at Nashville SC's Academy and has

registered seven goals and one assist in 53 career appearances with NSC's MLS NEXT Pro affiliate Huntsville City Football Club. Sipić was the first player in club history to complete the pathway to the pros

for Nashville SC by developing through the club's Academy onto Huntsville City Football Club, the club's MLS NEXT Pro affiliate, and finally by signing a first team contract.

Sipić made his

Huntsville City FC debut in the club's inaugural match against Crown Legacy on March 26, 2023, as a second-half sub, and recorded the shootout-winning kick from the spot in the sixth round of that match.

He scored his first professional goal during the run of play in his first start in a 4-2 victory over St. Louis CITY2 at the Wicks Family Field at Joe Davis Stadium during the 2023 season.

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7		4				2	
9	8						
7	5			8		1	
1		5		3	7		
8			3				
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Difficulty: ★★★

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Sudoku is a number placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the King Classic Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

5	3	4	6	8	1	9	7	2
7	9	1	3	4	2	5	6	8
2	6	8	7	5	9	4	3	1
1	8	9	5	6	3	7	2	4
4	5	2	9	7	8	3	1	6
6	7	3	2	1	4	8	5	9
3	4	7	8	2	6	1	9	5
9	1	6	4	3	5	2	8	7
8	2	5	1	9	7	6	4	3

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS****NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**

that the Barren River Area Development District will consider sealed proposals from licensed engineering firms for the design and costing of fourteen (14) above-ground, FEMS P-361 compliant community tornado safe rooms.

The proposed storm shelter will be built at various industrial sites in Allen, Barren, Metcalfe, Simpson, and Warren Counties. It must meet all requirements of FEMS P-361 and must be ADA accessible. The final design drawings must be stamped by a licensed engineer certifying that they meet P-361 requirements.

Go to [www.bradd.org](http://www.bradd.org) for the complete bid packet. If you need more information than this, contact Community Development Specialist Tyler Hopkins at [tyler.hopkins@bradd.org](mailto:tyler.hopkins@bradd.org) or (270) 781-2381.

The Proposals must be delivered by hand or through the mail to the BRADD Main Office, 177 Graham Ave, Bowling Green, KY 42101. All RFQs will need to be received by 2 pm on February 27, 2026. No late proposals will be accepted. All questions regarding the RFQ will need to be received by the close of business on February 18, 2026.

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