Mines Softball opens its new home field today, taking on crosstown rival MSU Denver as the RMAC season comes down to the wire.

**WELCOME HOME**

Today’s games are the first at our new home field, which features new dugouts, support buildings, re-leveled infield, and improved sightlines for fans. The Orediggers have played their home games at Regis or MSU Denver this season due to the unusual amount of snow we received in January and February, delaying construction.

**OREDIGGERS CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH**

The Orediggers clinched a berth in the RMAC Tournament with last weekend’s results, and currently sit third in the conference at 21-8 (.724). Colorado Mesa is on top at 28-3 (.903) with Colorado Christian next at 22-6 (.786). Dixie State is just behind Mines at 23-9 (.719), MSU Denver at 17-11 (.607) and UCCS (18-13, .581) have also clinched playoff spots, with the rest of the conference still mathematically alive for the final two spots.

**THE MATCHUP**

This weekend’s series will pit two teams jockeying for playoff position as Mines tries to stay in the top three and the Roadrunners try to improve on their fifth-place standing. Both teams rank among the top third of the RMAC in team hitting (MSU Denver third at .310, Mines fourth at .304) and team ERA (Mines third at 3.05, MSU Denver fifth at 3.59). The Roadrunners don’t have any one offensive standout, but are consistent up and down the lineup with eight everyday players hitting .300 or better and six players with 18+ RBI. Darby McGhee (9-10) leads the pitching staff with a 2.65 ERA; Julia Heitz (7-5) comes in at 3.99.

**MASHING TATERS**

With two home runs last weekend against CCU, junior Clara Larson has put the Mines career home run record within reach. She now sits at 32 in her three seasons, two behind Kaleigh Starr’s record of 34 set between 2007 and 2010. Her 46 career doubles now rank fourth all-time, and her 149 RBI are third.

**ON A ROLL**

Rightfielder Kendall Murphy’s remarkable reach-base streak continued last weekend as the rookie has reached in all 36 games she’s played as an Oredigger. Murphy is batting .386 and slugging .598 out of the leadoff spot this year, and with 18 doubles, she could threaten the Mines single-season record of 23 before her freshman season is done. Murphy has also walked 13 times and driven in 27 RBI.
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### Orediggers • 22-15 / 21-8 RMAC

1. **Hana Mawlawi** INF 5-4 So. R/R Fort Collins, Colo. / Fort Collins
2. **Dani Valerio** OF 5-4 Sr. L/L Littleton, Colo. / Dakota Ridge
3. **Claire Smith** INF 5-8 Fr. L/R Downey, Calif. / Downey
4. **Sydney Marchando** P 5-5 So. R/R Highlands Ranch, Colo. / Rock Canyon
5. **Kendall Murphy** OF 5-8 Jr. L/L Edmond, Okla. / Edmond Memorial
7. **Kylie Redding** P 5-6 So. R/R Katy, Texas / Katy
8. **Sam Wade** INF 5-4 Fr. R/R Las Vegas, Nev. / Palo Verde
9. **Boston Ludlow** INF 5-10 Sr. R/R Eastvale, Calif. / Eleanor Roosevelt
10. **Katie Leiker** UTIL 5-8 Sr. R/R Highlands Ranch, Colo. / Thunder Ridge
11. **Loren Dempsey** C 5-7 Jr. R/R Crosby, Tex. / Hargrave
12. **Clara Larson** INF 5-6 Jr. R/R Castle Rock, Colo. / Douglas County
13. **Stefanie Brunello** UTIL 5-3 Jr. L/R Red Bluff, Calif. / Red Bluff
15. **Kara Jones** C/INF 5-11 Sr. L/L Colorado Springs, Colo. / Rampart
16. **Claire Stringfellow** P 5-9 Jr. L/L Houston, Texas / St. Pius X
17. **Megan Dickson** C/INF 5-4 So. R/R Houston, Texas / Lamar

**Head Coach:** Leah Glasgow  
**Assistant Coaches:** Tara Wheeler, Allie Collins

### MSU Denver

### Roadrunners • 22-23 / 17-11 RMAC

1. **Destinee Lopez** So. P 5-2 B/L La Verne, Calif./Bonita
2. **Kylee Burnside** Sr. P/U 5-4 B/R Idaho Falls, Idaho/Colby C.C.
3. **Abby Anderson** So. 1B 5-9 R/R Loveland, Colo./Loveland
4. **Koryna Wright** So. 3B 5-4 R/R Rancho Cucamonga, Calif./Rancho Cucamonga
5. **Ari Valdez** Fr. 2B/OF 5-1 R/R Denver, Colo./John F. Kennedy
6. **Tes Hass** Jr. OF 5-7 L/L Loveland, Colo./Loveland
7. **Ashlee Kim** Sr. 2B 5-4 L/R Castle Rock, Colo./Douglas County
8. **Alyssa Richter** Jr. SS 5-7 B/R Thornton, Colo./Santa Barbara CC
9. **Peyton Matejka** So. OF 5-8 R/R Parker, Colo./Ponderosa
10. **Kayla Banks** Fr. P/OF 5-3 L/L Aurora, Colo./Smoky Hill
11. **Megan Sansburn** Jr. OF 5-6 R/R Littleton, Colo./Dakota Ridge
12. **JJ Sheppard** Fr. 1B 5-6 L/L Fountain Valley, Calif./Fountain Valley
13. **Alexis Spinks** Fr. SS/2B 5-2 R/R Westminster, Colo./Pomona
14. **Jasmine Wessels** Sr. C 5-5 B/R Thornton, Colo./Western Nebraska C.C.
15. **Celyn Whitt** Sr. OF 5-0 B/R Broomfield, Colo./Western Nebraska C.C.
16. **Laneys Shepard** Fr. C/3B 5-9 R/R Fountain Valley, Calif./Fountain Valley
17. **Darby McGhee** Jr. P 5-8 R/R Camarillo, Calif./Adolfo Camarillo
18. **Kassi Reiger** Fr. OF/C 5-6 R/R Loveland, Colo./Loveland
19. **Julia Heitz** Fr. P 5-8 R/R Queen Creek, Ariz./Queen Creek
20. **Rebecca Gonzales** Fr. OF 5-3 L/L Highlands Ranch, Colo./Mountain Vista

**Head Coach:** Annie Van Wetzinga  
**Assistant Coach:** Jacqueline Flood