

RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



#17 NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

3-1 (0-0 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)
Neutral: 3-1 | Streak: W2

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern will head back to the ASB Dome for a four-game slate against Frontier Conference opponents, battling Bismarck State, Dickinson State, Dakota State, and Bellevue.
- It will be the first meeting for Northwestern against new NAIA member Bismarck State.
- In the all-time series with other opponents this weekend, the Raiders are 6-5 against Dickinson State, 17-2 against Dakota State, and 9-27 against Bellevue.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Raiders opened the 2026 season last week, compiling a 3-1 record.
- Their wins included 2-1 victories over Mount Mercy and Benedictine, and a 5-0 shutout over York.
- Newcomers stood out, as freshman Ava Gross hit .417 with four RBIs, freshman pitcher Allison Koontz compiled a 0.95 ERA with a complete game, and transfer outfielder Myla Murphy hit .364 and went 5-for-5 on stolen base attempts.
- In her debut weekend, Audrie Kohl punched out 10 batters in the circle.

NEW BEGINNINGS

- Reloading after graduating 11 players in 2025, Northwestern has plenty of promise for the 2026 squad.
- First Team All-GPAC selection Sydney Jacobs and Second Team pick Tatum Schmalbeck return to the lineup.
- Other returners include catcher Jenny Luevano, infielder Cassidy Gors, outfielder Berkley Johanssen, and utility player Aly Vortherms.
- The Raiders welcome eight freshmen to the varsity roster and a transfer in Myla Murphy.
- Murphy spent two seasons at Iowa Lakes Community College, hitting .333 with 13 RBIs and 68 steals in 96 games.

RANKED RAIDERS

- The Raiders open the season at No. 17 in the NAIA Coaches' Poll, which was released in November.
- They have been ranked in 18 consecutive polls dating back to March 8, 2023.
- Northwestern is one of two GPAC schools in the top 25, joining No. 11 Midland.
- The Raiders were ranked as high as No. 4 during the 2025 season.

SCHEDULING STRONG

- This year's schedule has six opponents who are either ranked or receiving votes in the NAIA preseason poll.
- The Raiders, at No. 17, faced RV Benedictine in the first weekend and have four opponents in the top 25 on the schedule in No. 23 Saint Xavier, No. 20 Indiana Wesleyan, No. 11 Midland, and No. 6 Grand View.

SMALL BALL SUCCESS

- Northwestern has found success through small ball in recent years.
- Last season, the Raiders led the GPAC in walks drawn (234),

NWC LEADERS

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Ava Gross	.417
RBI	Ava Gross	4
2B	Gross/Bomgaars	1
HR	N/A	0
SB	Myla Murphy	5
ERA*	Allison Koontz	0.95
K	Audrie Kohl	

*1IP/G

GPAC STANDINGS ('25)

Team	GPAC	OVR
Northwestern Red Raiders	20-2	48-13
Midland Warriors	18-4	40-18
Morningside Mustangs	17-5	35-19
Indiana Wesleyan Tigers	14-8	34-16
Concordia Bulldogs	12-10	27-20
Dordt Defenders	11-11	26-27
Hastings Broncos	10-12	22-22
Mount Marty Lancers	10-12	20-21
Doane Tigers	10-12	20-26
College of Saint Mary Flames	7-15	9-30
Briar Cliff Chargers	2-20	8-30
Waldorf Warriors	1-21	3-36

GAMES 5-8

Date(s): February 13-14
Location: Sioux Center, Iowa
Venue: American State Bank Sports Complex
Watch: GPAC Network
Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

BISMARCK ST MYSTICS

0-2 (0-0 Frontier)
HC: Brady Dutchak



DICKINSON ST BLUE HAWKS

0-0 (0-0 Frontier)
HC: Kristen Fleury



DAKOTA STATE TROJANS

0-0 (0-0 Frontier)
HC: Hunter Lambdin



BELLEVUE BRUINS

0-2 (0-0 Frontier)
HC: Michala Cimino



2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	3-1
GPAC	0-0
HOME	0-0
AWAY	0-0
TOP-25	0-0
STREAK	W2

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
2.6	Mount Mercy (Iowa)	W 2-1
2.6	Mayville State (N.D.)	L 2-1
2.7	York (Neb.)	W 5-0
2.7	Benedictine (Kan.)	W 2-1
2.13	Bismarck State (N.D.)	4:00 PM
2.13	Dickinson State (N.D.)	6:00 PM
2.14	Dakota State (S.D.)	5:00 PM
2.14	Bellevue (Neb.)	7:00 PM
2.20	Saint Xavier (Ill.)	2:00 PM
2.20	Dakota State (S.D.)	6:00 PM
2.21	Valley City State (N.D.)	12:00 PM
2.21	Mayville State (N.D.)	4:00 PM
2.27	Dickinson State (N.D.)	12:00 PM
2.27	Haskell (Kan.)	2:00 PM
2.28	William Penn (Iowa)	10:00 AM
2.28	Viterbo (Wis.)	2:00 PM
3.3	Indiana Wesleyan	12:00 PM
3.3	Indiana Wesleyan	2:00 PM
3.4	College of Saint Mary	12:00 PM
3.6	Providence (Mont.)	1:00 PM
3.6	Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)	3:30 PM
3.7	Valley City State (N.D.)	2:30 PM
3.7	Dickinson State (N.D.)	4:30 PM
3.18	Dakota Wesleyan*	3:00 PM
3.18	Dakota Wesleyan*	5:00 PM
3.21	College of Saint Mary*	1:00 PM
3.21	College of Saint Mary*	3:00 PM
3.27	Midland*	3:00 PM
3.27	Midland*	5:00 PM
3.28	Mount Marty*	1:00 PM
3.28	Mount Marty*	3:00 PM
4.1	Morningside*	3:00 PM
4.1	Morningside*	5:00 PM
4.4	Dordt*	1:00 PM
4.4	Dordt*	3:00 PM
4.8	Briar Cliff*	3:00 PM
4.8	Briar Cliff*	5:00 PM
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	1:00 PM
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	3:00 PM
4.14	Grand View (Iowa)	2:00 PM
4.14	Grand View (Iowa)	4:00 PM
4.17	Hastings*	3:00 PM
4.17	Hastings*	5:00 PM
4.18	Doane*	1:00 PM
4.18	Doane*	3:00 PM
4.25	Waldorf*	1:00 PM
4.25	Waldorf*	3:00 PM
4.29	GPAC Tournament%	TBA

All home games in **BOLD** // *GPAC game // %GPAC tournament // \$NAIA tournament



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QUICK FACTS

THE COLLEGE

Location (Founded).... Orange City, Iowa (1882)
Enrollment 1,712
President Greg Christy
Faculty Representative Dr. Ross Bouma

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Vice President for Athletics..... Tony Hoops
Senior Woman Admin..... Dr. Erica Vonk
Nickname..... Red Raiders
Colors..... Raider Red (#A80000) & White
Affiliation..... NAIA
Conference..... GPAC
Athletic Trainer..... Seth Wolles
Athletic Performance..... Carter Aguilera

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility..... NWC Softball Diamond
Surface..... Dirt (Infield)/
..... Grass (Outfield)

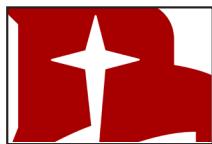
SOFTBALL HISTORY

First Year of Softball 1985
Season of Softball 41st
All-Time Record 1,150-699-1
GPAC Titles 12
NAIA Tournament Appearances 6
NAIA Tournament Record 8-12
All-Americans 12

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GAME HIGHS



VS.

TEAM RUNDOWN



10	RUNS	11	N/A	N/A	8
2	2B	5	N/A	N/A	5
0	3B	0	N/A	N/A	0
0	HR	1	N/A	N/A	1
9	RBI	9	N/A	N/A	8
7-8	SB-ATT	3-4	N/A	N/A	2-2
.211	AVG.	.236	N/A	N/A	.250
.212	OPP AVG.	.421	N/A	N/A	.255
1.01	ERA	5.78	N/A	N/A	4.85
14	K	4	N/A	N/A	19

TEAM TRENDS

OUR RECORD WHEN...

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gross (1), Murphy (1)

Category

Record

Overall

3-1

Home

0-0

Away

0-0

Neutral

3-1

HITTING STREAKS

Gross (4), Bomgaars (2), Schmalbeck (2), Murphy (2)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Gross (1)

Day games

3-1

Evening (5PM or later) games

0-0

REACHED BASE STREAK

Bomgaars (4), Schmalbeck (4), Gross (4), Murphy (2)

In February

3-1

In March

0-0

In April

0-0

In May

0-0

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Bomgaars (4), Schmalbeck (4), Gross (4), Murphy (2)

One-run games

2-1

Two-run games

0-0

5+ run games

1-0

In extra innings

0-0

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Koontz (1)

Scored first

1-1

Scored in 1st inning

1-0

Scored 0-2 runs

2-1

Scored 3-5 runs

1-0

Scored 6-9 runs

0-0

Scored 10+ runs

0-0

*last updated February 12, 2026

TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 23, vs. Benedictine (2/7/26)
Runs scored 5, vs. York (2/7/26)
Hits 6, vs. York (2/7/26)
Doubles 1, vs. Benedictine (2/7/26)
Triples N/A
Strikeouts (Batting) 11, vs. Benedictine (2/7/26)
Walks drawn 3, vs. York (2/7/26)
Stolen bases 4, vs. York (2/7/26)
Hit by pitch 1, vs. Benedictine (2/7/26)
Home runs N/A
Errors 1, vs. Benedictine (2/7/26)
Double plays turned 1, vs. Benedictine (2/7/26)
Strikeouts (Pitching) 6, vs. Benedictine (2/7/26)

INDIVIDUAL - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 4, Myla Murphy (vs. York, 2/7/26)
Runs scored 2, Rylee Bomgaars (vs. York, 2/7/26)
Hits 2, Myla Murphy (vs. York, 2/7/26)
RBIs 2, Ava Gross (vs. York, 2/7/26)
Doubles 1, Rylee Bomgaars (vs. Benedictine, 2/7/26)
Triples N/A
Walks drawn 1, Three players (vs. York, 2/7/26)
Stolen bases 3, Myla Murphy (vs. York, 2/7/26)
Hit by pitch 1, Faith Kacmarynski (vs. Benedictine, 2/7/26)
Home runs N/A
Strikeouts (Pitching) 5, Audrie Kohl (vs. Benedictine, 2/7/26)
Innings Pitched 7.0, Allison Koontz (vs. York, 2/7/26)



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2026 Northwestern College Softball Overall Statistics (as of Feb 9, 2026)

Overall Record: 3-1 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 3-1

All games Sorted by Batting Avg

# Player	Avg	GP-GS	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	TB	SLG%	BB	HBP	SO	GDP	OB%	SF	SH	SB-ATT	PO	A	E	FLD%
13 Gross, Ava	.417	4-4	12	2	5	1	0	0	4	6	.500	0	0	2	0	.417	0	1	0-0	4	9	0	1.000
16 Murphy, Myla	.364	4-3	11	2	4	0	0	0	0	4	.364	0	0	2	0	.364	0	0	5-5	3	0	0	1.000
2 Schmalbeck, Tatum	.300	4-4	10	0	3	0	0	0	2	3	.300	2	0	1	0	.417	0	1	0-0	7	12	0	1.000
1 Bomgaars, Rylee	.286	4-4	7	3	2	1	0	0	0	3	.429	2	1	2	0	.500	0	2	2-2	3	0	0	1.000
18 Jacobs, Sydney	.222	4-4	9	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	.222	1	0	6	0	.300	0	0	0-0	2	0	0	1.000
12 Kacmarynski, Faith	.167	3-2	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.167	0	1	1	0	.250	1	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
4 Luevano, Jenny	.111	4-4	9	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.111	1	0	3	0	.200	0	1	0-0	15	1	0	1.000
33 Kingery, Paige	.000	4-4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.111	0	2	0-0	4	15	0	1.000
24 Van Kekerix, Kavri	.000	3-2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	3	0	.167	0	0	0-0	25	0	0	1.000
3 Koonz, Allison	.167	4-3	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167	0	0	2	0	.167	0	1	0-0	1	5	1	.857
5 Gors, Cassidy	.000	3-2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	17	0	0	1.000
7 Johannsen, Berkley	.000	4-1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1	0	.000	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
8 Vortherms, Aly	.000	3-0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-1	0	1	0	1.000
Totals	.211	4-4	90	10	19	2	0	0	9	21	.233	8	2	25	0	.287	1	8	7-8	83	43	1	.992
Opponents	.212	4-4	99	4	21	5	0	1	4	29	.293	5	0	14	1	.250	0	3	2-2	78	36	4	.966

LOB: Team (21), Opp (19) DPs Turned: Team (1), Opp (0) IBB: Team (0), Opp (0)

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
14 Renken, Mariah	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	2.0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	.250	0	0	0	0	0
2 Schmalbeck, Tatum	0.00	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	2	3.0	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.200	0	0	0	0	1
3 Koonz, Allison	0.95	3-1	4	2	1	1-0	0	14.2	12	2	2	1	2	1	0	0	.226	0	0	0	0	1
9 Kohl, Audrie	1.75	0-0	2	2	0	0-0	0	8.0	5	2	2	3	10	2	0	1	.179	1	0	0	0	1
Totals	1.01	3-1	9	4	1	1	2	27.2	21	4	4	5	14	5	0	1	.212	1	0	0	0	3
Opponents	1.88	1-3	5	4	3	0	0	26.0	19	10	7	8	25	2	0	0	.211	2	2	0	1	8

PB: Team (0), Opp (0) Pickoffs: Team (1), Koonz 1, Totals , Opp (0) SBA/ATT: Totals (4-4), Luevano (2-2), Koonz (1-1), Renken (1-1)