



RED RAIDER BASEBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

5-2 (0-0 GPAC)

HC: Brian Wede (20th season)
Away: 4-1 | Streak: L1

GAMES 8-11

Date(s): February 19-20
Location: Columbia, Mo.
Venue: Battle HS
Watch: columbiacougars.com
Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/baseballstats

WILLIAM WOODS OWLS

5-2 (0-0 Heart)
HC: John Cavness

Series: WWU leads 6-3
Last Meeting: W 5-4 (2/17/24)

COLUMBIA COUGARS

4-4 (0-0 AMC)
HC: Darren Munns

Series: CC leads 3-2
Last Meeting: L 6-0 (2/25/23)

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern will face its first top-25 opponent this season, taking on No. 23 Columbia (Mo.) as part of its four-game slate.
- William Woods (Mo.) is also on the schedule for the weekend.
- WWU leads the all-time series 6-3, but Northwestern won the last meeting 5-4 in 2024.
- Columbia leads the all-time series 3-2 and won the last matchup 6-0 in 2023.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Raiders went 3-1 last weekend, facing Graceland (Iowa) and College of the Ozarks (Mo.).
- They swept Graceland, winning 8-6 on Friday and 7-1 on Saturday, while they split with College of the Ozarks.
- Grant Kelderman was stellar in his start on Saturday, throwing 12 strikeouts in 4.1 innings.
- Isaac Short drove in five runs on the weekend in two starts.
- Bryce Click also brought five home and stole three bases.

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Grant Guidry was named NAIA Player of the Week for his performance at McPherson.
- The sophomore became Northwestern's first national player of the week since Colton Harold in 2021.
- Guidry hit .818 on the weekend, driving in nine runs and hitting three home runs.
- His seven RBIs in the second game of the series tied the single-game program record.

SETTING THE LINEUP

- The Raiders bring experience to the table, with seven everyday starters returning to the lineup.
- Sophomores Grant Guidry and Grant Rychnovsky are back after hitting .331 and .344, respectively, last season.
- Devin Dirx is back for his senior year after leading the team in home runs (9) and RBIs (45) in 2025.

TAKING THE MOUND

- Two All-GPAC relievers return to the 'pen in Brody Ayers and Peyton Montecinos.
- Ayers took on the closing role, collecting nine saves in 12 appearances.
- Montecinos went 4-1, striking out 19 batters in relief.
- Jakeb Swallow is back from injury this season after making only three appearances in 2025.
- Swallow was a Second Team All-GPAC performer in 2024, striking out 38 batters with a 3.76 ERA in 26.1 innings.
- Leading the starting rotation will be two-way player Devin Dirx, who went 6-3 in 11 starts.
- Dirx threw 52.2 innings last year, which was second among all Northwestern pitchers.

THE 500 CLUB

- Head coach Brian Wede enters his 20th season at the helm needing 10 wins to reach 500 for his career.
- Entering the year, Wede has compiled a record of 490-427

(.534) in 19 seasons and is the program's all-time coaching wins leader.

- He also leads the GPAC in all-time career and conference wins with 490 overall and 242 GPAC wins.
- Wede is heavily involved in Raider athletics beyond his coaching gig, serving as Northwestern's event staff manager, a commentator for Red Raider football, and a co-host for Northwestern's annual N-Dubs Awards Show.

GPAC PREVIEW

- Northwestern was picked seventh in the GPAC Preseason Coaches' Poll after going 25-23 (14-14) last season.
- Concordia was picked to win the conference again after winning the regular season title in 2025.
- The Raiders are searching for their first top-four finish in the GPAC standings since 2018, when they won both the regular season and tournament titles.

2025 IN REVIEW

- The Raiders went 25-23 (14-14 GPAC) last season, finishing sixth in the conference standings.
- Eight players landed on the all-conference list, led by Luke Wroblewski's First Team selection.
- Returning All-GPAC players include Grant Rychnovsky (2nd), Brody Ayers (2nd), Peyton Montecinos (HM), Devin Dirx (HM), and Grant Guidry (HM).

NWC HALL OF FAMER

- Former Red Raider pitcher Mihai Burlea (2007-08) was recently inducted into the Northwestern College Hall of Fame.
- Burlea was the 2007 GPAC Pitcher of the Year, an NAIA All-American Honorable Mention, and an ABCA First Team All-Region selection.
- He holds single-season records for wins (12), winning percentage (.923), innings pitched (97.0), and strikeouts (113).
- In his two-year NWC career, Burlea etched his name in the top 10 of Raider records in wins (21), ERA (3.06), WHIP (1.29), and K/9 (9.54).
- Following his collegiate career, Burlea played professionally in Europe, competing in the Dutch Major League and Italian Baseball League for six seasons.

2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	5-2
GPAC	0-0
HOME	0-0
AWAY	4-1
TOP-25	0-0
STREAK	L1

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
2.6	McPherson (Kan.)	W 18-10
2.7	McPherson (Kan.)	W 19-6
2.7	McPherson (Kan.)	L 8-5
2.13	Mission (Mo.)	W 8-5
2.13	Graceland (Iowa)	W 8-6
2.14	College of the Ozarks (Mo.)	L 8-5
2.14	Graceland (Iowa)	W 7-1
2.19	William Woods (Mo.)	11:00 AM
2.19	Columbia (Mo.)	3:00 PM
2.20	William Woods (Mo.)	11:00 AM
2.20	Columbia (Mo.)	1:00 PM
3.2	Cornerstone (Mich.)	12:30 PM
3.2	Cornerstone (Mich.)	3:00 PM
3.3	Valley City State (N.D.)	12:00 PM
3.3	Calumet (Ind.)	3:30 PM
3.5	Lawrence Tech (Mich.)	2:45 PM
3.7	John Melvin (La.)	1:45 PM
3.7	Trinity Christian (Ill.)	5:15 PM
3.9	Aquinas (Mich.)	9:15 AM
3.9	Aquinas (Mich.)	11:45 AM
3.13	Morningside*	1:00 PM
3.13	Morningside*	3:30 PM
3.14	Dakota Wesleyan*	1:00 PM
3.14	Dakota Wesleyan*	3:30 PM
3.20	Briar Cliff*	1:00 PM
3.20	Briar Cliff*	3:30 PM
3.21	Dordt*	2:00 PM
3.21	Dordt*	4:30 PM
3.27	Hastings*	3:00 PM
3.27	Hastings*	5:30 PM
3.28	Hastings*	1:00 PM
3.28	Hastings*	3:30 PM
3.31	Mount Mercy (Iowa)	4:00 PM
4.3	Doane*	1:00 PM
4.3	Doane*	3:30 PM
4.4	Doane*	1:00 PM
4.4	Doane*	3:30 PM
4.10	Mount Marty*	3:00 PM
4.10	Mount Marty*	5:30 PM
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	3:00 PM
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	5:30 PM
4.17	Midland*	3:00 PM
4.17	Midland*	5:30 PM
4.18	Midland*	3:00 PM
4.18	Midland*	5:30 PM
4.21	Dakota State (S.D.)	4:00 PM
4.24	Waldorf*	4:00 PM
4.24	Waldorf*	6:30 PM
4.25	Waldorf*	1:00 PM
4.25	Waldorf*	3:30 PM
4.29	GPAC Tournament%	TBA

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

NWC LEADERS

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Grant Guidry	.600
RBI	Grant Guidry	9
2B	Tyler Schroder	2
HR	Grant Guidry	3
SB	Bryce Click	5
ERA*	Grant Kelderman	3.12
K	Grant Kelderman	15

OPPONENT LEADERS

WILLIAM WOODS	COLUMBIA COLLEGE	
AVG	Tyler Renn	.550
RBI	Tyler Renn	9
HR	Zac Fruend	2
ERA	Eric Fields	2.45
K	Zac Fruend	9

GPAC STANDINGS ('25)

Team	GPAC	OVR
Concordia Bulldogs	25-3	41-13
Morningside Mustangs	19-9	35-14-1
Doane Tigers	18-10	32-15
Briar Cliff Chargers	17-11	29-24
Midland Warriors	16-12	20-28
Northwestern Red Raiders	14-14	25-23
Mount Marty Lancers	12-16	29-22
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	11-17	13-37
Waldorf Warriors	9-19	14-33
Dordt Defenders	7-21	18-32
Hastings Broncos	6-22	9-33



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QUICK FACTS

THE COLLEGE

Location (Founded).... Orange City, Iowa (1882)
Enrollment1,712
PresidentGreg 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

FacilityNWC Baseball Diamond
Surface..... FieldTurf (Infield)/
.....Grass (Outfield)

BASEBALL HISTORY

First Year of Baseball 1961
Season of Baseball65th
All-Time Record1,117-1,125 (.498)
GPAC Titles.....10
NAIA Tournament Appearances..... 6
NAIA Tournament Record15-13
All-Americans 13

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TEAM RUNDOWN



VS.



65	RUNS	55	36
16	2B	13	10
1	3B	5	1
6	HR	1	3
59	RBI	46	29
11-12	SB-ATT	7-12	2-4
.269	AVG.	.290	.232
.340	OPP AVG.	.395	.269
9.82	ERA	5.51	3.96
66	K	45	36

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Guidry (4), Castillo (4), Schroeder (3), Dirx (3), Short (2), Rubio (1)

HITTING STREAKS

Guidry (4), Dirx (4), Castillo (4), Short (3), Wede (3), Schroeder (3), Click (1),

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Short (4), Castillo (1), Schroeder (3)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Schroeder (2), Dirx (2), Castillo (2), Short (1), Wede (1), Guidry (1), Click (1)

REACHED BASE STREAK

Rychnovsky (4), Schroeder (4), Dirx (4), Guidry (4), Castillo (4), Click (4), Short (4), Wede (3), Ayers (3)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Schroeder (4), Dirx (4), Castillo (4), Click (4), Short (3), Wede (3)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	5-2
Home	0-0
Away	5-2
Neutral	0-0
Day games	5-2
Evening (5PM or later) games	0-0
In February	5-2
In March	0-0
In April	0-0
In May	0-0
One-run games	0-0
Two-run games	1-0
3+ run games	3-0
In extra innings	0-0
Scored first	3-0
Scored in 1st inning	0-0
Scored 0-2 runs	0-1
Scored 3-5 runs	0-1
Scored 6-9 runs	3-0
Scored 10+ runs	2-0

*last updated February 17, 2026

GAME HIGHS

TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats38, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Runs scored.....19, at McPherson (2/7/26)
Hits.....15, at McPherson (2/7/26)
Doubles.....4, vs. College of the Ozarks (2/13/26)
Triples1, at McPherson (2/7/26)
Strikeouts (Batting)16, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Walks drawn17, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Stolen bases4, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Hit by pitch.....5, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Home runs.....3, at McPherson (2/7/26)
Errors3, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Double plays.....1, vs. College of the Ozarks (2/13/26)
Strikeouts (Pitching)15, at Graceland (2/14/26)

INDIVIDUAL - most recent occurrence noted

At bats7, Devin Dirx (at McPherson, 2/6/26)
Runs scored.....4, Brody Ayers (at McPherson, 2/7/26)
Hits.....4, Grant Guidry (at McPherson, 2/7/26)
RBIs7, Grant Guidry (at McPherson, 2/7/26)
Doubles.....2, Isaac Short (at Graceland, 2/13/26)
Triples1, Nikolai Wede (at McPherson, 2/7/26)
Walks drawn4, Bryce Click (at McPherson, 2/6/26)
Stolen bases3, Bryce Click (at Graceland, 2/14/26)
Hit by pitch.....2, Nikolai Wede (at McPherson, 2/6/26)
Home runs.....2, Grant Guidry (at McPherson, 2/7/26)
Strikeouts (Pitching)12, Grant Kelderman (at GU, 2/14/26)
Innings Pitched.....5.0, Devin Dirx (at CofO, 2/14/26)



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2026 Northwestern College Baseball Overall Statistics (as of Feb 17, 2026)

Overall Record: 5-2 Home: 0-0 Away: 4-1 Neutral: 1-1

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%
24	Guidry, Grant	.600	7-7	25	11	15	2	0	3	11	26	1.040	5	1	2	0	.656	1	0	0-0	17	1	0	1.000
27	Castillo, Ranier	.500	7-7	24	8	12	1	0	1	6	16	.667	6	2	1	0	.625	0	0	2-3	12	11	0	1.000
23	Dirkx, Devin	.286	7-7	28	7	8	1	0	1	9	12	.429	3	0	8	0	.344	1	0	0-0	3	8	2	.846
20	Schroeder, Tyler	.269	7-7	26	7	7	2	0	1	5	12	.462	5	1	7	0	.406	0	0	1-1	10	0	0	1.000
26	Ayers, Brody	.200	7-7	20	8	4	2	0	0	3	6	.300	5	0	5	0	.360	0	0	1-1	9	17	0	1.000
35	Click, Bryce	.150	7-7	20	7	3	2	0	0	8	5	.250	10	1	5	0	.438	1	0	5-5	19	1	0	1.000
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	.083	7-7	24	5	2	1	0	0	2	3	.125	6	1	13	0	.290	0	0	0-0	21	0	2	.913
2	Short, Isaac	.467	4-4	15	0	7	4	0	0	8	11	.733	3	0	6	0	.556	0	2	0-0	38	6	1	.978
25	Rubio, Kevin	.222	3-3	9	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	.222	1	0	3	0	.300	0	0	0-0	13	1	0	1.000
6	Wedde, Nikolai	.214	5-5	14	6	3	1	1	0	4	6	.429	6	3	8	0	.522	0	0	1-1	3	0	0	1.000
15	Beelner, Braydon	.000	2-2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	3	0	.400	0	0	0-0	1	0	0	1.000
14	Mathsen, Karsten	.000	2-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	2	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
3	Mills, Levi	.000	4-0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
5	Garbers, Dalton	.000	3-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	1	0	.500	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
1	Silliman, TJ	.000	5-0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	.000
Totals		.296	7-7	213	65	63	16	1	6	59	99	.465	52	11	66	0	.452	3	2	11-12	147	48	10	.951
Opponents		.290	7-7	200	40	58	11	0	5	39	84	.420	20	16	48	0	.395	2	0	7-12	150	31	15	.923

LOB: Team (66), Opp (50) 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
26	Ayers, Brody	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	1	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	.250	0	0	0	0	0
31	Dixson, Chase	2.08	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	0	4.1	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	.125	0	0	0	1	0
18	Montecinos, Peyton	2.25	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	1	4.0	3	1	1	1	4	0	0	1	.200	0	2	0	0	0
19	Kelderman, Grant	3.12	2-0	2	2	0	0-0	0	8.2	7	3	3	7	15	1	0	0	.219	1	3	0	0	0
23	Dirkx, Devin	7.00	0-2	2	1	0	0-0	0	9.0	11	7	7	0	5	2	0	3	.289	0	1	0	0	0
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	7.20	1-0	1	1	0	0-0	0	5.0	5	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	.263	0	3	0	0	0
17	De Haan, Micah	8.38	1-0	2	2	0	0-0	0	9.2	13	10	9	4	11	4	0	1	.325	1	4	0	0	0
13	Stark, Zain	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0	1	0
9	Lewis, Jacob	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	1.0	3	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	.600	0	0	0	0	0
34	Greth, Luke	11.81	1-0	3	0	0	0-0	0	5.1	9	7	7	4	3	2	0	0	.360	0	3	0	0	0
21	Vold, Quintyn	99.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0.0	3	5	5	2	0	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	0	0	0
Totals		7.16	5-2	18	6	0	0	2	49.0	58	40	39	20	48	11	0	5	.290	2	16	0	2	0
Opponents		10.08	2-5	28	7	1	1	1	50.0	63	65	56	52	66	16	1	6	.296	8	11	3	3	2

PB: Team (3), Totals (3), Rubio (2), Short (1), Opp (7) Pickoffs: Team (1), De Haan 1, Totals , Opp (0) SBA/ATT: Totals (14-24), Rubio (4-5), Short (3-7), Dirkx (2-2), De Haan (1-3), Dixson (1-1), Montecinos (1-1), Rychnovsky (1-1), Stark (1-1)