



# RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

## 2026 GAME NOTES



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### #17 NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

6-2 (0-0 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)

Neutral: 6-2 | Streak: W2

### GAMES 9-12

Date(s): February 20-21

Location: Sioux Center, Iowa

Venue: American State Bank Sports Complex

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

### SAINT XAVIER COUGARS



4-2 (0-0 CCAC)

HC: Erin Mollohan

### DAKOTA STATE TROJANS



2-2 (0-0 Frontier)

HC: Abbey Cook

### VALLY CITY STATE VIKINGS



4-4 (0-0 Frontier)

HC: Matt Gable

### MAYVILLE STATE COMETS



1-3 (0-0 Frontier)

HC: Jordan Olson

### FIRST PITCH

- The Raiders will return to the American State Bank Sports Complex for the third weekend in a row, where they hold a 6-2 record on the season.
- They will meet up with No. 23 Saint Xavier (Ill.), their first top-25 opponent this season.
- Northwestern won the last two meetings, winning 6-3 last season and 2-1 in the 2024 NAIA Opening Round.
- They will also face Dakota State and Mayville State for the second time this season, winning both previous matchups.

### LAST TIME OUT

- Northwestern went 3-1 last weekend with wins over Bismarck State (11-2), Dakota State (15-0), and Bellevue (4-2).
- Rylee Bomgaars led the way with seven hits and five stolen bases on the weekend.
- Ava Gross drove in seven runs and doubled once.
- Allison Koontz and Audrie Kohl led the pitching charge with six strikeouts each.
- Koontz earned two wins on the weekend.

### 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), sacrifice hits (133), stolen bases (135), and on-base

percentage (.419).

### PITCHING PROWESS

- Pitching staffs have been key to Northwestern's success, as Kate Kralik was named the 2025 GPAC Pitcher of the Year.
- Northwestern led the conference in batting average against (.247) and shutouts (10) and was second in ERA (2.61).
- Despite graduating its top three starters, Northwestern is poised to continue its dominance in the circle.
- Tatum Schmalbeck pitched 21 games in relief last season, compiling a 2.02 ERA with two saves and a .217 opponent batting average.
- They will once again have four pitchers on the roster in Schmalbeck, Allison Koontz, Audrie Kohl, and Mariah Renken.

### SHANE'S SQUAD

- Entering his eighth season at Northwestern, head coach Shane Bouman is searching for his fourth consecutive GPAC regular season title.
- Bouman has over 20 years of coaching experience at the Division I, NAIA, and NJCAA level, posting over 500 career wins.
- While at Northwestern, Bouman has coached his teams to a 242-90 record, has won three GPAC regular season titles, and has three NAIA tournament appearances.
- Bouman is five GPAC wins away from 100 conference victories.
- Prior to his coaching career, Bouman was a three-year starter at quarterback for South Dakota State University.
- His brother Todd, played QB in the NFL for six seasons and nephew, Aidan, recently closed his career as the QB at the University of South Dakota, where he set the FCS record for career starts (46).

### 2025 IN REVIEW

- The Raiders found themselves in the national tournament once again after winning the 2025 GPAC regular season and tournament titles.
- They went 48-13 (20-2 GPAC), marking Northwestern's third consecutive season with 45+ wins.
- The squad was highlighted by Gwen Mikkelsen as a Third Team NAIA All-American and Kate Kralik's GPAC Pitcher of the Year honor.
- Seven Raiders were named to the All-GPAC team, including returners Sydney Jacobs and Tatum Schmalbeck.

### 2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	6-2
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.)	W 11-2
2.13	Dickinson State (N.D.)	L 2-9
2.14	Dakota State (S.D.)	W 15-0
2.14	Bellevue (Neb.)	W 4-2
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

### NWC LEADERS

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Ava Gross	.417
RBI	Ava Gross	11
2B	Ava Gross	2
HR	N/A	0
SB	Myla Murphy	5
ERA*	Allison Koontz	1.24
K	Sydney Jacobs	8

\*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
Dakota 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



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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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### TEAM RUNDOWN



# VS.



42	<b>RUNS</b>	39	9	44	11
7	<b>2B</b>	9	2	12	5
1	<b>3B</b>	2	0	1	0
0	<b>HR</b>	3	1	4	1
37	<b>RBI</b>	37	8	42	2
15-18	<b>SB-ATT</b>	29-31	8-10	11-12	6-7
.296	<b>AVG.</b>	.421	.280	.309	.214
.222	<b>OPP AVG.</b>	.274	.354	.326	.236
1.57	<b>ERA</b>	3.72	7.30	5.47	3.50
37	<b>K</b>	33	13	68	16

### TEAM TRENDS

#### MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gross (1), Murphy (1)

#### HITTING STREAKS

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

#### ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

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

#### MULTI-RBI GAMES

Gross (1)

#### REACHED BASE STREAK

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

#### ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

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

#### COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Koontz (1)

*\*last updated February 19, 2026*

### OUR RECORD WHEN...

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

### GAME HIGHS

#### TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats ..... 27, vs. Bellevue (2/14/26)  
Runs scored ..... 15, vs. Dakota State (2/14/26)  
Hits ..... 14, vs. Dakota State (2/14/26)  
Doubles ..... 3, vs. Dakota State (2/14/26)  
Triples ..... 1, vs. Dakota State (2/14/26)  
Strikeouts (Batting) ..... 11, vs. Benedictine (2/7/26)  
Walks drawn ..... 9, vs. Bismarck State (2/13/26)  
Stolen bases ..... 4, vs. York (2/7/26)  
Hit by pitch ..... 2, vs. Bellevue (2/14/26)  
Home runs ..... N/A  
Errors ..... 3, vs. Dickinson State (2/13/26)  
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, Three players (vs. Bellevue, 2/14/26)  
Runs scored ..... 2, Five players (vs. Dakota State, 2/14/26)  
Hits ..... 3, Rylee Bomgaars (vs. Dakota State, 2/14/26)  
RBIs ..... 3, Ava Gross (vs. Bellevue, 2/14/26)  
Doubles ..... 1, Three players (vs. Dakota State, 2/14/26)  
Triples ..... 1, Allison Koontz (vs. Dakota State, 2/14/26)  
Walks drawn ..... 2, Allison Koontz (vs. Dakota State, 2/14/26)  
Stolen bases ..... 3, Myla Murphy (vs. York, 2/7/26)  
Hit by pitch ..... 1, Kacmarynski/Kingery (vs. Bellevue, 2/14/26)  
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	Koontz, 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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>.211</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>.233</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.287</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7-8</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.992</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>.212</b>	<b>4-4</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>.293</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.250</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2-2</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.966</b>

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	Koontz, 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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>1.01</b>	<b>3-1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.212</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>1.88</b>	<b>1-3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.211</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>

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