



RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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#17 NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

0-0 (0-0 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)

Neutral: 0-0 | Streak: N/A

GAMES 1-4

Date(s): February 6-7

Location: Sioux Center, Iowa

Venue: American State Bank Sports Complex

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

MOUNT MERCY MUSTANGS



0-0 (0-0 Heart)

HC: Larry Yoder

YORK PANTHERS



0-0 (0-0 KCAC)

HC: Aaron Alvarez

MAYVILLE ST COMETS



0-0 (0-0 Frontier)

HC: Jordan Olson

BENEDICTINE RAVENS



0-0 (0-0 Heart)

HC: Paul Hunt

OPENING TIP

- Northwestern is set to begin the season indoors in Sioux Center for the ASB Sports Complex Classic.
- The Raiders will play 16 games in the dome in the month of February.
- The first weekend will see the Raiders meet up with Mount Mercy and Mayville State on Friday, before facing York and Benedictine on Saturday.
- Northwestern leads each all-time series (7-5 vs. Mount Mercy, 6-2 vs. Mayville State, 14-1 vs. York, 10-6 vs. Benedictine).
- They met both Mount Mercy and York last year, defeating Mount Mercy 3-1 and York 4-0 and 12-1.

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, will face 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	0-0
GPAC	0-0
HOME	0-0
AWAY	0-0
TOP-25	0-0
STREAK	N/A

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
2.6	Mount Mercy (Iowa)	12:00 PM
2.6	Mayville State (N.D.)	2:00 PM
2.7	York (Neb.)	9:00 AM
2.7	Benedictine (Kan.)	1:00 PM
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

NWC LEADERS ('25)

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Gwen Mikkelsen	.429
RBI	Gwen Mikkelsen	63
2B	Gwen Mikkelsen	17
HR	Gwen Mikkelsen	9
SB	Ashtyn Billings	32
ERA*	Ellie Jacobson	2.11
K	Kate Kralik	156

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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)
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

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 (2025 STATS)



VS.



382	RUNS	251	167	109	250
78	2B	66	68	41	85
11	3B	26	11	5	4
29	HR	28	16	4	33
317	RBI	233	152	99	228
135	SB	73	68	33	49
.325	AVG.	.298	.263	.243	.264
.247	OPP AVG.	.283	.346	.356	.227
2.61	ERA	4.02	7.73	6.81	2.14
312	K	256	199	135	357

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

HITTING STREAKS

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

MULTI-RBI GAMES

REACHED BASE STREAK

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

OUR RECORD WHEN...

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

**last updated January 21, 2026*

GAME HIGHS (2025)

TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 39, at Dordt (4/9/25)
Runs scored 18, at College of Saint Mary (3/28/25)
Hits 15, at Dordt (4/9/25)
Doubles 5, vs. Dakota State (2/15/25)
Triples 2, at Grand View (4/16/25)
Strikeouts (Batting) 7, vs. Valley City State (3/8/25)
Walks drawn 9, at Grand View (4/16/25)
Stolen bases 9, vs. Valley City State (2/14/25)
Hit by pitch 2, vs. Dakota Wesleyan (4/12/25)
Home runs 3, at College of Saint Mary (3/28/25)
Errors 4, vs. Marian (5/14/25)
Double plays turned 2, vs. William Penn (3/10/25)
Strikeouts (Pitching) 14, at Dordt (4/9/25)

INDIVIDUAL - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 5, Ashtyn Billings/Chloe Gallegos (vs. DWU, 4/12/25)
Runs scored 3, Tatum Schmalbeck (vs. DWU, 5/1/25)
Hits 4, Gwen Mikkelsen (vs. Concordia (Mich.), 3/4/25)
RBIs 6, Jori Hajek (at Grand View, 4/16/25)
Doubles 2, Jori Hajek (vs. Morningside, 5/5/25)
Triples 1, Maddie Kvatek (vs. Concordia, 4/4/25)
Walks drawn 3, Billings/Gors (at Grand View, 4/16/25)
Stolen bases 3, Charli Bomgaars (vs. Concordia, 4/4/25)
Hit by pitch 2, Gwen Mikkelsen (vs. DWU, 4/12/25)
Home runs 2, Jori Hajek (at Grand View, 4/16/25)
Strikeouts (Pitching) 9, Kate Kralik (vs. DWU, 4/12/25)
Innings Pitched 8.0, Kate Kralik (vs. Saint Xavier, 2/8/25)



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2025 Northwestern College Softball Overall Statistics (as of May 14, 2025)

Overall Record: 48-13 Conf: 20-2 Home: 12-4 Away: 11-3 Neutral: 25-6

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%
25	Mikkelsen, Gwen	.429	60-60	177	43	76	17	2	9	63	124	.701	22	15	6	0	.521	3	7	5-8	71	115	7	.964
18	Jacobs, Sydney	.392	61-61	166	52	65	11	3	1	25	85	.512	44	0	27	0	.519	0	13	15-17	50	5	1	.982
12	Gallegos, Chloe	.381	54-51	139	26	53	7	1	2	42	68	.489	30	3	10	1	.497	1	10	2-2	254	14	10	.964
13	Billings, Ashtyn	.323	59-56	161	50	52	0	2	0	21	56	.348	35	0	22	0	.442	1	11	32-34	15	1	3	.842
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	.310	61-61	171	33	53	15	0	5	40	83	.485	29	0	13	0	.406	2	15	7-8	93	103	5	.975
15	Kvatek, Maddie	.304	56-48	115	27	35	7	1	1	29	47	.409	8	6	8	0	.363	6	25	15-16	80	3	2	.976
10	Hajek, Jori	.292	61-60	178	33	52	12	1	5	34	81	.455	14	0	19	1	.338	3	20	9-9	80	112	23	.893
1	Bomgaars, Charli	.281	61-61	160	33	45	1	0	0	16	46	.288	19	0	20	0	.356	1	19	22-22	81	3	2	.977
5	Gors, Cassidy	.254	57-49	130	26	33	3	0	0	18	36	.277	19	5	19	0	.365	2	9	5-6	303	16	5	.985
4	Krachey, Ravyn	.324	35-20	71	9	23	3	0	5	14	41	.577	4	3	6	0	.385	0	0	0-0	120	4	0	1.000
7	Johannsen, Berkley	.292	45-11	48	15	14	1	1	1	11	20	.417	7	1	13	0	.393	0	2	11-13	6	0	2	.750
9	Luevano, Jenny	.172	25-9	29	5	5	0	0	0	3	5	.172	0	0	6	0	.172	0	0	0-0	46	5	0	1.000
8	Vortherms, Aly	.125	47-2	8	17	1	1	0	0	1	2	.250	2	0	4	0	.300	0	1	11-13	3	8	1	.917
6	Marek, Reese	.000	35-2	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	2	0	.125	0	1	1-1	6	8	1	.933
Totals		.325	61-61	1560	382	507	78	11	29	317	694	.445	234	33	175	2	.419	19	133	135-149	1217	472	65	.963
Opponents		.247	61-61	1591	191	393	74	9	29	174	572	.360	95	20	312	6	.296	12	29	54-59	1163	555	102	.944

LOB: Team (416), Opp (333) **DPs Turned:** Team (10), Opp (6) **IBB:** Team (1), Mikkelsen (1), Opp (3) **Picked Off:** Billings (2)

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
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	2.02	2-1	21	2	0	0-0	2	34.2	30	14	10	11	26	5	1	1	.217	1	1	0	1	0
14	Jacobson, Ellie	2.11	9-3	21	18	2	0-0	0	73.0	61	24	22	15	56	10	1	5	.219	2	5	0	0	4
33	Kralik, Kate	2.43	23-6	43	27	11	5-0	3	173.0	163	74	60	40	156	31	6	17	.247	6	11	0	3	15
22	Flanagan, Abby	3.30	14-3	41	14	3	0-0	1	125.0	139	76	59	29	74	28	1	6	.271	7	3	0	8	10
Totals		2.61	48-13	126	61	16	10	6	405.2	393	188	151	95	312	74	9	29	.247	16	20	0	12	29
Opponents		5.20	13-48	111	61	25	2	1	387.2	507	382	288	234	175	78	11	29	.325	42	33	0	19	133

PB: Team (17), Totals (17), Gallegos (13), Luevano (3), Kvatek (1), Opp (25) **Pickoffs:** Team (0), Totals , Opp (2) **SBA/ATT:** Totals (108-118), Gallegos (42-46), Kralik (21-25), Flanagan (14-15), Schmalbeck (10-10), Jacobson (9-9), Luevano (7-8), Kvatek (5-5)