



# RED RAIDER BASEBALL

## 2026 GAME NOTES



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### NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS



12-5 (0-0 GPAC)

HC: Brian Wede (20th season)

Home: 0-0 | Streak: W3

### GAMES 18-21

Date(s): March 13-14

Location: Bishop Mueller Complex  
NWC Baseball Diamond

Venue: Sioux City, Iowa  
Orange City, Iowa

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/baseballstats

### MORNINGSIDE MUSTANGS



12-9 (0-0 GPAC)

HC: Adam Boeve

Series: MSIDE leads 45-29

Last Meeting: L 3-10 (5/1/2025)

### DAKOTA WESLEYAN TIGERS



9-7 (0-0 GPAC)

HC: Charlie Dubanoski

Series: NWC leads 59-39

Last Meeting: W 10-3 (4/12/2025)

### FIRST PITCH

- The Raiders open GPAC play this weekend, facing Morningside and hosting Dakota Wesleyan.
- Northwestern went 1-2 against Morningside and 1-1 against Dakota Wesleyan in 2025.
- The Red Raiders and Mustangs met in the GPAC tournament last spring, with Morningside winning 10-3.
- Morningside head coach Adam Boeve previously served as an assistant at Northwestern from 2009-14, where he helped the Raiders to two GPAC regular season and two GPAC tournament titles.

### LAST TIME OUT

- Northwestern had a successful spring break in Florida, going 6-2 on the week.
- They scored double digit runs in three wins, scoring 11, 13, and 10 in wins over Valley City State, Calumet, and Trinity Jacksonville, respectively.
- The Raiders closed their time in Florida with a doubleheader shutout of Aquinas, shutting out a doubleheader for the first time since 2014.

### BREAKOUT START

- Ranier Castillo is having the best offensive season of his career thus far.
- Castillo is hitting .421, which leads the team and is fifth in the GPAC.
- He is hitting well above his career average, which was .250 coming into his junior season.
- The middle infielder has also been reliable in the field, only committing one error on 70 chances.

### SAVING THE DAY

- Brody Ayers has blossomed into the closing role after breaking out as a closer last season.
- Ayers currently leads the GPAC in saves (3).
- His 12 career saves ranks fifth in program history, and is 10 away from breaking the program record.
- Ayers holds a 2-0 record, a 1.13 ERA, 10 strikeouts, and has only given up one run in 2026.

### 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 reached 500 career wins during Northwestern's spring break trip to Florida.
- Entering the year, Wede 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.

### 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	12-5
GPAC	0-0
HOME	0-0
AWAY	4-2
TOP-25	0-0
STREAK	W3

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.)	W 2-1
2.19	Columbia (Mo.)	L 5-10
3.2	Cornerstone (Mich.)	L 2-3
3.2	Cornerstone (Mich.)	W 5-2
3.3	Valley City State (N.D.)	W 11-10
3.3	Calumet (Ind.)	W 13-2
3.5	Lawrence Tech (Mich.)	L 2-6
3.7	Trinity Christian (Ill.)	W 10-5
3.9	Aquinas (Mich.)	W 1-0
3.9	Aquinas (Mich.)	W 3-0
3.13	Morningside*	1:00 PM
3.13	Morningside*	3:30 PM
3.14	<b>Dakota Wesleyan*</b>	<b>1:00 PM</b>
3.14	<b>Dakota Wesleyan*</b>	<b>3:30 PM</b>
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	<b>Mount Marty*</b>	<b>3:00 PM</b>
4.10	<b>Mount Marty*</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>
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	Ranier Castillo	.421
RBI	Devin Dirx	15
2B	Grant Rychnovsky	5
HR	Guidry/Wede	3
SB	Bryce Click	8
ERA*	Devin Dirx	3.86
K	Micah De Haan	23

\*1IP/G

### GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Doane Tigers	0-0	13-4
<b>Northwestern Red Raiders</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>12-5</b>
Hastings Broncos	0-0	10-6
Concordia Bulldogs	0-0	12-8
Morningside Mustangs	0-0	12-9
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	0-0	9-7
Dordt Defenders	0-0	10-10
Mount Marty Lancers	0-0	9-11
Briar Cliff Chargers	0-0	7-12
Waldorf Warriors	0-0	7-13
Midland Warriors	0-0	5-13



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

#### BASEBALL HISTORY

First Year of Baseball ..... 1961  
Season of Baseball .....65th  
All-Time Record .....1,117-1,125 (.498)  
GPAC Titles..... 10  
NAIA Tournament Appearances..... 6  
NAIA Tournament Record .....15-13  
All-Americans ..... 13

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### TEAM RUNDOWN



VS.



119	<b>RUNS</b>	151	59
29	<b>2B</b>	31	23
1	<b>3B</b>	3	8
12	<b>HR</b>	24	5
105	<b>RBI</b>	132	53
23-28	<b>SB-ATT</b>	17-19	9-14
.264	<b>AVG.</b>	.268	.237
.256	<b>OPP AVG.</b>	.257	.225
5.11	<b>ERA</b>	5.40	4.06
113	<b>K</b>	146	129

### TEAM TRENDS

#### MULTI-HIT GAMES

Castillo (7), Guidry (6), Short (3), Dirx (3), Rychnovsky (2), Wede (2), Caciari (2), Craig (2), Schroeder (2), Rubio (1), Ayers (1), Click (1)

#### HITTING STREAKS

Guidry (6), Dirx (5), Castillo (4), Short (4), Mathsen (3), Click (3), Rychnovsky (3), Wede (3), Schroeder (3), Ayers (3), Craig (2), Caciari (2)

#### ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Castillo (4), Mathsen (3)

#### MULTI-RBI GAMES

Dirx (5), Click (5), Short (3), Castillo (3), Wede (2), Schroeder (2)

#### ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Wede (14), Dirx (8), Castillo (4), Mathsen (3), Beelner (3), Schroeder (2)

#### COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Dirx (1)

*\*last updated March 10, 2026*

### OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	12-5
Home	0-0
Away	4-2
Neutral	8-3
Day games	11-5
Evening (5PM or later) games	1-0
In February	6-3
In March	6-2
In April	0-0
In May	0-0
One-run games	3-1
Two-run games	1-0
5+ run games	5-1
In extra innings	2-0
Scored first	6-1
Scored in 1st inning	1-1
Scored 0-2 runs	2-7
Scored 3-5 runs	4-3
Scored 6-9 runs	3-0
Scored 10+ runs	5-0

### GAME HIGHS

#### TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats .....38, 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)  
Triples .....1, at McPherson (2/7/26)  
Strikeouts (Batting) .....16, at McPherson (2/6/26)  
Walks drawn .....17, at McPherson (2/6/26)  
Stolen bases .....4, at McPherson (2/6/26)  
Hit by pitch .....5, at McPherson (2/6/26)  
Home runs .....3, at McPherson (2/7/26)  
Errors .....3, at McPherson (2/6/26)  
Double plays .....3, vs. Trinity Jacksonville (3/7/26)  
Strikeouts (Pitching) .....15, at Graceland (2/14/26)

#### INDIVIDUAL - most recent occurrence noted

At bats .....7, 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)  
RBIs .....7, Grant Guidry (at McPherson, 2/7/26)  
Doubles.....2, Isaac Short (at Graceland, 2/13/26)  
Triples .....1, Nikolai Wede (at McPherson, 2/7/26)  
Walks drawn .....4, Nikolai Wede (vs. VCSU, 3/3/26)  
Stolen bases .....3, Bryce Click (at Graceland, 2/14/26)  
Hit by pitch .....2, Nikolai Wede (at McPherson, 2/6/26)  
Home runs .....2, Nikolai Wede (at Columbia, 2/19/26)  
Strikeouts (Pitching) .....12, Grant Kelderman (at GU, 2/14/26)  
Innings Pitched .....7.0, Devin Dirx (vs. Calumet, 3/3/26)



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### 2026 Northwestern College Baseball Overall Statistics (as of Mar 9, 2026)

Overall Record: 12-5 Home: 0-0 Away: 4-2 Neutral: 8-3

#### 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%
27	Castillo, Ranier	.421	17-17	57	11	24	1	0	1	13	28	.491	8	4	5	0	.507	2	2	4-5	37	32	1	.986
24	Guidry, Grant	.314	16-15	51	14	16	2	0	3	12	27	.529	12	1	11	0	.439	2	0	0-0	28	1	1	.967
6	Wedde, Nikolai	.268	14-14	41	11	11	3	1	3	9	25	.610	12	5	15	0	.483	0	1	1-2	11	0	0	1.000
23	Dirkx, Devin	.259	17-17	54	7	14	3	0	1	15	20	.370	13	0	17	0	.397	1	0	1-1	42	16	3	.951
26	Ayers, Brody	.220	16-15	41	12	9	3	0	0	3	12	.293	7	0	13	0	.333	0	0	1-1	12	44	1	.982
20	Schroeder, Tyler	.205	15-12	44	7	9	2	0	1	6	14	.318	8	1	16	0	.340	0	0	2-3	20	2	0	1.000
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	.192	17-16	52	12	10	5	0	1	7	18	.346	12	3	22	0	.368	1	0	1-1	52	2	2	.964
35	Click, Bryce	.170	17-16	47	14	8	3	0	1	13	14	.298	17	3	13	0	.412	1	2	8-8	35	2	1	.974
8	Cizek, Cody	1.000	4-0	1	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
10	Craig, Jack	.444	7-3	9	2	4	1	0	0	3	5	.556	2	1	4	0	.583	0	0	2-3	5	0	0	1.000
14	Mathsen, Karsten	.444	7-1	9	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	.444	0	0	5	0	.444	0	0	1-1	1	2	0	1.000
1	Silliman, TJ	.333	13-1	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	1	0	0	0	.500	0	0	1-2	2	5	1	.875
7	Caciari, Calab	.316	11-5	19	6	6	2	0	0	5	8	.421	6	1	0	2	.500	0	0	1-1	2	11	1	.929
2	Short, Isaac	.290	10-10	31	2	9	4	0	1	11	16	.516	5	1	11	0	.405	0	2	0-0	80	12	1	.989
15	Beelner, Braydon	.167	3-3	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167	2	1	4	0	.444	0	0	0-0	2	1	0	1.000
25	Rubio, Kevin	.158	7-7	19	0	3	0	0	0	3	3	.158	1	0	4	0	.200	0	0	0-0	34	5	0	1.000
3	Mills, Levi	.143	8-1	7	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	.143	1	1	5	0	.333	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1.000
5	Garbers, Dalton	.000	7-1	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	4	0	.167	0	0	0-0	11	0	0	1.000
<b>Totals</b>		<b>.264</b>	<b>17-17</b>	<b>496</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>.399</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.412</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23-28</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>.965</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>.256</b>	<b>17-17</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>.365</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.373</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>25-36</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>.954</b>

LOB: Team (144), Opp (112) DPs Turned: Team (9), Opp (2) IBB: Team (0), Opp (0) Picked Off: Schroeder (1)

#### 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
30	Swallow, Jakeb	0.00	1-0	2	0	0	0-0	0	3.0	1	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	.100	0	0	0	0	0
26	Ayers, Brody	1.13	2-0	6	0	0	0-0	3	8.0	4	1	1	1	10	0	0	0	.154	1	0	0	0	1
19	Kelderman, Grant	2.70	2-1	3	3	0	0-0	0	10.0	8	4	3	10	16	2	0	0	.216	1	3	0	0	0
23	Dirkx, Devin	3.86	2-2	4	3	1	0-0	0	21.0	18	9	9	5	9	3	1	3	.231	1	2	0	1	0
31	Dixson, Chase	4.05	0-0	3	0	0	0-0	0	6.2	4	3	3	2	4	0	0	1	.174	0	0	0	1	1
18	Montecinos, Peyton	4.09	1-1	6	0	0	0-0	1	11.0	11	7	5	3	14	1	0	2	.250	0	4	0	1	0
17	De Haan, Micah	5.01	1-0	5	5	0	0-0	0	23.1	26	16	13	11	23	5	1	1	.289	4	7	0	0	0
13	Stark, Zain	5.93	1-0	4	2	0	0-0	0	13.2	11	9	9	9	11	0	0	1	.234	3	2	0	1	0
34	Greth, Luke	6.00	1-0	5	0	0	0-0	0	12.0	15	9	8	8	5	2	0	0	.319	1	4	0	0	2
9	Lewis, Jacob	8.10	0-0	3	0	0	0-0	0	3.1	5	3	3	4	6	1	1	0	.385	0	1	0	0	0
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	9.00	1-1	3	2	0	0-0	0	12.0	13	12	12	6	11	3	0	1	.277	2	5	0	0	0
21	Vold, Quintyn	45.00	0-0	2	0	0	0-0	0	1.0	5	6	5	2	1	1	0	0	.625	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>5.11</b>	<b>12-5</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>125.0</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.257</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>7.47</b>	<b>5-12</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>125.1</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>.264</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>

PB: Team (3), Totals (3), Rubio (2), Short (1), Opp (12) Pickoffs: Team (4), De Haan 1, Greth 1, Stark 1, Vold 1, Totals , Opp (1)  
SBA/ATT: Totals (50-72), Short (17-26), Rubio (8-10), Stark (6-6), Greth (3-4), Montecinos (3-3), Vold (3-3), De Haan (2-7), Dirkx (2-2), Lewis (2-4), Rychnovsky (2-3), Dixson (1-1), Swallow (1-1)