



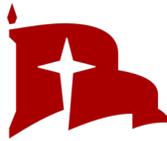
RED RAIDER BASEBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS



14-7 (2-2 GPAC)

HC: Brian Wede (20th season)

Away: 5-3 | Streak: W1

GAMES 22-25

Date(s): March 20-21
Location: Bishop Mueller Complex
Open Space Park
Venue: Sioux Center, Iowa
Sioux Center, Iowa
Watch: GPAC Network
Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/baseballstats

BRIAR CLIFF CHARGERS



10-13 (3-1 GPAC)

HC: Corby McGlauffin (6th season)

Series: BCU leads 54-33

Last Meeting: L 3-8 (3/21/2025)

DORDT DEFENDERS



11-13 (1-3 GPAC)

HC: Ian Eshelman (2nd Season)

Series: NWC leads 77-30

Last Meeting: W 11-4 (3/22/2025)

2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	14-7
GPAC	0-0
HOME	0-0
AWAY	5-3
TOP-25	0-0
STREAK	W1

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*	W 3-1
3.13	Morningside*	L 8-9
3.14	Dakota Wesleyan*	L 6-7
3.14	Dakota Wesleyan*	W 10-4
3.20	Briar Cliff*	12:00 PM
3.20	Briar Cliff*	2:30 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

FIRST PITCH

- The Raiders will continue GPAC action on the road this weekend, traveling to face Briar Cliff and Dordt.
- Last season, Northwestern dropped both meetings with Briar Cliff and swept Dordt.
- Briar Cliff has taken the last three meetings against the Raiders, while Northwestern is on a six-game winning streak over Dordt.

LAST TIME OUT

- Northwestern split its opening weekend of GPAC play, battling Morningside and Dakota Wesleyan.
- On the weekend, Nikolai Wede hit .385 with three home runs, a double, and four RBIs.
- Devin Dirx hit .455 and drove in five runs with two homers, also earning a win on the mound.
- Dirx picked up two multi-hit games on the weekend.

HOMETOWN HERO

- Nikolai Wede has been stellar in his first season with his hometown school.
- Wede has reached base in 18 consecutive games and holds a four-game hitting streak.
- The transfer from Minnesota State Mankato leads the team in home runs (6), slugging (.741), OPS (1.241), and total bases (40).

BREAKOUT START

- Ranier Castillo is having the best offensive season of his career thus far.
- Castillo is hitting .366, which leads the team and is 10th in the GPAC.
- He is hitting well above his career average, which was .250 coming into his junior season.

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 (4).
- His 13 career saves ranks fifth in program history, and is nine away from breaking the program record.
- Ayers holds a 2-1 record, a 0.87 ERA, 12 strikeouts, and has only given up two runs 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.

NWC LEADERS

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Ranier Castillo	.366
RBI	Devin Dirx	20
2B	Grant Rychnovsky	5
HR	Guidry/Wede	3
SB	Bryce Click	8
ERA*	Devin Dirx	4.18
K	Micah De Haan	27

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GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Doane Tigers	3-1	16-5
Briar Cliff Chargers	3-1	10-13
Concordia Bulldogs	3-1	15-9
Midland Warriors	3-1	8-14
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	1-1	10-8
Morningside Mustangs	1-1	13-10
Northwestern Red Raiders	2-2	14-7
Dordt Defenders	1-3	11-13
Mount Marty Lancers	1-3	10-14
Hastings Broncos	1-3	11-9
Waldorf Warriors	1-3	8-16



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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.



119	RUNS	155	119
29	2B	45	38
1	3B	5	3
12	HR	13	6
105	RBI	137	99
23-28	SB-ATT	17-21	22-27
.264	AVG.	.291	.242
.256	OPP AVG.	.299	.289
5.11	ERA	6.17	7.35
113	K	157	159

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Castillo (8), Guidry (7), Short (3), Dirx (5), Short (3), Wede (3), Craig (3), Rychnovsky (3), Caciari (2), Schroeder (2), Rubio (2), Ayers (2), Click (1)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Wede (4), Dirx (3), Click (3), Short (2), Rychnovsky (2), Rubio (2)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Dirx (7), Click (6), Short (3), Castillo (3), Wede (3), Schroeder (2), Rychnovsky (2), Craig (2)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Wede (18), Dirx (12), Click (5), Ayers (4), Castillo (3), Rychnovsky (3), Beelner (3), Short (2), Rubio (2)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Dirx (1)

**last updated March 17, 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	14-7
Home	0-0
Away	5-3
Neutral	9-4
Day games	13-7
Evening (5PM or later) games	1-0
In February	6-3
In March	8-4
In April	0-0
In May	0-0
One-run games	3-3
Two-run games	2-0
5+ run games	6-1
In extra innings	2-0
Scored first	6-3
Scored in 1st inning	1-3
Scored 0-2 runs	2-7
Scored 3-5 runs	5-3
Scored 6-9 runs	3-2
Scored 10+ runs	6-0

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 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.....4, at Dakota Wesleyan (3/14/26)
Errors3, 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 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 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/DWU)



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

Overall Record: 14-7 Conf: 2-2 Home: 0-0 Away: 5-3 Neutral: 9-4

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	.366	21-21	71	15	26	1	0	1	13	30	.423	12	4	9	0	.472	2	2	4-5	43	42	2	.977
6	Wedde, Nikolai	.296	18-18	54	17	16	4	1	6	13	40	.741	15	7	19	0	.500	0	1	2-3	18	0	1	.947
23	Dirkx, Devin	.292	21-21	65	13	19	3	0	3	20	31	.477	19	0	17	1	.447	1	0	1-1	62	19	3	.964
24	Guidry, Grant	.290	20-18	62	14	18	2	0	3	13	29	.468	14	1	13	1	.418	2	0	0-0	28	1	1	.967
26	Ayers, Brody	.245	20-19	53	13	13	4	0	0	5	17	.321	8	0	16	0	.344	0	0	1-1	18	55	2	.973
20	Schroeder, Tyler	.200	18-12	45	8	9	2	0	1	6	14	.311	8	1	16	0	.333	0	0	3-4	20	2	0	1.000
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	.190	21-20	63	13	12	5	0	2	10	23	.365	14	3	25	0	.358	1	0	2-2	64	3	2	.971
35	Click, Bryce	.190	21-20	58	17	11	3	0	1	15	17	.293	19	5	14	0	.422	1	2	10-10	42	3	1	.978
8	Cizek, Cody	1.000	5-0	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	.412	10-5	17	3	7	1	0	0	7	8	.471	3	1	7	0	.500	1	0	2-3	6	1	0	1.000
14	Mathsen, Karsten	.364	9-1	11	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	.364	0	0	6	0	.364	0	0	1-1	1	2	0	1.000
1	Silliman, TJ	.333	16-1	3	11	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333	1	0	0	0	.500	0	0	3-4	2	5	2	.778
2	Short, Isaac	.289	13-12	38	3	11	4	0	2	13	21	.553	5	1	13	0	.386	0	2	0-0	91	12	1	.990
25	Rubio, Kevin	.250	9-9	24	1	6	0	0	0	4	6	.250	1	0	4	0	.280	0	0	0-0	48	6	0	1.000
7	Caciari, Calab	.226	15-9	31	7	7	2	0	0	6	9	.290	7	1	4	2	.385	0	1	1-1	3	17	1	.952
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
3	Mills, Levi	.111	10-1	9	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	.111	1	1	6	0	.273	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
Totals		.265	21-21	616	146	163	31	1	19	130	253	.411	129	27	177	4	.409	8	8	30-35	463	181	23	.966
Opponents		.267	21-21	585	100	156	25	3	12	88	223	.381	82	31	135	10	.383	5	7	25-37	463	130	29	.953

LOB: Team (177), Opp (142) DPs Turned: Team (13), Opp (4) IBB: Team (0), Opp (0) Picked Off: Schroeder (1), Silliman (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	4	0	0	0-0	0	5.0	4	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	.222	0	1	0	0	0
26	Ayers, Brody	0.87	2-1	9	0	0	0-0	4	10.1	6	2	1	3	12	0	0	0	.171	1	0	0	0	2
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
18	Montecinos, Peyton	3.38	2-1	8	0	0	0-0	1	13.1	12	7	5	6	14	1	0	2	.235	0	4	0	1	0
23	Dirkx, Devin	4.18	3-2	5	4	1	0-0	0	28.0	29	13	13	5	15	6	1	4	.266	1	2	0	1	0
13	Stark, Zain	5.19	1-0	5	3	0	0-0	0	17.1	14	10	10	15	16	1	0	1	.233	3	2	0	1	0
31	Dixson, Chase	5.87	0-0	5	0	0	0-0	0	7.2	4	5	5	4	5	0	0	1	.154	0	0	0	1	1
17	De Haan, Micah	6.28	1-1	6	6	0	0-0	0	28.2	36	23	20	13	27	6	1	2	.321	4	9	0	1	2
34	Greth, Luke	6.60	1-0	7	0	0	0-0	0	15.0	15	12	11	11	7	2	0	0	.268	1	4	0	0	2
9	Lewis, Jacob	7.36	0-0	4	0	0	0-0	0	3.2	5	3	3	4	6	1	1	0	.357	0	1	0	0	0
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	9.42	1-1	4	3	0	0-0	0	14.1	19	15	15	8	12	4	0	2	.317	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
Totals		5.31	14-7	62	19	1	2	5	154.1	157	100	91	82	135	25	3	12	.268	13	31	0	5	7
Opponents		7.46	7-14	70	20	1	1	3	154.1	163	146	128	129	177	31	1	19	.265	27	27	6	8	8

PB: Team (4), Totals (4), Rubio (2), Short (2), Opp (12) Pickoffs: Team (5), Stark 2, De Haan 1, Greth 1, Vold 1, Totals , Opp (2)
SBA/ATT: Totals (50-74), Short (17-26), Rubio (8-11), 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)