



RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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#23 NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

18-9 (3-1 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)

Away: 0-0 | Streak: W3

GAMES 28-31

Date(s): March 27-28, 2026

Location: Fremont, Neb.

Yankton, S.D.

Venue: Midland Softball Diamond
North-East Sertoma Field

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

#19 MIDLAND WARRIORS



20-8 (2-0 GPAC)

HC: Beth Singleton (5th Season)

MOUNT MARTY LANCERS



8-14 (1-3 GPAC)

HC: Cassandra Brown (1st Season)

Series: NWC leads 46-40

Last Meeting: L 1-5 (4/1/25)

Series: NWC leads 43-12

Last Meeting: W 8-7 (3/22/25)

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern will take its 3-1 start to the GPAC season on the road, facing No. 19 Midland and Mount Marty.
- The meeting with Midland will mark the Raiders' fourth and fifth games against top-25 opponents this season.
- The Raiders hold a 2-1 record against the top 25.
- Northwestern split last year's matchups with the Warriors, and they have won five of the last six meetings.
- The Raiders swept Mount Marty last season and hold a nine-game winning streak over the Lancers.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Raiders opened up GPAC play last week, going 3-1.
- They split action with Dakota Wesleyan on Wednesday before sweeping College of Saint Mary on Saturday.
- On the week, Paige Kingery led in batting average with a mark of .545.
- Ava Gross drove in four runs on a .467 average.
- Tatum Schmalbeck homered and drove in three.
- Schmalbeck also went 3-0 in the circle, throwing two complete games with a 0.88 ERA.

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

- Northwestern has multiple players at or near the top of GPAC stat categories.
- Allison Koontz is third in the conference in wins (8).
- At the plate, Koontz has driven in 25 runs, sitting fifth in the GPAC.
- Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC and is second nationally in saves (4).
- Schmalbeck has the third-best ERA in the conference (1.53).
- Ava Gross has the sixth-best batting average in the conference, hitting .432.
- Rylee Bomgaars (17) and Myla Murphy (12) are first and fifth, respectively, in stolen bases among GPAC players.
- As a team, Northwestern leads the conference in on-base percentage (.416), sacrifice hits (55), and walks (118).

SMALL BALL SUCCESS

- Northwestern has found success through small ball in recent years.
- The Raiders once again lead the GPAC in walks (118) and sacrifice hits (55), and are second in steals (67).
- They lead the NAIA in sacrifice hits.
- Rylee Bomgaars (17) and Myla Murphy (12) are both top-five in the GPAC in stolen bases.

PITCHING PROWESS

- The Raiders' young pitching corps has been effective this season.
- Freshman Allison Koontz is third in the GPAC in wins (8), and fellow freshman Audrie Kohl has a no-hitter in the books.
- Kohl's opponent batting average is the best on the team, limiting foes to a .186 average.
- Junior Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC and is second in

the NAIA in saves (4).

- Schmalbeck's 1.53 ERA is third in the GPAC.

RANKED RAIDERS

- The Raiders opened the season at No. 17 in the NAIA Coaches' Poll and were No. 23 in the most recent poll.
- They have been ranked in 20 consecutive polls dating back to March 8, 2023.
- Northwestern is one of four GPAC schools in the top 25, joining No. 19 Midland, RV Dordt, and RV Morningside.
- The Raiders were ranked as high as No. 4 during the 2025 season.

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	18-9
GPAC	3-1
HOME	0-0
AWAY	0-0
TOP-25	0-0
STREAK	W3

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.)	W 3-1
2.20	Dakota State (S.D.)	W 8-5
2.21	Valley City State (N.D.)	W 8-1
2.21	Mayville State (N.D.)	L 1-4
2.27	Dickinson State (N.D.)	W 3-2
2.27	Haskell (Kan.)	W 16-1
2.28	William Penn (Iowa)	L 8-14
2.28	Viterbo (Wis.)	W 10-2
3.3	Indiana Wesleyan	L 0-9
3.3	Indiana Wesleyan	W 5-4
3.4	College of Saint Mary	W 9-0
3.6	Providence (Mont.)	L 6-7
3.6	Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)	L 1-4
3.7	Valley City State (N.D.)	W 12-4
3.7	Dickinson State (N.D.)	L 6-11
3.18	Dakota Wesleyan*	L 3-8
3.18	Dakota Wesleyan*	W 8-0
3.21	College of Saint Mary*	W 4-2
3.21	College of Saint Mary*	W 3-2
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	.432
RBI	Allison Koontz	25
2B	Allison Koontz	7
HR	Allison Koontz	3
SB	Rylee Bomgaars	17
ERA*	Tatum Schmalbeck	1.53
K	Audrie Kohl	40

GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Dordt Defenders	4-0	23-6
Morningside Mustangs	4-0	13-11
Midland Warriors	2-0	20-8
Northwestern Red Raiders	3-1	18-9
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	3-1	20-11
Concordia Bulldogs	1-1	12-8
Briar Cliff Chargers	1-3	11-17
Mount Marty Lancers	1-3	8-13
College Of Saint Mary Flames	1-3	4-14
Doane Tigers	0-2	13-12
Hastings Broncos	0-2	9-10
Waldorf Warriors	0-4	2-18



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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 Softball Diamond
Surface..... Dirt (Infield)/
.....Grass (Outfield)

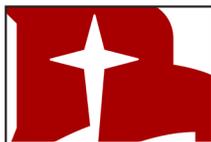
SOFTBALL HISTORY

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.



156	RUNS	158	90
33	2B	50	29
5	3B	5	10
6	HR	15	4
120	RBI	142	77
69-79	SB-ATT	68-77	11-16
.300	AVG.	.299	.257
.267	OPP AVG.	.196	.320
3.25	ERA	1.54	4.71
80	K	178	72

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gross (11), Kingery (10), Koontz (8), Bomgaars (5), Murphy (4), Schmalbeck (4), Johannsen (2), Van Kekerix (2)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Gross (12), Kingery (2), Schmalbeck (2)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Gross (8), Koontz (6), Schmalbeck (5), Kingery (3), Gors (2)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Gross (12), Kingery (10), Gors (2), Schmalbeck (2), Vortherms (2)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Koontz (2), Schmalbeck (2), Kohl (1)

**last updated March 24th, 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	18-9
Home	0-0
Away	0-0
Neutral	18-9
Day games	10-7
Evening (5PM or later) games	5-2
In February	9-3
In March	6-5
In April	0-0
In May	0-0
One-run games	4-2
Two-run games	3-0
5+ run games	7-4
In extra innings	1-1
Scored first	7-1
Scored in 1st inning	5-0
Scored 0-2 runs	2-5
Scored 3-5 runs	6-1
Scored 6-9 runs	5-2
Scored 10+ runs	3-0

GAME HIGHS

TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 32, vs. William Penn (2/28/26)
Runs scored..... 16, vs. Haskell (2/27/26)
Hits.....14, vs. College of Saint Mary (3/4/26)
Doubles..... 4, Dakota State (2/20/26)
Triples 1, vs. Valley City State (2/21/26)
Strikeouts (Batting)11, at Benedictine (2/7/26)
Walks drawn.....10, vs. Haskell (2/27/26)
Stolen bases..... 8, vs. Providence (3/6/26)
Hit by pitch.....4, vs. Embry-Riddle (3/6/26)
Home runs..... 2, vs. Haskell (2/27/26)
Errors 3, vs. Dakota State (2/20/26)
Double plays turned.....2, vs. Valley City State (2/21/26)
Strikeouts (Pitching)7, vs. College of Saint Mary (3/21/26)

INDIVIDUAL - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 5, Ava Gross (vs. CSM, 3/21/26)
Runs scored..... 4, Rylee Bomgaars (vs. Viterbo 2/28/26)
Hits.....3, Tatum Schmalbeck (vs. CSM, 3/21/26)
RBIs5, Kavri Van Kekerix (vs. Haskell, 2/27/26)
Doubles..... 2, Paige Kingery (vs. CSM, 3/21/26)
Triples1, Sydney Jacobs (vs. CSM, 3/21/26)
Walks drawn.....2, Tatum Schmalbeck (vs. VCSU, 3/21/26)
Stolen bases..... 3, Myla Murphy (vs. York, 2/7/26)
Hit by pitch..... 1, Gross/Gors (vs. VCSU, 3/7/26)
Home runs.....1, Tatum Schmalbeck (vs. CSM, 3/21/26)
Strikeouts (Pitching) ...6, Tatum Schmalbeck (vs. CSM, 3/21/26)
Innings Pitched.....9.0, Tatum Schmalbeck (vs. CSM 3/21/26)



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2026 Northwestern College Softball Overall Statistics (as of Mar 7, 2026)

Overall Record: 15-8 Home: 0-0 Away: 0-0 Neutral: 15-8

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	.411	23-23	73	17	30	6	1	0	22	38	.521	5	4	7	0	.470	1	4	8-9	42	50	4	.958
3	Koontz, Allison	.393	23-22	61	9	24	4	2	3	22	41	.672	6	0	4	0	.429	3	3	2-3	1	24	1	.962
1	Bomgaars, Rylee	.389	22-22	54	24	21	1	0	0	3	22	.407	19	2	14	0	.560	0	6	14-17	45	0	2	.957
33	Kingery, Paige	.361	23-23	61	13	22	2	1	0	13	26	.426	10	3	7	0	.473	0	6	4-5	15	64	4	.952
16	Murphy, Myla	.327	22-17	49	11	16	1	0	0	17	347	.347	8	1	16	0	.431	0	1	12-13	17	2	3	.864
5	Gors, Cassidy	.289	22-19	38	8	11	0	0	0	7	11	.289	9	2	2	0	.449	0	11	3-3	106	8	4	.966
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	.235	23-23	68	12	16	4	0	1	11	23	.338	9	1	6	0	.329	1	5	2-2	33	39	2	.973
12	Kacmarynski, Faith	.233	18-11	30	8	7	1	0	0	6	8	.267	7	3	6	0	.415	1	3	2-2	21	2	0	1.000
24	Van Kekerix, Kavri	.184	22-18	49	9	9	2	0	1	7	14	.286	6	0	14	0	.273	0	5	6-6	103	1	6	.945
18	Jacobs, Sydney	.133	23-21	45	8	6	1	0	0	7	7	.156	17	0	20	0	.371	0	3	3-4	16	5	1	.955
7	Johannsen, Berkley	.500	16-4	10	9	5	1	0	0	2	6	.600	2	0	3	0	.583	0	1	2-3	5	0	0	1.000
4	Luevano, Jenny	.120	20-16	25	4	3	0	0	0	2	3	.120	4	1	5	0	.267	0	3	0-0	45	5	0	1.000
9	Kohl, Audrie	.000	17-8	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	1	0	0	0	.500	0	1	0-0	3	4	0	1.000
8	Vortherms, Aly	.000	15-0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	1-2	1	4	1	.833
Totals		.301	23-23	564	138	170	23	4	5	103	216	.383	104	18	104	0	.422	6	52	59-69	455	209	28	.960
Opponents		.267	23-23	606	86	162	40	1	11	80	237	.391	52	3	62	2	.328	0	12	20-25	444	209	37	.946

LOB: Team (154), Opp (126) DPs Turned: Team (5), Opp (3) 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
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	2.03	1-0	11	0	0	0-0	4	20.2	20	6	6	5	5	6	0	1	.247	1	0	0	0	2
9	Kohl, Audrie	3.09	4-2	17	8	1	1-0	0	45.1	30	21	20	15	35	9	0	5	.183	3	1	0	0	3
3	Koontz, Allison	3.45	9-5	21	13	2	2-0	0	69.0	85	42	34	17	15	18	1	4	.299	5	1	0	0	5
14	Renken, Mariah	5.46	1-1	11	1	0	0-0	0	16.2	27	17	13	15	7	7	0	1	.351	1	1	0	0	2
Totals		3.37	15-8	60	22	3	3	4	151.2	162	86	73	52	62	40	1	11	.267	10	3	0	0	12
Opponents		4.45	8-15	42	23	9	1	0	148.0	170	138	94	104	104	23	4	5	.301	18	18	0	6	52

PB: Team (4), Totals (4), Luevano (3), Van Kekerix (1), Opp (6) Pickoffs: Team (1), Koontz 1, Totals , Opp (0) SBA/ATT: Totals (40-50), Luevano (14-16), Koontz (13-17), Kacmarynski (4-6), Renken (3-3), Kohl (2-3), Murphy (2-3), Schmalbeck (2-2)