



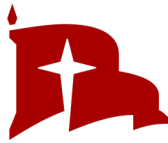
RED RAIDER BASEBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS



20-10 (8-4 GPAC)

HC: Brian Wede (20th season)

Away: 8-4 | Streak: L2

GAMES 31-34

Date(s): April 2-3, 2026

Location: Crete, Neb.

Venue: Doane Ballfield Complex

Series: DOA leads 48-44

Last Meeting: L 11-1 (4/30/25)

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/baseballstats

#16 DOANE TIGERS



23-7 (9-3 GPAC)

HC: Josh Oltmans (10th season)

Home: 17-2 | Streak: W6

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern will meet its first top 25 opponent this season on Easter weekend, traveling to No. 16 Doane.
- Doane went 4-1 against the Raiders last season, winning the regular season series 3-1 and winning the GPAC tournament matchup 11-1.
- Doane holds a 48-44 lead in the all-time series and has won six of the last seven matchups.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Raiders went 3-2 last weekend, winning the four-game home series against Hastings and falling in a non-conference neutral-site matchup to Mount Mercy.
- In the series win over Hastings, Grant Guidry led the way with a .538 average and a home run.
- Calab Caciari drove in six runs and hit a home run.
- Micah De Haan earned a win in game one, throwing six innings and only allowing one run.

HEATING UP

- Grant Guidry holds a nine-game hitting streak dating back to March 20.
- The sophomore power hitter has driven in six runs during the streak and has 11 multi-hit games on the year.
- Guidry has moved into the team lead in batting average, hitting .348 on the year.

HOMETOWN HERO

- Nikolai Wede has been stellar in his first season with his hometown school.
- Wede recently concluded a 24-game reached base streak.
- The transfer from Minnesota State Mankato leads the team in home runs (8), slugging (.693), OPS (1.139), and total bases (61).

BREAKOUT SEASON

- Ranier Castillo is having the best offensive season of his career thus far.
- Castillo is hitting .343, which is second on the team.
- 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 (6).
- His 15 career saves is tied for fourth in program history, and is seven away from breaking the program record.
- Ayers holds a 2-1 record, a 1.88 ERA, 17 strikeouts, and has only given up four runs in 2026.

NATIONAL PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Grant Guidry was named NAIA Player of the Week for his performance at McPherson to open the season.
- 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.

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 Dirxx, who went 6-3 in 11 starts.
- Dirxx 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.
- 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	20-10
GPAC	8-4
HOME	3-1
AWAY	8-4
TOP-25	0-0
STREAK	L2

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 10-5
3.2	Cornerstone (Mich.)	L 3-2
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 6-2
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 9-8
3.14	Dakota Wesleyan*	L 7-6
3.14	Dakota Wesleyan*	W 10-4
3.20	Briar Cliff*	L 3-1
3.20	Briar Cliff*	W 10-7
3.21	Dordt*	W 13-2
3.21	Dordt*	W 15-9
3.27	Hastings*	W 4-1
3.27	Hastings*	W 14-4
3.28	Hastings*	W 6-2
3.28	Hastings*	L 10-3
3.31	Mount Mercy (Iowa)	L 17-1
4.4	Doane*	1:00 PM
4.4	Doane*	3:30 PM
4.4	Doane*	1:00 PM
4.6	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

NWC LEADERS

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Ranier Castillo	.348
RBI	Devin Dirxx	28
2B	Nikolai Wede	9
HR	Nikolai Wede	8
SB	Bryce Click	11
ERA*	Devin Dirxx	3.51
K	Micah De Haan	32

GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Morningside Mustangs	10-2	22-11
Doane Tigers	9-3	23-7
Concordia Bulldogs	9-3	21-11
Northwestern Red Raiders	8-4	20-10
Midland Warriors	6-6	11-20
Briar Cliff Chargers	6-6	13-18
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	5-7	14-15
Dordt Defenders	4-8	14-18
Hastings Broncos	4-8	16-14
Mount Marty Lancers	4-8	13-19
Waldorf Warriors	1-11	9-24



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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.



213	RUNS	255
55	2B	55
1	3B	7
29	HR	43
191	RBI	232
37-45	SB-ATT	66-75
.279	AVG.	.344
.286	OPP AVG.	.244
5.63	ERA	4.17
177	K	209

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Guidry (11), Castillo (10), Dirx (7), Wede (6), Ayers (5), Short (4), Caciari (4), Rychnovsky (3), Craig (3), Rubio (3), Schroeder (2), Click (2)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Guidry (9), Dirx (2), Click (2), Beelner (2)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Dirx (10), Wede (7), Click (7), Caciari (4), Castillo (4), Short (3), Rychnovsky (3), Craig (3), Guidry (3), Rubio (3), Schroeder (2), Ayers (2)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Guidry (9), Click (6), Beelner (4), Dirx (2), Mills (2)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Dirx (2), De Haan (1)

**last updated April 1, 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	20-10
Home	3-1
Away	8-4
Neutral	9-5
Day games	18-10
Evening (5PM or later) games	2-0
In February	6-3
In March	14-7
In April	0-0
In May	0-0
One-run games	3-3
Two-run games	2-1
5+ run games	9-3
In extra innings	2-0
Scored first	12-3
Scored in 1st inning	4-3
Scored 0-2 runs	2-8
Scored 3-5 runs	6-5
Scored 6-9 runs	4-2
Scored 10+ runs	10-0

GAME HIGHS

TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 44, at Dordt (3/21/26)
Runs scored 19, at McPherson (2/7/26)
Hits 15, at Dordt (3/21/26)
Doubles 6, at Dordt (3/21/26)
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 4, at Dakota Wesleyan (3/14/26)
Errors 3, vs. Hastings (3/28/26)
Double plays 3, vs. Hastings (3/27/26)
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 3, Nikolai Wede (vs. Hastings, 3/27/26)
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/DWU/Dordt)



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2026 Northwestern College Baseball Overall Statistics (as of Mar 31, 2026)

Overall Record: 20-10 Conf: 8-4 Home: 3-1 Away: 8-4 Neutral: 9-5

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%
24	Guidry, Grant	.348	29-27	92	21	32	2	0	5	19	49	.533	17	1	15	2	.439	4	0	0-0	36	2	1	.974
27	Castillo, Ranier	.343	30-30	102	23	35	4	0	1	16	42	.412	15	4	14	0	.439	2	3	4-5	58	63	5	.960
23	Dirkx, Devin	.295	30-30	95	18	28	5	0	6	28	51	.537	22	1	23	3	.429	1	0	1-1	115	28	4	.973
6	Wede, Nikolai	.295	27-27	88	21	26	9	1	8	24	61	.693	16	8	29	0	.446	0	2	2-3	33	2	1	.972
7	Caciari, Calab	.288	24-18	59	16	17	4	0	2	15	27	.458	10	1	8	2	.400	0	2	2-2	12	23	2	.946
26	Ayers, Brody	.284	29-28	81	18	23	6	0	0	10	29	.358	9	1	21	0	.363	0	0	3-4	30	86	6	.951
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	.210	29-28	81	16	17	7	0	3	15	33	.407	15	3	32	0	.350	1	0	2-2	68	4	3	.960
35	Click, Bryce	.208	30-26	77	25	16	5	0	1	18	24	.312	23	6	18	0	.421	1	2	11-12	63	3	1	.985
20	Schroeder, Tyler	.188	23-13	48	11	9	2	0	1	6	14	.292	8	1	17	0	.316	0	0	3-4	23	1	0	1.000
8	Cizek, Cody	1.000	7-0	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	.333	17-10	36	10	12	3	0	0	11	15	.417	7	1	10	2	.444	1	1	3-4	22	1	0	1.000
14	Mathsen, Karsten	.333	12-1	12	1	4	0	0	0	1	4	.333	1	0	6	0	.385	0	0	1-1	1	2	0	1.000
1	Silliman, TJ	.333	24-1	6	17	2	0	0	0	1	2	.333	1	0	1	0	.429	0	0	4-6	2	5	2	.778
25	Rubio, Kevin	.278	14-13	36	1	10	2	0	0	9	12	.333	4	0	6	0	.341	1	0	0-0	68	6	0	1.000
2	Short, Isaac	.259	18-17	54	3	14	6	0	2	14	26	.481	5	2	18	0	.344	0	2	0-0	114	14	1	.992
3	Mills, Levi	.231	14-1	13	3	3	0	0	0	2	3	.231	1	2	7	0	.375	0	0	1-1	0	1	0	1.000
15	Beelner, Braydon	.167	5-3	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	.167	3	1	4	0	.500	0	0	0-0	2	1	0	1.000
5	Garbers, Dalton	.000	10-1	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000	0	1	5	0	.125	0	0	0-0	15	0	0	1.000
33	DeYoung, Joe	.000	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
Totals		.279	30-30	895	213	250	55	1	29	191	394	.440	157	33	234	9	.401	11	12	37-45	667	264	33	.966
Opponents		.286	30-30	864	155	247	44	4	17	139	350	.405	115	48	177	18	.395	11	12	32-45	662	199	44	.951

LOB: Team (229), Opp (222) DPs Turned: Team (21), Opp (9) IBB: Team (1), Guidry (1), Opp (1) 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	1.80	1-0	7	0	0	0-0	0	10.0	10	7	2	4	9	2	0	1	.263	0	3	0	1	0
26	Ayers, Brody	1.88	2-1	12	0	0	0-0	6	14.1	10	4	3	3	17	1	0	1	.196	2	1	0	0	2
18	Montecinos, Peyton	2.66	3-2	11	0	0	0-0	1	20.1	18	8	6	8	20	3	0	2	.234	0	5	0	1	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	3.51	5-2	7	6	2	0-0	0	41.0	46	17	16	7	21	8	1	5	.277	1	2	0	2	1
31	Dixson, Chase	4.85	0-0	8	0	0	0-0	1	13.0	8	7	7	6	6	0	0	2	.182	0	1	0	2	1
17	De Haan, Micah	5.31	2-2	8	8	1	0-0	0	40.2	48	27	24	19	32	12	1	2	.310	5	11	0	1	4
13	Stark, Zain	6.29	2-0	7	5	0	0-0	0	24.1	28	17	17	21	23	3	1	1	.304	4	3	0	1	1
8	Cizek, Cody	9.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	1.0	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0	1	0
34	Greth, Luke	9.33	1-1	10	1	0	0-0	0	18.1	27	20	19	14	9	4	0	0	.355	1	6	0	1	2
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	10.18	1-1	6	5	0	0-0	0	20.1	27	24	23	10	12	6	0	2	.321	3	8	0	1	0
9	Lewis, Jacob	15.19	0-0	6	0	0	0-0	0	5.1	10	9	9	5	7	2	1	1	.417	2	2	0	0	0
21	Vold, Quintyn	22.09	1-0	4	0	0	0-0	0	3.2	6	10	9	6	3	1	0	0	.353	0	3	0	0	0
Totals		5.63	20-10	90	28	3	2	8	222.1	248	155	139	115	177	44	4	17	.287	19	48	0	11	12
Opponents		7.63	10-20	98	29	2	1	3	220.2	250	213	187	157	234	55	1	29	.279	31	33	10	11	12

PB: Team (4), Totals (4), Rubio (2), Short (2), Opp (17) Pickoffs: Team (9), Stark (5), De Haan (1), Greth (1), Swallow (1), Vold (1), Totals (2) SBA/ATT: Totals (63-89), Short (19-29), Rubio (12-15), Stark (9-9), De Haan (3-8), Dirkx (3-3), Greth (3-4), Lewis (3-5), Montecinos (3-4), Rychnovsky (3-4), Vold (3-3), Dixson (1-1), Swallow (1-1)