



RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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#23 NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

21-10 (3-1 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)

Neutral: 18-9 | Streak: W3

GAMES 32-33

Date(s): April 2, 2026

Time: 4:00/6:00 PM

Location: Sioux Center, Iowa

Venue: American State Bank Sports Complex

Series: NWC leads 70-33

Last Meeting: W 12-1 (4/9/26)

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

DORDT DEFENDERS



26-7 (7-1 GPAC)

HC: Jeff Zomer (16th season)

Neutral: 19-6 | Streak: W1

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern will head back to the American State Bank Sports Complex to take on Dordt on Thursday.
- The Raiders swept last year's matchup in Sioux Center, winning 12-11 and 12-1.
- In the game one win, the Raiders came back from a seven-run deficit to walk it off in the eighth inning.
- Northwestern has won four of the last five meetings.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Raiders went 3-1 on the road last weekend, splitting with No. 19 Midland and sweeping Mount Marty.
- Tatum Schmalbeck put in work in the circle, going 3-0 and throwing 19 innings on the weekend.
- She posted a 1.47 ERA and six strikeouts, while driving in eight runs at the plate.
- Northwestern spread the wealth offensively, as two players hit above .400 and seven above .300.
- Kavri Van Kekerix drove in four runs and stole three bases.
- Ava Gross hit .357 with three doubles and three steals.
- Allison Koontz posted a .444 average with a double and an RBI.

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

- Northwestern has multiple players at or near the top of GPAC stat categories.
- Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC and is second nationally in saves (4).
- Schmalbeck has the third-best ERA in the conference (1.51).
- Rylee Bomgaars (20) is the GPAC leader in stolen bases.
- Ava Gross has the fifth-best batting average in the conference, hitting .422.
- Gross sits fourth in the conference in hits (43) and seventh in RBIs (26).
- As a team, Northwestern leads the conference in sacrifice hits (61), walks (138), and stolen bases (85).
- The Raiders are second in on-base percentage (.418) and third in opponent batting average (.264).

SMALL BALL SUCCESS

- Northwestern has found success through small ball in recent years.
- The Raiders once again lead the GPAC in walks (138), sacrifice hits (61), and steals (85).
- They are also first in the NAIA in each of those categories.
- Rylee Bomgaars (20) and Ava Gross (13) 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 leads the team 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 .194 average.
- Junior Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC and is second in the NAIA in saves (4).

- Schmalbeck's 1.51 ERA is third in the GPAC.
- She is a perfect 7-0 on the season and has thrown 55.2 innings in 18 appearances and three starts.

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.
- This season, Northwestern has gone 3-2 against the top 25, defeating Saint Xavier (Ill.), Indiana Wesleyan, and Midland.
- 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 Kraik'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	21-10
GPAC	3-1
HOME	0-0
AWAY	3-1
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*	L 1-4
3.27	Midland*	W 4-2
3.28	Mount Marty*	W 16-2
3.28	Mount Marty*	W 10-3
4.2	Dordt*	4:00 PM
4.2	Dordt*	6:00 PM
4.7	Morningside*	3:00 PM
4.7	Morningside*	5:00 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	.422
RBI	Allison Koontz	26
2B	Allison Koontz	9
HR	Allison Koontz	3
SB	Rylee Bomgaars	20
ERA*	Tatum Schmalbeck	1.51
K	Audrie Kohl	43

GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	9-1	26-11
Dordt Defenders	7-1	26-7
Morningside Mustangs	7-1	16-12
Midland Warriors	5-1	23-9
Northwestern Red Raiders	6-2	21-10
Doane Tigers	4-4	17-14
Concordia Bulldogs	2-4	13-12
Hastings Broncos	2-6	11-14
Mount Marty Lancers	2-6	11-17
Briar Cliff Chargers	2-8	12-22
College of Saint Mary Flames	1-7	5-19
Waldorf Warriors	1-7	3-21



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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.



188	RUNS	247
43	2B	63
6	3B	23
6	HR	41
146	RBI	229
85-97	SB-ATT	61-67
.301	AVG.	.359
.263	OPP AVG.	.230
3.13	ERA	2.17
91	K	224

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gross (12), Kingery (11), Koontz (8), Bomgaars (5), Schmalbeck (5), Murphy (4), Van Kekerix (4) Johannsen (2)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Koontz (3), Kingery (3), Schmalbeck (3), Gors (3), Gross (2), Van Kekerix (2)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Gross (8), Schmalbeck (8), Koontz (6), Kingery (4), Gors (4), Van Kekerix (3), Kacmarynski (2)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Gross (16), Gors (6), Koontz (5), Kingery (3), Schmalbeck (3), Van Kekerix (3), Bomgaars (3)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

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

**last updated March 31st, 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	21-10
Home	0-0
Away	3-1
Neutral	18-9
Day games	12-8
Evening (5PM or later) games	6-2
In February	9-3
In March	9-6
In April	0-0
In May	0-0
One-run games	4-2
Two-run games	4-0
5+ run games	8-4
In extra innings	2-1
Scored first	8-2
Scored in 1st inning	6-0
Scored 0-2 runs	2-6
Scored 3-5 runs	7-1
Scored 6-9 runs	5-2
Scored 10+ runs	5-0

GAME HIGHS

TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 33, vs. Mount Marty (3/28/26)
Runs scored 16, vs. Haskell (2/27/26)
Hits 17, vs. Mount Marty (3/28/26)
Doubles 6, Mount Marty (3/28/26)
Triples 1, vs. Valley City State (2/21/26)
Strikeouts (Batting) 12, at Midland (3/28/26)
Walks drawn 10, vs. Haskell (2/27/26)
Stolen bases 10, vs. Mount Marty (3/28/26)
Hit by pitch 4, vs. Embry-Riddle (3/6/26)
Home runs 2, vs. Haskell (2/27/26)
Errors 4, vs. Mount Marty (3/28/26)
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)
RBIs 5, Kavri Van Kekerix (vs. Haskell, 2/27/26)
Doubles 3, Ava Gross (vs. Mount Marty, 3/28/26)
Triples 1, Sydney Jacobs (vs. CSM, 3/21/26)
Walks drawn 3, Cassidy Gors (vs. Mount Marty, 3/21/26)
Stolen bases 3, Cassidy Gors (vs. Mount Marty, 3/28/26)
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 28, 2026)

Overall Record: 21-10 Conf: 6-2 Home: 0-0 Away: 3-1 Neutral: 18-9

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	.422	31-31	102	24	43	9	1	0	26	54	.529	7	7	11	0	.487	1	4	13-14	51	74	5	.962
33	Kingery, Paige	.381	31-31	84	18	32	6	1	0	19	40	.476	15	4	7	0	.495	0	7	4-5	22	88	6	.948
3	Koontz, Allison	.370	31-29	81	12	30	8	2	3	26	51	.630	8	0	4	0	.413	3	5	2-4	7	25	2	.941
16	Murphy, Myla	.323	28-21	62	13	20	1	0	0	0	21	.339	8	1	18	0	.408	0	2	13-14	17	2	3	.864
1	Bomgaars, Rylee	.304	30-30	79	30	24	1	0	0	4	25	.316	22	4	21	0	.476	0	9	20-23	53	0	3	.946
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	.260	31-31	100	16	26	9	1	2	24	43	.430	11	1	9	0	.336	1	4	3-3	42	47	2	.978
5	Gors, Cassidy	.242	30-27	62	11	15	0	0	0	14	15	.242	15	2	7	0	.405	0	10	11-11	174	12	5	.974
24	Van Kekerix, Kavri	.232	30-26	69	14	16	3	0	1	12	22	.319	10	1	18	0	.338	0	6	11-12	115	11	7	.947
18	Jacobs, Sydney	.215	31-29	65	15	14	4	1	0	9	20	.308	23	0	23	0	.420	0	6	4-5	30	5	1	.972
7	Johannsen, Berkley	.294	23-5	17	11	5	1	0	0	2	6	.353	2	0	7	0	.368	0	1	1-2	9	0	0	1.000
12	Kacmarynski, Faith	.270	23-11	37	9	10	1	0	0	8	11	.297	8	3	9	0	.429	1	3	2-2	23	2	0	1.000
4	Luevano, Jenny	.100	28-24	30	6	3	0	0	0	2	3	.100	7	1	7	0	.289	0	4	0-0	68	6	4	.949
9	Kohl, Audrie	.000	23-11	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	0	.333	0	0	0-0	3	6	0	1.000
8	Vortherms, Aly	.000	21-0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	1-2	1	4	1	.833
Totals		.301	31-31	790	188	238	43	6	6	146	311	.394	138	25	141	0	.418	6	61	85-97	617	283	39	.958
Opponents		.263	31-31	817	110	215	51	3	12	101	308	.377	70	5	91	2	.325	1	13	29-35	607	283	53	.944

LOB: Team (218), Opp (175) DPs Turned: Team (6), 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
19	Van Kalsbeek, Kamea	0.00	0-0	2	1	0	0-0	0	2.1	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	.222	0	0	0	0	0
4	Luevano, Jenny	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
8	Vortherms, Aly	0.00	0-0	1	0	0	0-0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	1.51	7-0	18	3	2	1-0	4	55.2	45	14	12	12	22	12	1	1	.213	1	2	0	0	3
9	Kohl, Audrie	3.18	5-4	23	10	1	1-0	0	55.0	39	26	25	21	43	11	0	6	.194	3	1	0	0	3
3	Koontz, Allison	3.73	8-5	23	15	2	2-0	0	75.0	99	51	40	20	17	21	2	4	.316	5	1	0	1	5
14	Renken, Mariah	5.94	1-1	12	1	0	0-0	0	17.2	30	19	15	16	7	7	0	1	.361	1	1	0	0	2
Totals		3.13	21-10	80	30	5	4	4	205.2	215	110	92	70	91	51	3	12	.263	10	5	0	1	13
Opponents		4.64	10-21	54	31	15	1	1	202.1	238	188	134	138	141	43	6	6	.301	19	25	0	6	61

PB: Team (6), Totals (6), Luevano (4), Koontz (1), Van Kekerix (1), Opp (11) Pickoffs: Team (1), Koontz 1, Totals , Opp (0) SBA/ATT: Totals (58-70), Luevano (22-25), Koontz (16-21), Schmalbeck (7-7), Kacmarynski (4-6), Renken (4-4), Kohl (3-4), Murphy (2-3)