



RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

24-13 (9-5 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)

Home: 2-0 | Away: 4-2 | Streak: W1

GAMES 38-43

Date(s): April 14/17/18, 2026

Location: Sioux City, Iowa

Orange City, Iowa

Venue: Jensen Softball Complex
NWC Softball Diamond

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

MORNINGSIDE MUSTANGS



18-14 (9-3 GPAC)

HC: Brooke Pruner

HASTINGS BRONCOS



13-18 (4-10 GPAC)

HC: Troy Baker

DOANE TIGERS



17-18 (4-8 GPAC)

HC: Samantha Valadez-Haralabidis

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern will open the week at Morningside on Tuesday before facing Hastings and Doane on Friday and Saturday.
- The Raiders met Morningside in the GPAC Championship series last year, coming back in the best-of-three series after dropping the first game.
- The Raiders swept the Mustangs in the regular season.
- Northwestern swept Hastings last season and has won the last 12 meetings.
- Doane took the first game of the GPAC tournament against Northwestern last year, but the Raiders then defeated the Tigers twice in a row to advance to the conference championship.
- Northwestern won the regular season series 2-0.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Raiders went 3-1 last week, sweeping Briar Cliff and splitting with Concordia.
- Ava Gross led the charge against Briar Cliff, going 7-for-7 in the doubleheader and tying the single-game record with eight RBIs in game one.
- Kavri Van Kekerix was a difference-maker against Concordia, hitting a home run and reaching four times in the 7-5 game two victory.

GPAC PLAYER OF THE WEEK

- Ava Gross earned GPAC Player of the Week honors after going 9-for-14 with five doubles, 10 RBIs, and a grand slam last week.
- It is the first time in her career that she has earned GPAC weekly accolades.
- In Wednesday's win over Briar Cliff, Gross went 4-for-4 with a grand slam, three doubles, and tied a 24-year-old program record with eight RBIs.

FRESHMAN PHENOMS

- Northwestern's freshman class has made an immediate impact on the diamond.
- Ava Gross is third in the GPAC in batting average (.431) and RBIs (36).
- Paige Kingery is hitting .392 with 23 RBIs while holding down third base.
- Allison Koontz is hitting .382 and is fifth in the GPAC in RBIs (35), while holding nine wins in the circle.
- Seven freshmen have been a part of the starting lineup in recent weeks.

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

- Northwestern has multiple players at or near the top of GPAC stat categories.
- Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC and is third nationally in saves (4).
- Rylee Bomgaars (23) is the GPAC leader in stolen bases.
- Ava Gross is third in the conference in batting average (.431) and RBIs (36).
- Allison Koontz sits fifth in RBIs (35).

- As a team, Northwestern leads the conference in sacrifice hits (68), walks (160), and stolen bases (103), and on-base percentage (.423).
- The Raiders are third in opponent batting average (.279).

SMALL BALL SUCCESS

- Northwestern has found success through small ball in recent years.
- The Raiders once again lead the GPAC in walks (160), sacrifice hits (68), and steals (103).
- They are first in the NAIA in sacrifices and second in walks.
- Rylee Bomgaars (23) is the GPAC leader in stolen bases.
- Ava Gross (16), Kavri Van Kekerix (14), and Myla Murphy (13) are fourth, eighth, and ninth, respectively 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 .200 average.
- Junior Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC and is second in the NAIA in saves (4).
- Schmalbeck's 1.99 ERA is fifth in the GPAC.
- She is 7-1 on the season and has thrown 63.1 innings in 20 appearances and four starts.

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 has won over 100 games in the GPAC.
- 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).

2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	24-13
GPAC	9-5
HOME	2-0
AWAY	4-2
TOP-25	3-2
STREAK	W1

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*	L 6-1
4.2	Dordt*	L 11-9
4.8	Briar Cliff*	W 18-3
4.8	Briar Cliff*	W 8-0
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	L 4-2
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	W 7-5
4.14	Morningside*	3:00 PM
4.14	Morningside*	5:00 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
4.22	Grand View (Iowa)	2:00 PM
4.22	Grand View (Iowa)	4:00 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	.431
RBI	Ava Gross	36
2B	Ava Gross	14
HR	Allison Koontz	4
SB	Rylee Bomgaars	23
ERA*	Tatum Schmalbeck	2.04
K	Audrie Kohl	47

GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	13-1	30-11
Midland Warriors	10-2	28-10
Morningside Mustangs	9-3	18-14
Dordt Defenders	10-4	29-10
Northwestern Red Raiders	9-5	24-13
Concordia Bulldogs	6-6	17-14
Mount Marty Lancers	5-7	14-18
Doane Tigers	4-8	17-18
Hastings Broncos	4-10	13-18
Briar Cliff Chargers	4-10	14-24
College of Saint Mary Flames	3-9	7-21
Waldorf Warriors	1-13	3-29



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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.



233	RUNS	170	137	214
55	2B	36	39	75
9	3B	4	3	7
11	HR	12	14	23
187	RBI	150	126	184
103-120	SB-ATT	46-54	16-16	71-88
.307	AVG.	.302	.271	.342
.271	OPP AVG.	.269	.312	.303
3.26	ERA	3.30	4.58	5.19
111	K	137	106	106

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gross (15), Kingery (12), Koontz (10), Schmalbeck (6), Bomgaars (5), Van Kekerix (5), Murphy (4), Johannsen (2)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Koontz (9), Van Kekerix (5)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Gross (9), Schmalbeck (8), Koontz (8), Kingery (5), Gors (4), Van Kekerix (4), Kacmarynski (2)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Gross (22), Koontz (11), Kingery (9), Van Kekerix (9), Bomgaars (9), Kacmarynski (5), Schmalbeck (5)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

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

**last updated April 14th 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	24-13
Home	2-0
Away	4-2
Neutral	18-11
Day games	14-10
Evening (5PM or later) games	7-3
In February	9-3
In March	9-6
In April	3-3
In May	0-0
One-run games	4-2
Two-run games	5-2
5+ run games	11-4
In extra innings	2-1
Scored first	9-4
Scored in 1st inning	7-2
Scored 0-2 runs	2-8
Scored 3-5 runs	7-1
Scored 6-9 runs	7-3
Scored 10+ runs	6-0

GAME HIGHS

TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats 33, vs. Mount Marty (3/28/26)
Runs scored..... 18, vs Briar Cliff (4/8/26)
Hits..... 17, vs. Mount Marty (3/28/26)
Doubles..... 6, Mount Martry (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..... 3, vs. Briar Cliff (4/8/26)
Errors 6, vs. Concordia (4/11/26)
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..... 4, Ava Gross (vs. Briar Cliff, 4/8/26)
RBIs 8, Ava Gross (vs. Briar Cliff, 4/8/26)
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, 3/28/26)
Stolen bases..... 3, Cassidy Gors (vs. Mount Marty, 3/28/26)
Hit by pitch..... 2, Rylee Bomgaars (vs. Mount Marty, 3/28/26)
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 Apr 11, 2026)

Overall Record: 24-13 Conf: 9-5 Home: 2-0 Away: 4-2 Neutral: 18-11

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	.431	37-37	123	32	53	14	1	1	36	72	.585	7	10	12	0	.496	1	4	16-20	58	93	9	.944
33	Kingery, Paige	.392	37-37	97	22	38	7	1	1	23	50	.515	21	5	8	0	.520	0	7	4-6	24	100	8	.939
3	Koontz, Allison	.382	37-35	102	16	39	11	4	4	35	70	.686	8	0	4	0	.416	3	5	3-5	8	30	2	.950
12	Kacmarynski, Faith	.333	29-15	48	13	16	2	0	0	8	18	.375	8	4	11	0	.459	1	4	3-3	36	8	0	1.000
16	Murphy, Myla	.328	31-21	64	13	21	1	0	0	0	22	.344	8	1	18	0	.411	0	2	13-14	17	2	3	.864
1	Bomgaars, Rylee	.287	36-36	94	35	27	1	0	0	6	28	.298	26	5	24	0	.464	0	10	23-26	64	0	3	.955
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	.276	37-37	116	19	32	11	1	2	28	51	.440	14	1	9	0	.353	2	6	7-7	47	58	2	.981
24	Van Kekerix, Kavri	.265	36-32	83	21	22	3	1	3	19	36	.434	14	3	19	0	.390	0	7	14-16	125	16	8	.946
18	Jacobs, Sydney	.208	36-33	77	16	16	4	1	0	12	22	.286	23	0	26	0	.390	0	6	6-7	31	6	1	.974
5	Gors, Cassidy	.205	36-33	78	12	16	0	0	0	16	16	.205	15	3	9	0	.354	0	12	11-11	228	13	5	.980
7	Johannsen, Berkley	.263	27-8	19	14	5	1	0	0	2	6	.316	6	0	7	0	.440	0	1	1-2	10	0	0	1.000
4	Luevano, Jenny	.086	31-26	35	7	3	0	0	0	2	3	.086	7	1	9	0	.256	0	4	1-1	74	7	5	.942
9	Kohl, Audrie	.000	27-14	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	0	0	.500	0	0	0-0	3	6	0	1.000
8	Vortherms, Aly	.000	25-0	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	.667	0	0	1-2	1	4	1	.833
14	Renken, Mariah	.000	15-2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0-0	2	1	0	1.000
Totals		.307	37-37	939	233	288	55	9	11	187	394	.420	160	34	156	0	.423	7	68	103-120	728	344	48	.957
Opponents		.271	37-37	971	139	263	62	4	16	124	381	.392	81	7	111	3	.331	2	18	37-46	715	343	61	.945

LOB: Team (252), Opp (208) DPs Turned: Team (8), Opp (4) 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	0-1	4	1	0	0-0	0	4.2	5	2	0	2	3	0	0	0	.238	1	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	2.04	9-1	22	5	3	1-0	4	75.1	73	25	22	15	31	16	1	2	.252	1	3	0	0	6
9	Kohl, Audrie	3.58	5-4	26	10	1	1-0	0	58.2	44	31	30	23	47	13	1	7	.204	5	2	0	1	3
3	Koontz, Allison	3.73	9-6	27	19	3	2-0	0	86.1	111	62	46	25	23	26	2	6	.307	6	1	0	1	7
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		3.26	24-13	93	36	7	5	4	242.2	263	139	113	81	111	62	4	16	.271	14	7	0	2	18
Opponents		4.88	13-24	67	37	17	1	1	238.1	288	233	166	160	156	55	9	11	.307	22	34	0	7	68

PB: Team (7), Totals (7), Luevano (4), Kacmarynski (1), Koontz (1), Van Kekerix (1), Opp (13) Pickoffs: Team (1), Koontz 1, Totals , Opp (0) SBA/ATT: Totals (74-92), Luevano (25-28), Koontz (17-22), Schmalbeck (13-15), Kacmarynski (9-14), Renken (4-4), Kohl (3-4), Murphy (2-3), Van Kalsbeek (1-2)