



RED RAIDER BASEBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS



25-18 (13-11 GPAC)

HC: Brian Wede (20th season)

Home: 6-3 | Streak: L1

GAMES 44-47

Date(s): April 24-25, 2026
Location: Orange City, Iowa
Venue: NWC Baseball Diamond
Series: NWC leads 17-10
Last Meeting: W 19-3 (4/4/25)
Watch: GPAC Network
Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/baseballstats

WALDORF WARRIORS



12-34 (4-20 GPAC)

HC: Joe Tautges (18th season)

Away: 3-12 | Streak: L6

2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	25-18
GPAC	13-11
HOME	6-3
AWAY	10-10
TOP-25	0-4
STREAK	L1

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*	L 15-8
4.4	Doane*	L 6-4
4.6	Doane*	L 15-9
4.6	Doane*	L 8-5
4.10	Mount Marty*	L 15-9
4.10	Mount Marty*	W 5-4
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	L 4-1
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	L 4-2
4.16	Midland*	W 10-0
4.16	Midland*	W 5-4
4.17	Midland*	W 14-6
4.17	Midland*	W 22-17
4.21	Dakota State (S.D.)	L 6-3
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

• 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.

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern will close out the regular season with a four-game home series against Waldorf.
- The Raiders took three games in the series last year, most recently winning 19-3 in game four of the last series.
- Northwestern leads the all-time series 17-10.
- Saturday will be Senior Day at the ballpark, as the Raiders honor their graduates.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Raiders fell 6-3 in Tuesday's non-conference home game against Dakota State.
- Kevin Rubio went 2-for-4 with a home run.
- Brody Ayers was 1-for-3 with an RBI.
- Nikolai Wede collected a hit, a stolen base, and a run.

OUTTA THE PARK

- Northwestern's 48 home runs this season has already set a new single-season record.
- The Raiders hit seven home runs in last Friday's win at Midland, breaking the single-game record.
- Nikolai Wede's 12 home runs lead the team, followed closely behind by Devin Dirxx's 11.
- Dirxx is one homer away from joining the program's top-five career home runs list.

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 (9), slugging (.654), OPS (1.080), and total bases (68).

BREAKOUT SEASON

- Ranier Castillo is having the best offensive season of his career thus far.
- Castillo is hitting a team-best .384 this season.
- His average is good for sixth 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 (7).
- His 16 career saves is tied for third in program history, and is seven away from breaking the program record.
- Ayers holds a 3-1 record, a 1.40 ERA, 30 strikeouts, and has only given up four runs in 19.1 innings.

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.

NWC LEADERS

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Ranier Castillo	.384
RBI	Devin Dirxx	40
2B	Nikolai Wede	12
HR	Nikolai Wede	12
SB	Bryce Click	14
ERA*	Devin Dirxx	4.78
K	Micah De Haan	41

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GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Morningside Mustangs	21-3	33-12
Doane Tigers	20-4	35-8
Concordia Bulldogs	19-5	31-14
Briar Cliff Chargers	15-9	22-21
Northwestern Red Raiders	13-11	25-18
Dordt Defenders	10-16	20-26
Hastings Broncos	9-17	21-23
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	8-16	17-24
Mount Marty Lancers	8-16	17-27
Midland Warriors	7-17	12-32
Waldorf Warriors	4-20	12-34



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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.



310	RUNS	270
77	2B	66
2	3B	6
48	HR	28
282	RBI	237
48-58	SB-ATT	45-63
.288	AVG.	.273
.306	OPP AVG.	.271
6.32	ERA	10.33
246	K	234

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Castillo (18), Guidry (15), Dirx (11), Wede (10), Caciari (7), Ayers (7), Short (5), Craig (4), Rubio (5), Rychnovsky (3), Schroeder (4), Click (4)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Ayers (6), Caciari (5), Wede (4), Rubio (3)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Dirx (14), Wede (9), Click (11), Caciari (6), Rychnovsky (4), Schroeder (5), Guidry (5), Castillo (6), Rubio (4)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Click (19), Ayers (6), Caciari (5), Rychnovsky (5), Wede (4)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Dirx (3), De Haan (1), Stark (1)

**last updated April 23rd, 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	25-18
Home	6-3
Away	10-10
Neutral	9-5
Day games	21-17
Evening (5PM or later) games	4-1
In February	6-3
In March	14-7
In April	5-8
May	0-0
One-run games	5-3
Two-run games	2-3
5+ run games	12-6
In extra innings	2-0
Scored first	14-5
Scored in 1st inning	4-5
Scored 0-2 runs	2-10
Scored 3-5 runs	8-8
Scored 6-9 runs	4-5
Scored 10+ runs	13-0

GAME HIGHS

TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats48, vs Midland (4/17/26)
Runs scored.....22, vs Midland (4/17/26)
Hits.....22, vs Midland (4/17/26)
Doubles.....6, at Dordt (3/21/26)
Triples1, at McPherson (2/7/26)
Strikeouts (Batting)16, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Walks drawn.....17, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Stolen bases.....5, at Concordia (4/11/26)
Hit by pitch.....5, at McPherson (2/6/26)
Home runs.....7, vs Midland (4/17/26)
Errors3, 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 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.....3, Nikolai Wede (vs. Hastings, 3/27/26)
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/Dordt)



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2026 Northwestern College Baseball Overall Statistics (as of Apr 21, 2026)

Overall Record: 25-18 Conf: 13-11 Home: 6-3 Away: 10-10 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%
27	Castillo, Ranier	.384	43-43	146	32	56	7	1	3	31	74	.507	23	6	16	1	.480	2	4	4-6	78	87	6	.965
24	Guidry, Grant	.317	42-40	142	32	45	6	0	6	24	69	.486	24	2	23	3	.410	5	0	0-0	56	2	2	.967
23	Dirkx, Devin	.299	43-43	144	29	43	6	0	11	40	82	.569	31	1	36	6	.424	1	0	2-2	182	39	5	.978
7	Caciari, Calab	.295	36-29	95	24	28	5	0	2	23	39	.411	17	2	15	2	.409	1	2	2-2	22	45	3	.957
6	Wedde, Nikolai	.290	40-40	131	34	38	12	1	12	32	88	.672	24	15	42	1	.453	0	3	3-4	45	3	3	.941
26	Ayers, Brody	.289	42-41	121	25	35	9	0	1	14	47	.388	13	2	27	0	.368	0	1	3-5	43	121	9	.948
35	Click, Bryce	.240	43-39	125	33	30	6	0	3	34	45	.360	28	6	26	2	.400	1	4	14-15	91	4	3	.969
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	.194	40-35	98	21	19	8	0	3	17	36	.367	19	3	41	0	.339	1	0	2-2	86	5	4	.958
8	Cizek, Cody	1.000	8-0	1	6	1	0	0	0	1	1	1.000	0	0	0	0	1.000	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	.000
1	Silliman, TJ	.333	34-1	9	27	3	0	0	1	4	6	.667	2	0	3	0	.455	0	0	8-10	2	5	2	.778
25	Rubio, Kevin	.309	21-20	55	2	17	5	0	1	12	25	.455	5	0	10	0	.355	2	2	0-0	105	11	0	1.000
10	Craig, Jack	.283	30-17	60	15	17	4	0	0	15	21	.350	10	2	15	2	.397	1	1	5-6	37	2	0	1.000
14	Mathsen, Karsten	.278	18-1	18	2	5	0	0	1	2	8	.444	1	0	7	0	.316	0	0	1-1	1	2	0	1.000
20	Schroeder, Tyler	.271	31-16	59	15	16	3	0	1	13	22	.373	12	1	19	0	.397	1	0	3-4	30	1	0	1.000
2	Short, Isaac	.265	24-23	68	5	18	6	0	3	15	33	.485	8	4	23	0	.375	0	2	0-0	144	18	2	.988
3	Mills, Levi	.222	19-1	18	3	4	0	0	0	3	4	.222	1	2	11	0	.333	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	15-1	7	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	.000	0	1	5	0	.111	1	0	0-0	23	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		.288	43-43	1304	310	376	77	2	48	282	601	.461	221	48	323	17	.406	16	19	48-58	952	380	49	.965
Opponents		.306	43-43	1270	259	389	76	7	31	234	572	.450	169	61	246	22	.408	19	21	41-58	958	307	60	.955

LOB: Team (333), Opp (322) DPs Turned: Team (26), Opp (18) IBB: Team (2), Guidry (2), Opp (4) 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
26	Ayers, Brody	1.40	3-1	15	0	0	0-0	7	19.1	14	4	3	3	30	1	0	1	.200	3	1	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	4.20	3-2	16	0	0	0-0	1	30.0	30	17	14	13	28	7	0	4	.259	2	6	0	2	1
23	Dirkx, Devin	4.78	6-4	10	9	4	0-0	0	58.1	72	34	31	15	33	16	3	7	.301	2	2	0	4	4
13	Stark, Zain	4.91	4-1	11	8	1	1-0	0	40.1	37	22	22	29	35	4	1	2	.255	4	6	0	2	2
17	De Haan, Micah	6.24	3-4	12	11	2	0-0	0	53.1	71	56	37	25	41	17	1	5	.327	8	16	0	1	7
34	Greth, Luke	7.62	1-2	13	2	0	0-0	0	28.1	38	26	24	24	14	5	0	2	.333	3	6	0	2	2
31	Dixson, Chase	7.94	0-0	11	0	0	0-0	1	17.0	17	15	15	8	7	5	0	2	.266	0	2	0	3	1
30	Swallow, Jakeb	9.00	1-0	11	0	0	0-0	0	13.0	23	18	13	7	10	3	0	3	.390	1	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
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	10.19	1-3	9	8	0	0-0	0	32.2	54	38	37	16	16	11	1	4	.372	6	10	0	2	1
9	Lewis, Jacob	13.50	0-0	9	0	0	0-0	0	8.0	15	12	12	9	8	3	1	1	.429	2	3	0	0	0
21	Vold, Quintyn	16.50	1-0	6	0	0	0-0	0	6.0	9	12	11	8	6	2	0	0	.346	1	3	0	1	0
Totals		6.32	25-18	127	41	7	3	9	317.1	390	259	223	169	246	76	7	31	.307	33	61	0	19	21
Opponents		7.61	18-25	136	42	3	1	7	319.1	376	310	270	221	323	77	2	48	.288	44	48	11	16	19

PB: Team (5), Totals (5), Short (3), Rubio (2), Opp (21) Pickoffs: Team (10), Stark 6, De Haan 1, Greth 1, Swallow 1, Vold 1, Totals , Opp (2) SBA/ATT: Totals (81-115), Short (24-35), Rubio (16-22), Stark (11-11), Greth (7-9), Montecinos (4-6), Rychnovsky (4-5), De Haan (3-8), Dirkx (3-4), Lewis (3-6), Vold (3-3), Swallow (2-2), Dixson (1-1)