



RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

27-16 (12-8 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)

Home: 18-11 | Streak: L1

GAMES 44-45

Date(s): April 25, 2026
Time: 1:00/3:00 PM
Location: Sioux Center, Iowa
Venue: ASB Sports Complex
Series: NWC leads 19-2
Last Meeting: W 5-0 (4/23/25)
Watch: GPAC Network
Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

WALDORF WARRIORS



4-36 (2-18 GPAC)

HC: Tom Myers

Neutral: 2-9 | Streak: L3

FIRST PITCH

- The Raiders will look to carry momentum into the GPAC tournament as they host Waldorf in the final weekend of the regular season.
- Northwestern leads the all-time series against Waldorf 19-2 and has won the last 18 matchups.
- The Raiders gave up just one run to the Warriors in last season's doubleheader, winning 5-0 and 6-1 in Orange City.

LAST TIME OUT

- Northwestern battled Hastings and Doane at home on Monday and Tuesday, going 3-1 in the early part of the week.
- In the four games, Sydney Jacobs hit .636 with a double and two RBIs.
- Myla Murphy posted a .375 average with two steals.
- Allison Koontz and Cassidy Gors each hit a home run this week.
- Tatum Schmalbeck has two wins on the week and Kamea Van Kalsbeek is 1-0.

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 the week of April 8-11.
- It is the first time in her career that she has earned GPAC weekly accolades.
- In the 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.

PREPARING FOR POSTSEASON

- Northwestern will look to continue its postseason success after winning the GPAC two years in a row and advancing to the NAIA Opening Rounds for the last three years.
- In the last three GPAC tournaments, the Raiders have gone 14-4 with two tournament titles.
- They will have to find success on the road this time around, as Northwestern is locked into the No. 5 seed in the conference tournament.

FRESHMAN PHENOMS

- Northwestern's freshman class has made an immediate impact on the diamond.
- Ava Gross is third in the GPAC in batting average (.434) and fourth in RBIs (39).
- Paige Kingery is hitting .377 with 28 RBIs while holding down third base.
- Allison Koontz is hitting .392 and is fourth in the GPAC in RBIs (39), while winning nine games in the circle.
- Rylee Bomgaars is the GPAC leader in stolen bases (25).

TOP OF THE LEAGUE

- Northwestern has multiple players at or near the top of GPAC stat categories.
- Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC in saves (4).
- Rylee Bomgaars is the GPAC leader in stolen bases (25).
- Ava Gross is third in the conference in batting average

(.434) and fourth in RBIs (39).

- Allison Koontz is tied with Gross for fourth in RBIs (39).
- As a team, Northwestern leads the conference in sacrifice hits (78), walks (176), and stolen bases (113), and is second on-base percentage (.415).

SMALL BALL SUCCESS

- Northwestern has found success through small ball in recent years.
- The Raiders once again lead the GPAC in walks (176), sacrifice hits (78), and steals (113).
- They are first in the NAIA in sacrifices and walks.
- Rylee Bomgaars (25) is the GPAC leader in stolen bases.
- Ava Gross (16) is eighth in the GPAC in stolen bases, while Kavri Van Kekerix (15), and Myla Murphy (15) are tied for ninth.

PITCHING PROWESS

- The Raiders' young pitching corps has been effective this season.
- Freshman Allison Koontz holds nine wins in the circle.
- Junior Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC in saves (4).
- Schmalbeck leads the team in ERA (2.36) and strikeouts (34).
- She is 11-3 on the season and has thrown 95 innings in 28 appearances and six 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	27-16
GPAC	12-8
HOME	5-1
AWAY	4-4
TOP-25	3-2
STREAK	L1

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*	L 14-6
4.14	Morningside*	L 9-4
4.20	Hastings*	W 6-4
4.20	Hastings*	W 10-7
4.21	Doane*	W 7-4
4.21	Doane*	L 5-1
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	.434
RBI	Ava Gross	39
2B	Ava Gross	15
HR	Allison Koontz	6
SB	Rylee Bomgaars	25
ERA*	Tatum Schmalbeck	2.36
K	Rylee Bomgaars	28

GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	16-2	33-12
Midland Warriors	15-3	33-11
Morningside Mustangs	15-3	24-14
Dordt Defenders	14-4	33-10
Northwestern Red Raiders	12-8	27-16
Concordia Bulldogs	10-10	21-18
Briar Cliff Chargers	10-10	20-24
Doane Tigers	7-13	20-23
Hastings Broncos	6-14	15-22
Mount Marty Lancers	5-15	14-26
College of Saint Mary Flames	4-16	8-29
Waldorf Warriors	2-18	4-36



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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.



267	RUNS	136
64	2B	43
9	3B	2
15	HR	8
213	RBI	122
113-131	SB-ATT	-
.304	AVG.	.248
.284	OPP AVG.	.236
3.45	ERA	10.55
179	K	204

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gross (16), Kingery (14), Koontz (12), Schmalbeck (7), Bomgaars (5), Van Kekerix (5), Murphy (4), Johannsen (2)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Jacobs (5), Gross (3), Schmalbeck (3)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Gross (10), Schmalbeck (9), Koontz (9), Kingery (6), Gors (5), Van Kekerix (4)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Gross (24), Koontz (17), Jacobs (6), Schmalbeck (3)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

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

**last updated April 23rd 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	27-16
Home	5-1
Away	4-4
Neutral	18-11
Day games	17-12
Evening (5PM or later) games	7-4
In February	9-3
In March	9-6
In April	6-6
In May	0-0
One-run games	4-2
Two-run games	6-2
5+ run games	11-6
In extra innings	2-1
Scored first	9-4
Scored in 1st inning	7-2
Scored 0-2 runs	2-9
Scored 3-5 runs	7-2
Scored 6-9 runs	9-4
Scored 10+ runs	7-0

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 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..... 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 21, 2026)

Overall Record: 27-16 Conf: 12-8 Home: 5-1 Away: 4-4 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	.434	39-39	129	35	56	14	1	2	39	78	.605	9	10	12	0	.503	1	4	16-20	62	98	11	.936
3	Koontz, Allison	.392	43-41	120	22	47	12	4	6	39	85	.708	11	0	4	0	.433	3	6	5-7	10	31	2	.953
33	Kingery, Paige	.377	43-43	114	24	43	8	1	1	28	56	.491	22	6	11	0	.500	0	8	4-6	31	122	13	.922
12	Kacmarynski, Faith	.323	35-21	62	15	20	2	0	0	10	22	.355	11	4	12	0	.449	1	5	3-3	42	15	1	.983
16	Murphy, Myla	.316	36-26	76	15	24	1	0	0	0	25	.329	8	1	23	0	.388	0	5	15-16	23	2	4	.862
1	Bomgaars, Rylee	.272	42-42	103	36	28	1	0	0	6	29	.282	26	6	28	0	.444	0	12	25-28	70	0	3	.959
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	.270	43-43	137	21	37	15	1	2	32	60	.438	15	1	11	0	.342	2	6	7-8	60	68	5	.962
18	Jacobs, Sydney	.255	42-39	94	22	24	5	1	0	14	31	.330	24	0	27	0	.407	0	7	7-8	34	7	2	.953
24	Van Kekerix, Kavri	.235	42-38	98	23	23	3	1	3	19	37	.378	16	4	24	0	.364	0	8	15-17	135	32	11	.938
5	Gors, Cassidy	.215	42-39	93	16	20	1	0	1	19	24	.258	18	3	10	0	.360	0	12	11-11	280	16	6	.980
7	Johannsen, Berkley	.240	33-9	25	15	6	2	0	0	3	8	.320	6	0	8	0	.387	0	1	3-4	12	1	0	1.000
4	Luevano, Jenny	.105	34-26	38	7	4	0	0	0	4	4	.105	7	1	9	0	.261	0	4	1-1	74	7	5	.942
8	Vortherms, Aly	.000	30-4	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	.500	0	0	1-2	9	9	3	.857
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
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		.304	43-43	1093	267	332	64	9	15	213	459	.420	176	37	179	0	.415	7	78	113-131	847	418	68	.949
Opponents		.284	43-43	1155	182	328	73	5	19	157	468	.405	92	9	119	5	.341	3	26	48-61	829	391	74	.943

LOB: Team (285), Opp (250) DPs Turned: Team (10), Opp (5) 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
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	2.36	11-3	28	6	3	1-0	4	95.0	98	39	32	19	34	23	2	3	.263	4	4	0	0	10
19	Van Kalsbeek, Kamea	2.42	1-1	8	1	0	0-0	0	17.1	29	17	6	4	6	2	0	0	.337	3	0	0	1	0
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	4.19	9-7	32	24	3	2-0	0	93.2	127	76	56	30	25	28	2	8	.319	8	2	0	1	11
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		3.45	27-16	108	42	7	5	4	282.1	328	182	139	92	119	73	5	19	.284	21	9	0	3	26
Opponents		4.74	16-27	76	43	20	1	1	276.1	332	267	187	176	179	64	9	15	.304	23	37	0	7	78

PB: Team (10), Totals (10), Kacmarynski (4), Luevano (4), Koontz (1), Van Kekerix (1), Opp (16) Pickoffs: Team (1), Koontz 1, Totals , Opp (0) SBA/ATT: Totals (96-122), Luevano (25-28), Schmalbeck (22-25), Kacmarynski (20-29), Koontz (18-24), Renken (4-4), Kohl (3-4), Murphy (2-3), Van Kalsbeek (2-5)