



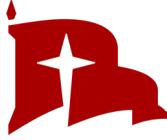
RED RAIDER BASEBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS



28-19 (16-12 GPAC)

HC: Brian Wede (20th season)

Neutral: 9-5 | Streak: L1

GPAC TOURNAMENT

Date(s): April 29-May 1

Location: Crete, Neb.

Venue: Doane Ballfield Complex

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/baseballstats

BRIAR CLIFF CHARGERS



25-21 (18-9 GPAC)

HC: Corby McGlauffin (7th season)

HASTINGS BRONCOS



22-24 (10-18 GPAC)

HC: Victor Rojas (2nd season)

DOANE TIGERS



39-8 (24-4 GPAC)

HC: Josh Oltmans (10th season)

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern will be the No. 5 seed in the GPAC tournament, traveling to the Doane pod.
- The Raiders will open the tournament against Briar Cliff on Wednesday, a team that they split with in the regular season.
- Doane and Hastings are the other two teams in the pod. The Raiders went 0-4 against Doane and 3-1 against Hastings this year.
- This will be Northwestern's second time at the Doane pod in the last two years, last playing there in 2024.

LAST TIME OUT

- The regular season ended with a four-game home set against Waldorf, where the Raiders went 3-1.
- Ranier Castillo led the team with a .545 average and two home runs on the weekend.
- Nikolai Wede hit .444 with two doubles and seven walks.
- Calab Caciari hit two out of the park in one game, hitting .429 for the weekend.
- On the mound, Micah De Haan excelled with six shutout innings and six strikeouts.

OUTTA THE PARK

- Northwestern's 54 home runs this season has already set a new single-season record.
- The Raiders hit seven home runs in April 17's win at Midland, breaking the single-game record.
- Nikolai Wede and Devin Dirx have hit 12 home runs each this season to lead the team.
- Last weekend, Dirx joined 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 (12), slugging (.686), OPS (1.162), and total bases (96).

BREAKOUT SEASON

- Ranier Castillo is having the best offensive season of his career thus far.
- Castillo is hitting a team-best .395 this season.
- His average is good for fifth 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 4-1 record, a 2.11 ERA, 31 strikeouts, and has only given up five earned runs in 21.1 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.
- 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 Dirx, who went 6-3 in 11 starts.
- Dirx 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).
- After college, Burlea played professionally in Europe, competing in the Dutch Major League and Italian Baseball League for six seasons.

2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	28-19
GPAC	16-12
HOME	9-4
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*	W 11-7
4.24	Waldorf*	W 15-8
4.25	Waldorf*	W 3-2
4.25	Waldorf*	L 7-13
4.29	Briar Cliff%	12:00 PM
4.30	Doane/Hastings%	TBA

All home games in BOLD // *GPAC game // %GPAC tournament // \$NAIA tournament

NWC LEADERS

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Ranier Castillo	.395
RBI	Devin Dirx	46
2B	Nikolai Wede	14
HR	Dirx/Wede	12
SB	Bryce Click	14
ERA*	Devin Dirx	4.97
K	Micah De Haan	47

GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Doane Tigers	24-4	39-8
Concordia Bulldogs	22-6	34-15
Morningside Mustangs	21-7	33-16
Briar Cliff Chargers	18-9	25-21
Northwestern Red Raiders	16-12	28-19
Hastings Broncos	10-18	22-24
Dordt Defenders	10-18	20-28
Mount Marty Lancers	10-18	19-29
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	10-18	19-26
Midland Warriors	7-20	12-3
Waldorf Warriors	5-23	13-37



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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.



346	RUNS	318	409	309
84	2B	92	95	74
3	3B	7	10	18
54	HR	39	64	31
314	RBI	290	371	267
52-64	SB-ATT	43-49	87-99	82-106
.292	AVG.	.296	.350	.300
.305	OPP AVG.	.281	.362	.306
6.51	ERA	5.92	4.51	7.49
278	K	330	306	276

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Castillo (20), Guidry (15), Dirx (12), Wede (11), Caciari (9), Ayers (7), Short (6), Craig (4), Rubio (5), Schroeder (4), Click (4), Rychnovsky (3)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Ayers (9), Castillo (4), Silliman (2), Beelner (2)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

Dirx (15), Wede (10), Click (11), Caciari (7), Castillo (7), Guidry (6), Schroeder (5), Rychnovsky (4), Rubio (4)

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Ayers (9), Caciari (9), Wede (8), Dirx (4), Castillo (4)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Dirx (4), De Haan (2), Stark (1)

**last updated April 28th, 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	28-19
Home	9-4
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	8-9
May	0-0
One-run games	6-3
Two-run games	2-3
5+ run games	13-7
In extra innings	3-0
Scored first	17-5
Scored in 1st inning	5-5
Scored 0-2 runs	2-10
Scored 3-5 runs	9-8
Scored 6-9 runs	4-6
Scored 10+ runs	15-0

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 27, 2026)

Overall Record: 28-19 Conf: 16-12 Home: 9-4 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	.395	47-47	157	37	62	7	1	5	36	86	.548	26	7	17	1	.492	3	5	4-7	88	94	6	.968
7	Caciari, Calab	.312	40-33	109	30	34	6	0	4	28	52	.477	19	2	17	2	.420	1	2	2-3	23	51	4	.949
23	Dirkx, Devin	.308	47-47	156	32	48	8	0	12	46	92	.590	35	1	40	7	.431	3	0	2-2	199	40	5	.980
24	Guidry, Grant	.307	45-43	150	33	46	7	0	6	28	71	.473	24	2	24	3	.393	7	0	0-0	58	2	2	.968
6	Wede, Nikolai	.300	44-44	140	41	42	14	2	12	35	96	.686	31	16	42	1	.476	0	3	3-4	50	3	3	.946
26	Ayers, Brody	.290	45-44	131	29	38	9	0	1	16	50	.382	13	2	27	0	.363	0	3	4-6	45	130	10	.946
35	Click, Bryce	.235	47-43	136	35	32	6	0	3	35	47	.346	29	7	31	2	.393	1	4	14-15	95	4	3	.971
4	Rychnovsky, Grant	.200	42-35	100	22	20	9	0	3	18	38	.380	19	3	42	0	.341	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	38-2	12	29	4	0	0	1	4	7	.583	4	0	4	0	.500	0	0	10-12	2	9	2	.846
25	Rubio, Kevin	.290	24-22	62	2	18	5	0	1	13	26	.419	6	0	10	0	.343	2	2	0-0	118	13	0	1.000
10	Craig, Jack	.277	34-18	65	19	18	4	0	0	16	22	.338	11	3	16	3	.400	1	1	5-6	38	2	0	1.000
2	Short, Isaac	.274	26-25	73	5	20	6	0	3	15	35	.479	8	5	24	0	.384	0	2	0-0	163	18	3	.984
20	Schroeder, Tyler	.270	35-18	63	15	17	3	0	1	14	23	.365	12	2	20	0	.392	2	0	4-5	34	1	0	1.000
14	Mathsen, Karsten	.261	20-2	23	2	6	0	0	1	2	9	.391	1	0	8	0	.292	0	0	1-1	2	3	0	1.000
3	Mills, Levi	.211	20-1	19	3	4	0	0	0	3	4	.211	1	2	12	0	.318	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	.111	17-2	9	3	1	0	0	1	4	4	.444	3	1	5	0	.333	2	0	0-0	36	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		.292	47-47	1413	346	412	84	3	54	314	664	.470	245	54	343	19	.410	23	22	52-64	1045	414	53	.965
Opponents		.305	47-47	1397	289	426	81	8	37	260	634	.454	182	68	278	24	.406	20	22	43-62	1044	340	63	.956

LOB: Team (357), Opp (348) DPs Turned: Team (28), Opp (20) IBB: Team (3), Guidry (2), Wede (1), Opp (5) Picked Off: Caciari (1), Schroeder (1), Silliman (1), Wede (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	2.11	4-1	16	0	0	0-0	7	21.1	17	6	5	3	31	3	0	1	.218	3	1	0	0	3
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	4.78	3-2	17	0	0	0-0	1	32.0	32	20	17	14	29	7	0	6	.258	2	7	0	2	1
13	Stark, Zain	4.86	5-1	12	9	1	1-0	0	46.1	43	26	25	30	43	4	2	2	.253	5	7	0	2	2
23	Dirkx, Devin	4.97	7-4	11	10	4	0-0	0	63.1	79	38	35	18	38	17	3	8	.304	2	2	0	4	4
17	De Haan, Micah	5.61	3-4	13	12	2	0-0	0	59.1	73	56	37	27	47	18	1	5	.307	10	16	0	1	7
34	Greth, Luke	7.52	1-1	14	2	0	0-0	0	32.1	43	29	27	26	16	5	0	2	.331	4	8	0	2	2
31	Dixson, Chase	8.55	0-1	12	0	0	0-0	2	20.0	22	19	19	8	12	5	0	4	.282	0	2	0	3	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
30	Swallow, Jakeb	10.29	1-0	12	0	0	0-0	0	14.0	26	21	16	8	12	3	0	3	.400	2	4	0	1	1
21	Vold, Quintyn	16.71	1-0	7	0	0	0-0	0	7.0	9	14	13	10	7	2	0	0	.321	2	5	0	1	0
9	Lewis, Jacob	17.00	0-1	10	1	0	0-0	0	9.0	19	17	17	10	9	4	1	2	.463	3	3	0	1	0
Totals		6.51	28-19	137	45	7	3	10	348.1	427	289	252	182	278	81	8	37	.305	40	68	0	20	22
Opponents		7.84	19-28	150	46	3	1	8	348.0	412	346	303	245	343	84	3	54	.292	52	54	11	23	22

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 (4) SBA/ATT: Totals (85-123), Short (26-37), Rubio (16-24), Stark (12-12), Greth (7-10), De Haan (4-9), Montecinos (4-6), Rychnovsky (4-5), Dirkx (3-5), Lewis (3-6), Vold (3-3), Swallow (2-2), Dixson (1-1)