



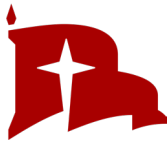
RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

2026 GAME NOTES



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NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS



29-16 (14-8 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)

Neutral: 20-11 | Streak: W2

GPAC TOURNAMENT

Date(s): April 29-30

Location: Fremont, Neb.

Venue: Schilke Fields

Watch: GPAC Network

Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

DAKOTA WESLEYAN TIGERS



34-15 (17-5 GPAC)

HC: Stephen Oswald (1st season)

HASTINGS BRONCOS



17-22(8-14 GPAC)

HC: Troy Baker (19th season)

MIDLAND WARRIORS



36-12(18-4 GPAC)

HC: Beth Singleton (5th season)

FIRST PITCH

- Northwestern is back in the GPAC tournament, heading to Fremont for the Midland pod as the No. 5 seed.
- The Raiders will open play against Dakota Wesleyan, a team that they split with in the regular season.
- Game two will see the Raiders face Midland or Hastings, dependent on the results of the first round of games.
- Northwestern is on the road for the GPAC tournament for the first time since 2021, when they were in the Midland pod.

LAST TIME OUT

- The Raiders run-ruled Waldorf for a doubleheader sweep to close the regular season.
- Tatum Schmalbeck starred in the series, going 8-for-8 with eight RBIs, two doubles, and a home run.
- Myla Murphy was also a perfect 3-for-3 with four runs and two steals.
- Paige Kingery and Allison Koontz each drove in three runs.
- Koontz threw six innings with a complete game, posting a 1.17 ERA.
- Schmalbeck gave up just one run in five innings.

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 sixth in RBIs (39).
- Paige Kingery is hitting .372 with 31 RBIs while holding down third base.
- Allison Koontz is hitting .378 and is fourth in the GPAC in RBIs (42), while winning 10 games in the circle.
- Rylee Bomgaars is second in the league in stolen bases (27).

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 second in stolen bases (27).
- Ava Gross is third in the conference in batting average (.434) and sixth in RBIs (39).
- Allison Koontz is fourth in RBIs (42), with Schmalbeck in fifth (40).
- As a team, Northwestern leads the conference in sacrifice hits (80), walks (185), and stolen bases (122), and is second on-base percentage (.419).

SMALL BALL SUCCESS

- Northwestern has found success through small ball in recent years.
- The Raiders once again lead the GPAC in walks (185), sacrifice hits (80), and steals (122).
- They are first in the NAIA in sacrifices and walks.
- Three Raiders are in the top 10 in the GPAC in steals (Bomgaars, 2nd; Murphy, T8th; Van Kekerix, T8th).

PITCHING PROWESS

- The Raiders' young pitching corps has been effective this season.
- Freshman Allison Koontz holds 10 wins in the circle.
- Junior Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC in saves (4) and is 11-3 on the season.
- Schmalbeck leads the team in ERA (2.31) and strikeouts (35).

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.

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	29-16
GPAC	14-8
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*	W 10-2
4.25	Waldorf*	W 11-4
4.29	Dakota Wesleyan%	2:00 PM
4.29	Midland/Hastings	TBA

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

NWC LEADERS

STAT	NAME	NO.
AVG	Ava Gross	.434
RBI	Allison Koontz	42
2B	Tatum Schmalbeck	17
HR	Allison Koontz	6
SB	Rylee Bomgaars	27
ERA*	Tatum Schmalbeck	2.31
K	Tatum Schmalbeck	35

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GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Dordt Defenders	18-4	37-10
Midland Warriors	18-4	36-12
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	17-5	34-15
Morningside Mustangs	17-5	26-16
Northwestern Red Raiders	14-8	29-16
Concordia Bulldogs	11-10	22-18
Briar Cliff Chargers	10-12	20-26
Hastings Broncos	8-14	17-22
Doane Tigers	7-15	20-25
Mount Marty Lancers	5-17	14-28
College of Saint Mary Flames	4-17	8-31
Waldorf Warriors	2-20	4-38



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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.



288	RUNS	299	263	188
70	2B	88	79	46
9	3B	9	5	4
17	HR	46	29	24
232	RBI	273	231	169
122-140	SB-ATT	97-122	112-132	18-19
.309	AVG.	.309	.294	.277
.285	OPP AVG.	.301	.201	.320
3.40	ERA	3.50	1.63	4.77
123	K	277	308	159

TEAM TRENDS

MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gross (16), Kingery (15), Koontz (12), Schmalbeck (9), Bomgaars (6), Murphy (6), Van Kekerix (5), Johannsen (3), Jacobs (3)

ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Jacobs (7), Schmalbeck (5), Gross (3)

MULTI-RBI GAMES

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

ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Gross (24), Jacobs (8), Schmalbeck (5)

COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

Koontz (4), Schmalbeck (3), Kohl (1)

**last updated April 28th 2026*

OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	27-16
Home	5-1
Away	4-4
Neutral	18-11
Day games	19-12
Evening (5PM or later) games	7-4
In February	9-3
In March	9-6
In April	8-6
In May	0-0
One-run games	4-2
Two-run games	6-2
5+ run games	13-6
In extra innings	2-1
Scored first	10-4
Scored in 1st inning	8-2
Scored 0-2 runs	2-9
Scored 3-5 runs	7-2
Scored 6-9 runs	9-4
Scored 10+ runs	9-0

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 25, 2026)

Overall Record: 29-16 Conf: 14-8 Home: 5-1 Away: 4-4 Neutral: 20-11

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	.378	45-43	127	23	48	13	4	6	42	87	.685	11	0	6	0	.418	3	6	5-7	10	35	2	.957
33	Kingery, Paige	.372	45-45	121	25	45	8	1	2	31	61	.504	22	6	11	0	.490	0	8	4-6	33	128	13	.925
16	Murphy, Myla	.342	38-27	79	19	27	1	0	0	1	28	.354	8	1	23	0	.409	0	5	17-18	23	2	6	.806
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	.310	45-45	145	25	45	17	1	3	40	73	.503	16	1	11	0	.378	2	6	7-8	63	72	5	.964
12	Kacmarynski, Faith	.303	37-23	66	16	20	2	0	0	10	22	.333	12	4	12	0	.434	1	6	3-3	46	15	1	.984
1	Bomgaars, Rylee	.290	44-44	107	38	31	1	0	0	6	32	.299	28	6	29	0	.461	0	13	27-30	73	1	3	.961
18	Jacobs, Sydney	.265	44-41	98	23	26	6	1	0	16	34	.347	27	0	28	0	.424	0	7	7-8	36	7	2	.956
24	Van Kekerix, Kavri	.233	44-40	103	27	24	3	1	3	19	38	.369	18	4	25	0	.368	0	8	17-19	136	38	14	.926
5	Gors, Cassidy	.210	44-41	100	17	21	1	0	1	19	25	.250	18	3	10	0	.347	0	12	11-11	301	16	6	.981
7	Johannsen, Berkley	.276	34-10	29	17	8	4	0	0	5	12	.414	6	0	9	0	.400	0	1	4-5	12	1	0	1.000
4	Luevano, Jenny	.100	36-26	40	7	4	0	0	0	4	4	.100	7	1	9	0	.250	0	4	1-1	74	7	5	.942
8	Vortherms, Aly	.000	32-5	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	.500	0	0	3-4	9	12	3	.875
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		.309	45-45	1148	288	355	70	9	17	232	494	.430	185	37	185	0	.419	7	80	122-140	883	442	73	.948
Opponents		.285	45-45	1207	188	344	73	5	19	162	484	.401	97	9	123	6	.342	4	26	49-62	860	409	79	.941

LOB: Team (297), Opp (265) DPs Turned: Team (11), 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	2.31	12-3	29	6	3	1-0	4	100.0	105	40	33	20	35	23	2	3	.266	4	4	0	0	10
19	Van Kalsbeek, Kamea	3.05	1-1	9	1	0	0-0	0	18.1	31	19	8	6	7	2	0	0	.348	3	0	0	2	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	4.00	10-7	34	26	4	2-0	0	99.2	134	79	57	32	27	28	2	8	.315	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		3.40	29-16	112	44	8	5	4	294.1	344	188	143	97	123	73	5	19	.285	21	9	0	4	26
Opponents		4.93	16-29	79	45	21	1	1	286.2	355	288	202	185	185	70	9	17	.309	25	37	0	7	80

PB: Team (10), Totals (10), Kacmarynski (4), Luevano (4), Koontz (1), Van Kekerix (1), Opp (18) Pickoffs: Team (1), Koontz 1, Totals , Opp (0) SBA/ATT: Totals (98-124), Luevano (25-28), Schmalbeck (23-26), Kacmarynski (21-30), Koontz (18-24), Renken (4-4), Kohl (3-4), Murphy (2-3), Van Kalsbeek (2-5)