



# RED RAIDER SOFTBALL

## 2026 GAME NOTES



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### NORTHWESTERN RED RAIDERS

21-12 (6-4 GPAC)

HC: Shane Bouman (8th season)

Home: 0-0 | Away: 3-1 | Streak: L2

### GAMES 34-37

Date(s): April 8/11, 2026  
Location: Orange City, Iowa  
Seward, Neb.  
Venue: NWC Softball Diamond  
Plum Creek Park  
Watch: GPAC Network  
Live Stats: nwcraiders.com/softballstats

### BRIAR CLIFF CHARGERS



12-22 (2-8 GPAC)  
HC: TJ Eadus (3rd season)

Series: NWC leads 54-19-1  
Last Meeting: W 9-0 (4/26/25)

### CONCORDIA BULLDOGS



15-12 (4-4 GPAC)  
HC: Brock Culler (4th Season)

Series: NWC leads 51-28  
Last Meeting: W 6-0 (4/30/25)

### FIRST PITCH

- The Raiders are set to play at home for the first time this season, hosting Briar Cliff on Wednesday.
- They will then head to Seward to take on Concordia on Saturday.
- Northwestern swept the Chargers in last year's doubleheader, winning with a pair of shutouts in Sioux City.
- The Raiders also swept the Bulldogs in last year's matchups, winning 9-0 and 6-2 in the regular season and 6-0 in the GPAC tournament.

### LAST TIME OUT

- Dordt took the two-game set last week Thursday, winning 6-1 and 11-9 at the ASB Dome.
- Tatum Schmalbeck, Paige Kingery, Kavri Van Kekerix, and Allison Koontz each picked up two hits across the doubleheader.
- Koontz tripled twice, driving in three runs.
- Kavri Van Kekerix hit a home run, her second of the season.

### TOP OF THE LEAGUE

- Northwestern has multiple players at or near the top of GPAC stat categories.
- Tatum Schmalbeck leads the GPAC and is second nationally in saves (4).
- Schmalbeck has the fifth-best ERA in the conference (1.99).
- Rylee Bomgaars (20) is the GPAC leader in stolen bases.
- Ava Gross has the sixth-best batting average in the conference, hitting .404.
- Gross sits fourth in the conference in hits (44) and 10th in RBIs (26).
- As a team, Northwestern leads the conference in sacrifice hits (63), walks (145), and stolen bases (90).
- The Raiders are third in on-base percentage (.415) and fourth in opponent batting average (.271).

### SMALL BALL SUCCESS

- Northwestern has found success through small ball in recent years.
- The Raiders once again lead the GPAC in walks (145), sacrifice hits (63), and steals (90).
- They are first in the NAIA in sacrifices and second in walks.
- Rylee Bomgaars (20) and Ava Gross (14) are both top-five in the GPAC in stolen bases.
- Myla Murphy (13) and Kavri Van Kekerix (12) are seventh and ninth, respectively, in steals.

### 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).

### 2025 IN REVIEW

- The Raiders found themselves in the national tournament once again after winning the 2025 GPAC regular season and tournament titles.
- They went 48-13 (20-2 GPAC), marking Northwestern's third consecutive season with 45+ wins.
- The squad was highlighted by Gwen Mikkelsen as a Third Team NAIA All-American and Kate Kraik's GPAC Pitcher of the Year honor.
- Seven Raiders were named to the All-GPAC team, including returners Sydney Jacobs and Tatum Schmalbeck.

### 2026 SCHEDULE

RECORD	21-12
GPAC	3-1
HOME	0-0
AWAY	3-1
TOP-25	3-2
STREAK	L2

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
4.7	Morningside*	3:00 PM
4.7	Morningside*	5:00 PM
4.8	Briar Cliff*	3:00 PM
4.8	Briar Cliff*	5:00 PM
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	1:00 PM
4.11	Concordia (Neb.)*	3:00 PM
4.14	Grand View (Iowa)	2:00 PM
4.14	Grand View (Iowa)	4:00 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
4.25	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	.404
RBI	Allison Koontz	29
2B	Allison Koontz	9
HR	Allison Koontz	3
SB	Rylee Bomgaars	20
ERA*	Tatum Schmalbeck	1.99
K	Audrie Kohl	46

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### GPAC STANDINGS

Team	GPAC	OVR
Dordt Defenders	9-1	28-7
Dakota Wesleyan Tigers	9-1	26-11
Morningside Mustangs	7-1	16-12
Midland Warriors	6-2	24-10
<b>Northwestern Red Raiders</b>	<b>6-4</b>	<b>21-12</b>
Concordia Bulldogs	4-4	15-12
Doane Tigers	4-6	17-16
College of Saint Mary Flames	3-7	7-19
Mount Marty Lancers	2-6	11-17
Hastings Broncos	3-9	12-17
Briar Cliff Chargers	2-8	12-22
Waldorf Warriors	1-7	3-23



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### QUICK FACTS

#### THE COLLEGE

Location (Founded).... Orange City, Iowa (1882)  
Enrollment .....1,712  
President .....Greg 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

Facility .....NWC 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.



198	<b>RUNS</b>	132	125
43	<b>2B</b>	52	40
8	<b>3B</b>	9	9
7	<b>HR</b>	6	11
156	<b>RBI</b>	123	115
90-104	<b>SB-ATT</b>	68-80	44-57
.298	<b>AVG.</b>	.266	.320
.270	<b>OPP AVG.</b>	.318	.311
3.28	<b>ERA</b>	4.87	4.60
95	<b>K</b>	131	79

### TEAM TRENDS

#### MULTI-HIT GAMES

Gross (12), Kingery (11), Koontz (8), Bomgaars (5), Schmalbeck (5), Van Kekerix (5), Murphy (4), Johannsen (2)

#### ACTIVE HITTING STREAKS

Koontz (5), Kingery (5), Schmalbeck (5)

#### MULTI-RBI GAMES

Gross (8), Schmalbeck (8), Koontz (7), Kingery (4), Gors (4), Van Kekerix (3), Kacmarynski (2)

#### ACTIVE REACHED BASE STREAK

Gross (18), Gors (8), Koontz (7), Kingery (5), Schmalbeck (5), Van Kekerix (5), Bomgaars (5)

#### COMPLETE GAMES (PITCHING)

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

*\*last updated April 7th 2026*

### OUR RECORD WHEN...

Category	Record
Overall	21-12
Home	0-0
Away	3-1
Neutral	18-11
Day games	12-9
Evening (5PM or later) games	6-3
In February	9-3
In March	9-6
In April	0-2
In May	0-0
One-run games	4-2
Two-run games	4-1
5+ run games	9-4
In extra innings	2-1
Scored first	8-3
Scored in 1st inning	6-1
Scored 0-2 runs	2-7
Scored 3-5 runs	7-1
Scored 6-9 runs	5-3
Scored 10+ runs	5-0

### GAME HIGHS

#### TEAM - most recent occurrence noted

At bats ..... 33, vs. Mount Marty (3/28/26)  
Runs scored..... 16, vs. Haskell (2/27/26)  
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..... 2, vs. Haskell (2/27/26)  
Errors..... 4, vs. Mount Marty (3/28/26)  
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.....3, Tatum Schmalbeck (vs. CSM, 3/21/26)  
RBIs ..... 5, Kavri Van Kekerix (vs. Haskell, 2/27/26)  
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 3, 2026)

Overall Record: 21-12 Conf: 6-4 Home: 0-0 Away: 3-1 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	.404	33-33	109	25	44	9	1	0	26	55	.505	7	9	12	0	.476	1	4	14-17	55	82	5	.965
33	Kingery, Paige	.382	33-33	89	18	34	6	1	0	20	42	.472	17	4	8	0	.500	0	7	4-5	22	93	7	.943
3	Koontz, Allison	.364	33-31	88	14	32	8	4	3	29	57	.648	8	0	4	0	.404	3	5	2-4	7	25	2	.941
16	Murphy, Myla	.317	29-21	63	13	20	1	0	0	0	21	.333	8	1	18	0	.403	0	2	13-14	17	2	3	.864
1	Bomgaars, Rylee	.298	32-32	84	32	25	1	0	0	4	26	.310	24	4	22	0	.473	0	9	20-23	58	0	3	.951
12	Kacmarynski, Faith	.282	25-11	39	9	11	1	0	0	8	12	.308	8	3	10	0	.431	1	3	2-2	23	2	0	1.000
2	Schmalbeck, Tatum	.269	33-33	104	17	28	9	1	2	25	45	.433	12	1	9	0	.345	2	5	4-4	44	50	2	.979
24	Van Kekerix, Kavri	.240	32-28	75	15	18	3	0	2	15	27	.360	11	1	19	0	.345	0	6	12-13	120	12	8	.943
5	Gors, Cassidy	.239	32-29	67	12	16	0	0	0	15	16	.239	15	3	9	0	.400	0	11	11-11	193	13	5	.976
18	Jacobs, Sydney	.211	33-31	71	15	15	4	1	0	10	21	.296	23	0	26	0	.404	0	6	5-6	31	6	1	.974
7	Johannsen, Berkley	.294	23-5	17	11	5	1	0	0	2	6	.353	2	0	7	0	.368	0	1	1-2	9	0	0	1.000
4	Luevano, Jenny	.088	30-26	34	7	3	0	0	0	2	3	.088	7	1	9	0	.262	0	4	1-1	74	7	5	.942
9	Kohl, Audrie	.000	25-13	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	22-0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	1	0	0	1.000	0	0	1-2	1	4	1	.833
<b>Totals</b>		<b>.298</b>	<b>33-33</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>.393</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.415</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>90-104</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>.958</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>.270</b>	<b>33-33</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>.391</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.332</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>32-38</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>.946</b>

LOB: Team (230), Opp (186) DPs Turned: Team (7), Opp (3) 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	3	1	0	0-0	0	2.2	3	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	.273	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	1.99	7-1	20	4	2	1-0	4	63.1	58	20	18	14	22	13	1	2	.241	1	3	0	0	6
9	Kohl, Audrie	3.54	5-4	25	10	1	1-0	0	57.1	42	30	29	22	46	13	0	7	.200	3	2	0	1	3
3	Koontz, Allison	3.65	8-5	24	16	2	2-0	0	78.2	103	56	41	22	18	22	2	5	.312	5	1	0	1	5
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
<b>Totals</b>		<b>3.28</b>	<b>21-12</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>219.2</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>.270</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Opponents</b>		<b>4.53</b>	<b>12-21</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>216.1</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.298</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>63</b>

PB: Team (6), Totals (6), Luevano (4), Koontz (1), Van Kekerix (1), Opp (13) Pickoffs: Team (1), Koontz 1, Totals , Opp (0) SBA/ATT: Totals (64-76), Luevano (25-28), Koontz (17-22), Schmalbeck (8-8), Kacmarynski (4-6), Renken (4-4), Kohl (3-4), Murphy (2-3), Van Kalsbeek (1-1)