

RAIDER SOFTBALL ENDS REGULAR SEASON WITH HOME LOSSES

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April 24 loss gives Raider men's tennis fifth seed in conference tourney

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ORANGE CITY — Host Northwestern College tennis faced visiting Concordia in the last Great Plains Athletic Conference regular-season tennis match before the conference tournament.

Concordia secured a 7-1 win in a Monday, April 24, match to decide the fourth seed at the tournament.

"We play Concordia again Friday morning in the quarterfinals of the conference tournament," said Raider coach Monte Tilgner, "so hopefully we can flip some of those matches and get the win."

Tourney play took place on April 28.

Northwestern won two matches in the April 24 meet, one in doubles' play, the other in singles' battles.

Brian Vandenberg and Arthur Vincente won 6-4 in the second position in doubles play against Thomas van Haaren and Shawn Spring. In the second position in singles play, David Bomgaars won 7-5, 6-2 over Santiago Abadia.

In the other matches in doubles play, Hugo Fuentes and Juan Rabellino downed Bomgaars and Leandro Costa 6-4, and Abadia and Eduardo Rojas won 6-0 over Collin Harmelink and Jack Roisum.

In singles' play, Fuentes was a 7-5, 6-4 winner over Vandenberg, Rojas 6-3, 6-2 over Costa, Manuel Rodriguez Berdud over Vincente 6-4, 6-0, Van Haaren over Noah Roisum 6-3, 6-2 and Rabellino over Harmelink 6-1, 6-0.

"This match was much closer than the final score indicated," said Raider coach Monte Tilgner. "We were up a break in the number-one doubles match, but then a three-game swing resulted in a win for them, which gave them the doubles point."

"We just didn't win enough of the deuce games, especially in our top four singles matches," Tilgner said. "David played really well getting the win at number-two doubles."

ORANGE CITY — Visiting Midland University and host Northwestern College closed out the regular softball season with a doubleheader on Saturday, April 29. Steady scoring in the first game put Midland in front 7-2. The teams traded big innings in the second, but the Warriors edged the Red Raiders 8-7.

Midland's wins put them at 16-6 in Great Plains Athletic Conference play and 31-12 overall. The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics 12-rated Red Raiders topped the conference with an 18-4 record, 43-6 overall. Both teams move into GPAC tournament play. Northwestern hosts one pod, has the one seed and opened against eighth seed and 10-12 Mount Marty, 17-20, overall in their season, on Wednesday, May 3, at noon. Dordt and Briar Cliff will play a later opening game. Winners will play winners and losers will play losers, before play continues in the double elimination tournament on May 4. Pod winners will advance to the field of the highest seed in a best two-of-three format to decide the GPAC champ on Saturday, May 8.

"Our body of work has won us the GPAC regular season championship and automatic qualification to the NAIA National Tournament," said Raider coach Shane Bouman. "We are excited to host one pod of the GPAC tourney and compete for a tournament Championship."

It was Senior Day for the Raiders, as well. "It was a great day to honor three seniors, Jen Boeve, Emily Strasser and Madysn Grotewold," said Bouman. "They have built Red Raider softball into something to be proud of. Their four-year record is 122-41-1. Sure proud of what they have accomplished and the way they setting the standard for this program."

Runs in each inning

In each inning in the April 29 opener, it was mostly ones appearing on the scoreboard.

Ronni Foote put a ball over the center field fence in the opening Midland at bat.

In the second, Raider Jennifer Boeve levered a pitch over right center for a first season homer and the Raiders' opening run.

The Warriors scored unanswered runs in the next four innings. In the third, a single, steal and RBI put another run up. In the fourth, Aliyah Rincon swatted a home run. Foote connected in the fifth for another home run. In the sixth, a walk and a base hit put two runners on. An RBI scored one, and a Raider error allowed a second run.

Each team put a run on the board in the seventh. After two Warriors reached on base hits and were advanced by a ground out, the Raiders avoided one run with a put-out at home. A runner then came home as another stole second. In the bottom of the inning, Raider singles put two runners on, and a Gwen Mikkelsen RBI drove in a run.

Rincon pitched a complete game for the win, allowing six hits, two earned runs and one walk, striking out six.

Kate Kralik started for the Raiders and got a first season loss

working into the fifth inning, allowing six hits, four earned runs and a walk, striking out one. Ellie Jacobson and Ashtyn Billings worked the remainder of the game, each allowing two hits, Jacobson two runs, one of them earned, Billings one earned run. Jacobson walked one. Each had a strike out.

Leading the 10-hit Midland offensive was Foote, 3-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Amanda Schmaderer was 2-4 with an RBI. Rincon was 1-3 with an RBI and two runs scored. Ariyana Crafton was 1-3 with an RBI.

Raider Mikkelsen was -14 with an RBI. Boeve was 2-3 with an RBI and run scored. Emily Strasser was 2-3, Billings 1-3 with a run scored.

"Midland has one of the top home-run hitting teams in the nation," Bouman said. "Add a 25-mile-per-hour-plus wind and our short fences, it was a perfect recipe for the Warriors, who have a nice team."

Big inning for each

After two innings in the second game, Northwestern had a slim 2-1 lead. In the first inning, Mikkesen came around after walking, advancing on a sacrifice bunt and completing the corners on two wild pitches.

Each team scored one in the second frame. Rincon made the circuit on a walk, a steal, and a throwing error, then touching on a play to second. Etherington reached for the Raiders on a walk, advance on a sacrifice bunt and a passed ball, then scored on a ground out.

After three innings, Midland had a 6-3 lead, converting for five runs in the third. Two runners reached on a base hit and a Raider error. A sacrifice bunt and a single brought one run around. A steal and a walk loaded the bases for a Schmaderer grand slam. Northwestern's Addison Binde reached on a walk and came around on a sacrifice bunt, a Boeve base hit and a wild pitch.

After a scoreless fourth Midland added two in the fifth, the Raiders scoring four in a big inning of their own. A double and a Foote home run scored two for the Warriors. In the bottom of the frame, Grotewold put down a bunt single. Strasser reached on an error. A sacrifice bunt moved them over. Chloe Gallegoes walked to load the bases, and Etherington powered a grand slam to draw the Raiders to within one run. But, the 8-7 difference remained through the last two innings.

Alexis Page pitched the win, working into the fifth, allowing four hits, seven runs, five of them earned, walking six and striking out two. Paeton Coler stepped in for the save, scattering three hits, no runs, one walk and striking out two.

Etherington worked six innings in the loss, allowing nine hits, eight runs, seven of them earned, walking three and striking out five. Kralik worked the seven, allowing no hits, no runs and no walks, striking out one.

Schmaderer was 3-4 with four RBIs and a run scored. Foote was 2-3 with three RBIs and two runs scored. Four other Warriors had a hit each.

Etherington was 1-3 with four RBIs and two runs scored. Billings was 1-2 with an RBI. Grotewold was 2-2 with a run scored.

Red Raider men 1, Concordia 6	
Doubles:	
1 Hugo Fuentes/Juan Rabellino (CONC) defeated David Bomgaars/Leandro Costa	6-4
2 Brian Vandenberg/Arthur Vincente defeated Thomas van Haaren/Shawn Springer (CONC)	6-4
3 Santiago Abadia/Eduardo Rojas (CONC) defeated Collin Harmelink/Jack Roisum	6-0
Concordia takes doubles' point	
Singles	
1 Fuentes (CONC) defeated Vandenberg	7-5, 6-4
2 Bomgaars defeated Abadia (CONC)	7-5, 6-2
3 Rojas (CONC) defeated Costa	6-3, 6-2
4 Manuel Rodriguez Berdud (CONC) defeated Vincente	6-4, 6-0
5 Van Haaren (CONC) defeated Noah Roisum	6-3, 6-2
6 Rabellino (CONC) defeated Harmelink	6-1, 6-0

SPLIT PRECEDED LAST NWC BASEBALL REGULAR-SEASON DOUBLE DIPS

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ORANGE CITY — A nine-inning walk-off win opened the Monday, April 24, Great Plains Athletic Conference doubleheader hosted by Northwestern College in Orange City. The Red Raiders outlasted visiting Jamestown 4-3 in a nine-inning, walk-off win. In the second game, the Jimmies got one back, a 10-5 win.

With the split, both teams have 12 wins in conference play, the Raiders against 12 losses, the Jimmies with 10. Overall, Jamestown heads into the remainder of its regular-season schedule with a 23-17 record, Northwestern with a 19-25 mark.

The Raiders were scheduled for the first of two doubleheaders with Dordt University in Sioux Center on Friday, April 28, and another on Saturday, April 29. Dordt came into the games with a 4-20 GPAC mark and a 16-26 overall record.

The 12th GPAC win secured the Raiders a spot in the GPAC tournament. "After we won the first game," commented Raider coach Brian Wede, "we were in. We could be anywhere from fourth to eighth, seed-wise."

Walk-off after nine frames

Jamestown pitcher Payson Mills opened on a shaky note, the Raiders taking advantage for the first run in the game. Sam Stanford led off with a base hit. Mills then walked one, threw a wild pitch, walked another and pitched a walk to Noa Vogel, Stanford scoring. The Jimmies defense bailed out the Jamestown team with a force out at home on a fielder's choice and a double play to retire the Raiders.

Three innings went by without a run. Jamestown stranded three in the second, Northwestern two in the fourth.

Each squad scored a run in each of the fifth and sixth frames for a 3-2 Raider lead.

In the fifth, Raider starter Dylan Kirkeby hit three batters to load the corners. A Raider error on the next at bat allowed a run before Kirkeby threw a strike-out to end the threat. In the bottom of that inning, Evan Olesen reached on a fielder's choice, stole second and came around on a Kip Cullinan two-bagger.

In the sixth, Hayden Brown led off with a home run for the Jimmies. Mason Porepp walked to reach the base path for the Raiders, making the trip on a sacrifice and an Isaac Short single.

The Jimmies knotted the score in the seventh and extended the game on a walk and a Xander Orejudos double. In the bottom of the inning, the Raiders threatened, Stanford reaching on a single, stealing second. The Jimmies intentionally walked Kip Cullinan with one out, but the runners were unable to advance as a strikeout and pop-up ended the at bat.

In the eighth, the Raiders had another runner on a base hit and a sacrifice, but a pop-up and a strikeout cut that half-inning short.



Coming in hot

Dylan Kirkeby of Northwestern went six innings against Jamestown in the Monday, April 24, first game in Orange City. The game went into extra innings, the Raiders taking a walk-off win in the ninth. Kirkeby allowed two hits, two runs, one earned, walking two and striking out five in the no-decision. (Photo by Doug Calsbeek)

In the ninth, it was Jamestown's turn to put a runner on a scoring corner. A single put a runner on. After one out, the Raiders intentionally walked the next batter. The Raider defense made hay on a fly ball after a catch to center field, the runner retired on the play.

Stanford resolved the game, reaching on an error. Cullinan walked, and Noa Vogel delivered a single to left field, loading the bases for the Raiders once more. This time, Porepp lifted a fly to deep center, and Stanford waited for the catch then sprinted home to end the game.

"The guys played really well," said Wede. "There were a bunch of scrappy innings for both teams. We did a good job answering when they scored and found a way to win it. Sam just got in there to end it."

"In all the extra innings, we gave ourselves a chance to score," Wede said. "Their mistake kind of led to us winning in the ninth."

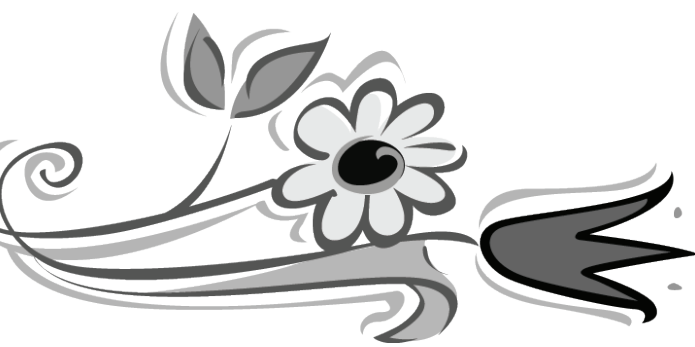
With an RBI each for the Raiders were Cullinan, who was 1-2, Vogel, who was 2-4, Porepp and Short, each 1-3, Porepp with a run scored. Stanford was 3-5 with two runs scored. Shelton was 1-3. Olesen scored a run.

Kirkeby allowed two hits, two runs, one of the earned in six innings, walking two and striking out five. Ryan Reynolds worked the win, allowing two hits in three innings, one earned run and two walks, striking out three.

Six Jamestown hurlers saw action, collectively allowing nine hits, three earned runs and six walks, striking out seven. Kendall Yackley got the loss after facing the last seven Raider batters, allowing one hit, the unearned winning run and one walk, getting one strikeout.

With an RBI each for the Jimmies were 1-3 hitters Orejudos and Brown, Brown also scoring a run. Troy Berg scored two runs.

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Applications must be completed and received in the Sioux County Auditor's Office by May 17, 2023 at 4:30pm to be considered for potential employment.

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