



## Great Plains Athletic Conference

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MORNINGSIDE MOUNT MARTY NEBRASKA WESLEYAN NORTHWESTERN SIOUX FALLS

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### Northwestern is Coaches' Pick to Win GPAC Baseball Title in 2008

(Sioux City, Iowa) – Northwestern College with 134 points and seven first place votes is the Great Plains Athletic Conference (GPAC) baseball coaches' choice to win the 2008 league title. The Red Raiders, champions of NAIA Region III in 2007, are coming off a 37-18 campaign last spring. Dakota Wesleyan was tabbed second, while Midland Lutheran was third in the poll. The Tigers, Warriors, and fifth place Briar Cliff each received one first place vote, while Sioux Falls received three first place picks and was fourth in the balloting.

The GPAC baseball season will once again consist of 24 games and conclude with the GPAC Postseason Tournament on May 1-3 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, at Harmondon Park. The NAIA Region III Tournament will be hosted by the Dakota Athletic Conference at a site to be determined.

Points were assigned on a 12-1 basis and coaches' could not vote for their own team.

Here is the complete GPAC Baseball 2008 preseason coaches' poll:

Team	Points	First Place Votes
1. Northwestern	134	7
2. Dakota Wesleyan	116	1
3. Midland Lutheran	115	1
4. Sioux Falls	107	3
5. Briar Cliff	105	1
6. Mount Marty	89	
7. Nebraska Wesleyan	81	
8t. Hastings	66	
8t. Morningside	66	
10. Concordia	46	
11. Doane	42	
12. Dana	32	
13. Dordt	15	