

## INSIDE THE HUDDLE

### WITH COACH CURRIER



Billy Brown Jr. Day honored a quality young man that brought so much to our program. We dominated with a 34-7 home win, extending the home win streak to two games. It was a beautiful, sunny day which set the stage for tailgating and a good college football atmosphere. Prior to the game, I enjoyed my time with the parents that joined in for the Athletic Performance Center tour. I look forward to my next opportunity spending time with parents!

As I started my second stint leading the Golden Bears, I wanted to incorporate principles that would allow us to focus on and build the very best possible college football program. I was aware that Coach Kill with the University of Minnesota

Gophers was using the theme *Brick by Brick*. I began to pray about the main focus for the CSP football program and the words *building on the rock* came to me. Research provided me with tidbits of information, quotes, stories and principles that are important to the growth of a team and young men. I collaborated with our staff to determine which components were going to be most important to our program. Our mission as a staff is to prepare our young men for a successful life long after they leave our program. Every day is an opportunity to influence them towards habits that will make their lives better. Furthermore, getting them to influence each other is extremely powerful!

***Building on the Rock*** is our program's theme, as it refers to a laser focus on 7 attributes; G.R.A.C.E, R.E.D, Recruiting, Family and Leadership Involvement, Alumni Involvement, Community Service, and Football Fundamentals. It is my belief that these seven attributes are critical to growing and maintaining a successful college football program. Building on the Rock also incorporates our Christian beliefs that all attributes are rooted. Matthew 7:24 states that the wise build their life on the rock (Christ) so when life's storms come our way, we are grounded and capable of withstanding those trials. Likewise, as we continue to build our program on solid principles, we will also be able to withstand the various trials and tribulations that come our way.



For each one of these pillars, our staff has researched, created a business plan, and determined clear goals and action plans to ensure that we are the best at these 7 objectives. Each week in our staff meetings, we evaluate these 7 initiatives and ensure that we are constantly addressing them; many are addressed daily. I believe as we continue to improve in these areas, we will be running one of the best college programs in the country.

## **G.R.A.C.E (Graduation, Retention, Academics, Career Enhancement)**

It starts here! We need to graduate our young men and help them obtain a job in their field of study. We expect all players to attend EVERY class. We have implemented a new way to ensure that this takes place. We have two study tables per week (Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 – 10:00 PM) for our young men that have less than a 2.8 GPA. All freshman and transfers are part of the study table until they demonstrate academic success at CSP. We continue to bring resources into our program to help our men with resumes, interviewing experience, advice, job opportunities, etc.

## **RED (Relentless, Enthusiasm, Desire)**

RED is the way we do our business. We want our young men to be relentless in all they do – pursue their academics, train, chase a job and play with a tremendous amount of relentlessness! Furthermore, everything hot starts with enthusiasm. A player or coach without enthusiasm is like fire without a wind. Finally, if there is a will, there's a way! The most important qualification in becoming a champion is an intense burning desire.

*“Good work is never done in cold blood; heat and fire is needed to forge anything solid. Every great achievement is the story of a flaming heart.” Harry Truman*

## **RECRUITING**

Recruiting is the bloodline of our program. The people in any organization are the greatest resource and we want to ensure we bring in young men that want to be great! In most cases, the best football players allow you to have one of the best teams. Therefore, we need to recruit very good football players. The game is won up front (offensive and defensive line) which is why we have continued to invest scholarship dollars into those two positions. When we entered the program in 2016, there were a total of 4 offensive linemen and a thin group in the defensive line.

Currently, we are now bolstering both groups and are excited about the youth at those two positions. We played 13 freshman in 2016, 7 in 2017 and currently, there is only 1 true freshman that is contributing. This is a sure sign that we have made progress in this area.



*“The ability to recruit outstanding athletes is the single most important phase of a college football program.”  
LaVell Edwards, Brigham Young University*

## **FAMILY AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

John Wooden, the legendary UCLA basketball coach, often said, “There are three things vital to success in athletics: conditioning, fundamentals, and working together as a team. Of these three elements, ‘working

together as a team’ often proves to be the most elusive goal.” Strong team chemistry produces the family atmosphere that we are growing.



There are many ways to describe this special chemistry (i.e. “For the strength of the Pack is the Wolf and the strength of the Wolf is the Pack.”) We have to get members of this team who are driven by the quest for individual glory to give themselves over wholeheartedly to the group effort. For a team to accomplish the above objective, we developed great leadership. Great leaders protect their people, encouraging connection, collaboration and collective ownership, nurturing a safe environment of trust, respect and family. This is why our family development is directly connected with our leadership development program as they work in unison. Our young men hate letting their peers and teammates down, on and off the field.

We spend ample time building relationships and like any relationship, time is a vital aspect in its healthy development. The trip we take to Camp Ripley is instrumental in helping us come together as a football family. In addition, we incorporate team building exercises; after each intense practice during fall camp, we did something enjoyable (egg toss, rock-paper-scissors contest, and many other events).

We have implemented a leadership development program to teach leadership skills to group of 17 elected team members (leadership council). The program emphasizes servant leadership. The leadership council is essentially the glue of the team. They are empowered to give feedback, help make decisions and essentially, assist in influencing our team. They each oversee other players on the team and encourage their peers to be making decisions that are in their collective best interest. I meet with the Leadership Council weekly, where we exchange communication, share key leadership concepts, and continue to keep our focus on the vision. Furthermore, each coach mentors 2 of these young men, meeting with them individually on a weekly basis. This group is critical to the development of our winning culture.

#### 2018 Leadership Council Include:

<b>Dylan Woods</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>JR.</b>	<b>Jackson Dobbs</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>JR.</b>
<b>Chris Garrett</b>	<b>DL</b>	<b>SO.</b>	<b>Blake Evans</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>SO</b>
<b>Andy Aune</b>	<b>LB</b>	<b>SO.</b>	<b>Marcus Haskins</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>RFR.</b>
<b>Dion Wallisch</b>	<b>CB</b>	<b>JR.</b>	<b>Terrell Taylor</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>SR.</b>
<b>Rich Kelly</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>JR.</b>	<b>Matt Montgomery</b>	<b>OL</b>	<b>RFR.</b>
<b>Marcus Gustaveson</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>JR.</b>	<b>Gabe Steed</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>JR.</b>
<b>Maxon Hutton</b>	<b>QB</b>	<b>JR.</b>	<b>Dimonic Roden-Mckinzy</b>	<b>QB</b>	<b>SR.</b>
<b>John Damrow</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>SR.</b>	<b>Shaq Johnson</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>SO.</b>
<b>Darnell Rolle</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>JR.</b>			

## ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

It is imperative that we connect former players to our current players. CSP football is one big family – families support and help one another. If we build a culture where alumni stay involved and support current players, the current players will continue to stay connected after their playing days are complete. We have initiated an Alumni Mentor program this year, where we have about twenty former players mentoring twenty of our current players. We anticipate this program continuing to grow in the future.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE

We refer to this area of our program as GB<sup>2</sup> (GB Squared - Golden Bears Give Back). Our goal is to educate our student-athletes to be servant-driven. The foundation, "Building the on the Rock" is built on faith. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1. We haven't limited our scope, contributing in a well-rounded way to the community.

*Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. Isaiah 58:10*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTICIPATION EVENTS

- Bridging
- Feed My Starving Children
- National Eating Disorders Association
- Happy Tails Rescue
- Special Olympics Polar Plunge-Thomas Beach, Lake Calhoun
- Minnesota Life College
- ACR Homes Spring Dance
- Special Olympics Spring Games
- ACES (Athletes Committed to Educating Students)
- 360 Communities 8th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Walk
- Twin Cities Heart Walk
- St. Paul Parks & Recreation Clean Up Day

## FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS

We are incorporating various processes into our program that is helping us improve our football fundamentals (blocking, tackling, ball security, reduction of penalties, running the football, stopping the run and preventing negative plays on offense. Like the other components, football fundamentals is an everyday thing.

We want to be the best team in the country in three areas of fundamental football.

- Ball security
- Fewest penalties
- Plays for a loss (tackles for a loss)

## PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

### TERRELL TAYLOR #56



Senior Terrell Taylor is a Sports Management Major with a minor in Sports Psychology & Coaching. Currently, he is shadowing the Athletic Director, a position he hopes to fulfill one day. Terrell said "seeing how sports can affect youth in a positive way and give opportunities is vital. I can speak from experience with my high school AD who always found ways to help me improve on and off the field. Making practice, setting academic goals, and encouraging me to grow as a man and a leader. As an Athletic Director I will strive to positively make a difference in the youth of tomorrow." Terrell has obtained an internship at St. Agnes High School with the schools Athletic Director. Fun Fact; I have never been on an airplane

# WHERE IS HE NOW?

## DEAN MILLS



Former Comet and Golden Bear Dean Mills played Wide Receiver for CSP from 1988-1992. On the gridiron, Mills was a four year starting wide receiver and helped the Comets to a 1988 UMAC Championship and was inducted in the CSP Hall of Fame in 2014. He hauled in 88 receptions for 1,312 yards and 16 touchdowns in his four year career, still ranking 10th in career receiving touchdowns today. His best memory at CSP was being able to play with some great teammates and having great coaches and learning to be prepared in order to execute a plan.

A St. Paul native, Mills and his wife, Lisa have three children, Taylor, Zach and Dylan. Now a Cottage Grove resident, Dean has been active as a youth hockey and baseball coach. After graduating from Concordia, he went on to become a Trainer for the Construction Craft Laborers and is currently a Director of Apprenticeship for the Construction Craft Laborers. He serves on the Executive Board for Local 132 and is a representative for the St. Paul Building and Trades while recently being chosen to serve on the Laborers International Union of North America Project Skills and Standards Team.



## EXTRA POINTS

### TAILGATING

It was a great turnout at last week's tailgate and attendance to the game to cheer on our Golden Bears in their resounding win over the Peacocks. There will be an area set up in Mankato this Saturday before the 1:00 game. Just look for the CSP flag and be there with a grill ready to go!

### CSP FLAG

Some of you have inquired how to get a CSP flag. To order the 3x5 flag:

- Log into the CSP athletics: [cspbears.com](http://cspbears.com)
- click shop
- Select "flags, skins, and wall decals" in the left hand column

### CSP HOMECOMING ALUMNI SOCIAL

All Alumni are invited to attend the CSP Football Homecoming Alumni Social on Friday, October 5th at 6:00 pm

*Location:*

Green Mill  
57 Hamline Ave S  
St Paul, MN 5510

# PLAYERS OF THE WEEK - CSP VS. UPPER IOWA



**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME**  
**TERRELL TAYLOR - SR**  
**OL #56**



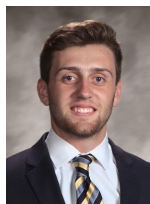
**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME**  
**MARCUS HASKINS - RFS**  
**CB #1**



**HOG OF THE GAME**  
**TERRELL TAYLOR - SR**  
**OL #56**



**D-LINE PLAYER OF THE GAME**  
**JACKSON DOBBS - JR**  
**DE #98**



**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE GAME**  
**GRANT ERICKSEN - RFS**  
**FS #25**



**LIFTER OF THE WEEK**  
**CORY GUENTHER -FR**  
**DL #96**



**OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**JORDAN BROWN- FR**  
**WR #35**



**DEFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**CHANDLER DAHLQUIST -FR**  
**LB #40**



**SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**BOBBY DAVIS -FR**  
**FS #32**

Each week the CSP coaching staff selects players of the week. The Players of the Game are selected based on film review, demonstrated excellence in play, their game performance evaluation, and their impact on that particular game. As important are the Scout Players of the Week. These young men prepare our game day performers for the upcoming opponent, which is paramount to our team's success. The Hog of the Week and D-Line player of the week are highlighted because of their position's importance to winning football games. The Lifter of the Week is a young man that demonstrates his understanding of the importance of the off-field work necessary for one to be at their very best.

# GAME CAPTAINS - CSP VS. MINNESOTA STATE



**BLAKE EVANS - SO**  
**LB #17**



**JACKSON DOBBS - JR.**  
**DE #98**



**TERRELL TAYLOR - SR**  
**OL #56**



**DIMONIC RODEN-MCKINZY -**  
**SR. QB #4**

## 2018 GAME SCHEDULE

8-30 7 pm at Sioux Falls L (27-24)  
9-8 12pm vs Upper Iowa W (34-7)  
9-15 1pm at Minnesota State  
9-20 6pm vs Wayne State  
9-29 1pm at Minnesota Duluth  
10-6 12pm vs Northern State

10-13 2 pm at U-Mary  
10-20 12pm vs MN Crookston  
10-27 12pm vs Augustana  
11-3 1pm at SMSU  
11-10 1pm at Winona

TOUCHDOWN CLUB UPDATE  
WEEK 1- 3 TD'S  
WEEK 2- 4 TD'S

