

INSIDE THE HUDDLE

WITH COACH CURRIER



In college football, you are as good as your last game. With that being said, we certainly weren't at our best this past weekend in Mankato. Even though we played a highly ranked team, overall, we did not put forth our best effort. We have put that game to rest and are excited about extending our home game win streak to 3 games this Thursday at 6:00 PM vs. Wayne State.

If you are unable to attend tonight, the CSP vs. Wayne State game is being televised through the Northern Sun and Midco Sports Network. Additionally, each week you are able to watch all games streamed through the NSIC and the Stretch Internet GameCentral. This is available online or through numerous streaming devices such as Roku, Apple TV, Amazon FireTV and Android TV. Simply search "NSIC" to find the Stretch Internet application which carries the full slate of Northern Sun broadcasts, with options to sort by school or by sport.

Over the next two issues of Inside the Huddle, I will be featuring my coaching staff. A college football coach finds joy and fulfillment in helping young men learn valuable life lessons to be successful. Additionally, they care about the student-athlete on and off the field. From experience, I have learned that "players do not care how much we know, until they know how much we care." Then, they reach their maximum performance.

At CSP, each coach brings different game perspectives, life experiences, and creative ideas to our program. This is the best staff that I have been blessed to work with and assemble. Their commitment to the development of our young men is second to none. In the next two weeks, I'll featuring the Defensive, Special Teams, and Offensive coaching staff.

I cannot thank each of these gentlemen enough for the long hours, personal sacrifices, and hard work that they put into our program every day. We are extremely fortunate to have such a wonderful group of men leading our players. In addition, I am thankful for the support from their families.



CRAIG STERN- DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR



Coach Stern and I grew up together in the small town of Cosmos, MN. We were 2 of the 18 students in our graduating class. While I was the head coach during 1999-2003, Craig was the Defensive Coordinator. He has extensive experience coordinating defenses (20 years) which makes him one of the top DII coordinators in the NSIC.

Loyalty on a college coaching staff is critical, and Coach Stern models loyalty. When asked about what he enjoys outside of football, Coach Stern sarcastically laughs. He knows and has experienced the intense time commitment. He appreciates spending time with his family and recreates as much as he can on or near the water.



Fun Fact about Coach Stern: He is a big Louis L'Amour fan and has most of his published books.

JAKE MUNKWITZ- LINEBACKER COACH/RECRUITING/SPECIAL TEAMS COORD.



Jake Munkwitz was Concordia's ball boy during the late 1990's. He has worked his way to a full time collegiate football coach in a very short time. Coach Munkwitz started as a Graduate Assistant in the spring of 2016, His position was elevated in the fall of 2017; and shortly thereafter, he was promoted to full time in the spring of 2017. His work ethic and desire makes him an extremely valuable staff member. Coach Munkwitz bleeds navy and gold.

Coach Munkwitz enjoys golfing, hunting and fishing, and spending time with his family and girlfriend Whitney.



Fun Fact about Coach Munkwitz: Jake, his father, aunt, and sister were all student athletes at Concordia.

MIKE BOND - DEFENSIVE BACK COACH



Mike Bond played college football at UW Stout prior to working for former CSP Hall of Famer, Joe LaBudda, who was one of the most successful high school football coaches in the country. When searching for a DB coach, Coach LaBudda communicated to me that he had a high quality young man that "really knows how to motivate kids and is a tremendous leader." Coach Bond, who also works with Dr. Chapman, CSP's Executive Vice President and Dean of Diversity, has been an excellent

addition to CSP. He has a background in mental health counseling which allows him to connect and relate to our players. He has enhanced our culture and brought tremendous value to our program.



Fun Fact about Coach Bond: Huge Packer Fan. First Packer game attended was Packers – Vikings game at Lambeau Field, December 30, 2001 (Packers won 24-13).

KERRY GRIGSBY- DEFENSIVE LINE GRADUATE ASSISTANT



Kerry Grigsby comes to CSP from Concordia-Nebraska. Like some of our players, Coach Grigsby was a junior college transfer from a California school to Concordia-Nebraska. Coach Grigsby has made an immediate impact on our team, because he is able to relate very well to our players. He also shows a tremendous amount of passion for coaching and comes to work every day with a winning attitude.

As a graduate assistant, he is seeking his Masters degree in Exercise Science. In his spare time, he enjoys talking with his family back home, going out with friends, and getting to know St Paul a little better.

Fun fact about Coach Grigsby: When time allows, he likes watching cartoons. His favorite is Fairly Odd Parents.



JUSTIN LERFALD- DEFENSIVE LINE COACH



Justin Lerfald came to CSP from St. Olaf at the beginning of the 2018 season. After witnessing him in action, Justin truly is the best Defensive Line Coach I have ever worked with. He has made one of the most important positions the best unit we have had in the past 3 years. His ability to teach others is second to none. He also coaches weightlifting for Burnsville High School.

Coach Lerfald enjoys spending time with my family while trying to manage time for their social and athletic calendars. He also is committed to volunteering in his community and loves to fish.



Fun Fact about Coach Lerfald: He was an Art Education major in college, sang in a quartet, and married his high school sweetheart, Heather.

RUSSELL GARY- ASSISTANT DEFENSIVE BACK COACH

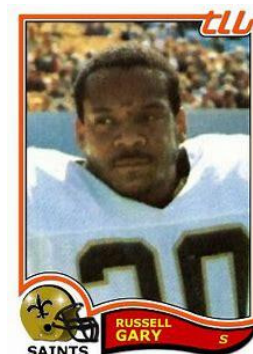


Russell Gary, brings a substantial amount of credibility to our program and is the most decorated former player on staff. He was a collegiate All-American while at the University of Nebraska. Additionally, he was the 29th overall pick in the 1981 draft by New Orleans Saints. His NFL career spanned nearly seven years.

When Coach Gary speaks, players listen. He has been an incredible mentor for so many players and provides subtle coaching points that enhance their performance. I have great respect for Russell Gary as a person and coach.

Coach Gary appreciates spending time with his family. He also has a puppy that he is training & raising.

Fun Fact about Coach Gary: Enjoys jazz music & working out.



DWAYNE WALTOWER- SCOUT DEFENSE COACH



Dwayne Waltower is in his 3rd season with CSP football. This year, he is running the scout defense, ensuring that this group is organized and brings energy to prepare the offense each week. He brings a lot of enthusiasm and connects very easily with our young men.

He is a Guidance Counselor at Minneapolis North High School. We put his counseling experience to use as he oversees our study table efforts.

Coach Waltower enjoys spending time with his daughter, going to Church, and watching movies.

Fun Fact about Coach Waltower: Owns "Sisters-N-Technology" - a program for female High School students in the metro area that assists with employment and internship opportunities in the IT field.



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

BRANDON RUSSELL #26



Senior Brandon Russell is a criminal justice major from Tracy, California. He is starting his internship with the Minneapolis Police Department this semester. His brother Bruce who is a CSP football alumni is currently a police officer in California.

Terrell stated that he has always wanted to be a police officer since he was a little boy. Having the opportunity to serve and assist his community is what he is most excited about.

A fun fact about him is that he has a large Jordan Shoe collection.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

KEVIN PATTAIN



Former Comet and Golden Bear Kevin Pattain played for CSP from 1981-1984. On the gridiron Pattain was a 2 year all conference performer at Defensive Line and helped the Comets to UMAC Championship. Kevin was inducted in the CSP Hall of Fame in 2002 for both his football and basketball abilities and was all conference and team MVP in basketball as well. His best memory at CSP was winning the UMAC Football Conference Championship with a win in the final game of the season. His experience here at CSP helped him develop strong leadership skills and helped him understand that working together for a specific goal helps produce the results

needed to be successful.

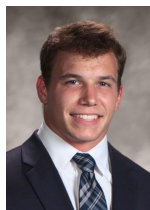
Kevin met his wife Gail at CSP, have been married for 32 years and have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren. Kevin is an Underwriting Specialist for American Family Insurance here in the Twin Cities.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK - CSP VS. MN STATE



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

MIKE WILLIAMS - JR
WR #6



DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

JAKE PORTZ - RFS
LB #



HOG OF THE GAME

RICH KELLY - JR
OL #70



SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JAKE RAJALA -FR
LB #54



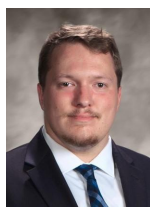
SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE GAME

DALTON SMERCHEK - SO
LB #32



LIFTER OF THE WEEK

TREVOR HENDRICKSON -FR
WR #84



OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK

BRIAN PEVARNIK- RFS
OL #76



DEFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK

FOSTER CONZET -FR
LB #38

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. WAYNE STATE



JAKE PORTZ - RFR
LB # 45



JACKSON DOBBS - JR.
DE #98



MARCUS GUSTAVESON- JR
WR #10



RICH KELLY - JR.
OL #70

HONORARY GAME CAPTAINS - CSP VS. WAYNE STATE

Dr. Cheryl T. Chatman- Executive Vice President and Dean of Diversity at Concordia



Dr. Chatman's impact on CSP is phenomenal! Last week, the new CSP Diversity Center was named in her honor. She has been selected as an Honorary Captain because of the respect our program has for the zest, enthusiasm and commitment she brings to CSP and our students. She "finds a way" to make a difference. Over the years she has mentored, educated and supported many of our student-athletes. We appreciate everything she continues to do for CSP and Golden Bear Football.

Milissa Becker- Director of Human Resources



Milissa came to CSP in April 2017 and she immediately transformed many of our business practices. She has provided clear instructions and expectations for procedures and policies. She has been selected as our Honorary Captain for the guidance she has provided to our coaching staff during the hiring process. Her support has allowed me to assemble the best possible staff with the resources we have available. In addition to being the Director of Human Resources, she teaches classes at Concordia.

EXTRA POINTS

YEAR END BANQUET/RAFFLE DONATIONS

The year end football banquet date has been secured for Friday, November 30th. Each year at the banquet, there are raffle ticket items available and silent auction items to bid on. Our goal is to secure 25 larger ticket items donated from the community, with a \$100 value or more by September 28th.

So far we have received some great items such as: 2 CSP logo Stadium chairs, \$100 gift cards from Wal-Mart and Jimmy John's, overnight hotel stays and a Chad Greenway autographed football. We are looking for approximately 8-10 more items and could use your help!

Would you, your place of business, or someone you know be willing to donate? If so, please contact Coach Currier at scurrier@csp.edu or Robyn Dobbs at RobynLee2015@yahoo.com
All donations are tax deductible.

CUSTOMIZED CSP FOOTBALL GEAR STORE OPEN

Due to popular demand, we have decided to reopen the online store.

How to order: All order are to be placed and paid for online.

- Shop Now: https://www.bsnteamssports.com/v3/shop/team_shop/cspfbal

Order Deadline: Store Open From: September 20 - October 4, 2018

Orders totaling \$100 receive a FREE CSP Thermal Travel mug

Orders totaling \$200 receive a FREE CSP Golf Umbrella

If you have any questions or aren't able to order online for some reason, please contact Coach Currier.

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 Minn. State L (46-13)

9-20 6pm vs Wayne State

9-29 1pm at Minn. 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
WEEK 3- 2 TD'S

