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INSIDE THE HUDDLE

WITH COACH CURRIER



I am proud of the way the team came to play against Wayne State. We rebounded and we are proud of that! I appreciate how our young men embraced the RED philosophy (*Relentless, Enthusiastic and full of Desire*). Although the home crowd was small due to the game being on a weekday and severe thunderstorms, the team's energy was electric.

The recent victory proved that our program is on the right track and trending upward. It was our second straight win at home this season for a total of three consecutive home wins. To date, we are sustaining the longest win streak since the arrival of Sea Foam Stadium. Each season we are improving; I believe that our best is yet to come!

I would like to discuss the many efforts of our coaching staff. Most people only see the results from our coaches delivered on the field. There are many other responsibilities that come with this position such as; practice/game preparation, mentoring, recruitment and retention.

PRACTICE/GAME PREPARATION

Our staff commits a significant amount of time to game preparation where each practice play is contemplatively scripted and scouted. The exact plays are obtained from countless hours of studying videos from the upcoming opponents. Plays are then customized so that scout players can visualize their responsibilities. Although this process is time consuming, it is imperative to emulate the upcoming opponents speed, level of execution and overall intensity. All practices are video recorded from sideline and end zone angles. Prior to scripting and preparing for the next practice, the offensive, defensive, and special teams staff review, evaluate, and grade the performance. In pursuit of improving performance, a script of certain plays are created by each position coach which leads to required correction and adjustment discussed at the respective position meetings.

Collectively, our coaches work hard to find tendencies, weaknesses, and tips that prove to be advantageous for the upcoming game.



MENTORING AND SUPPORT

I believe that mentoring and guiding student athletes is an extremely important role for college football coaches. Throughout the day, our coaches meet with players individually to provide support, give advice, and listen. There are many student athletes at CSP, and like other colleges, they too experience life's obstacles along the way like various health conditions that affect their moods, thinking, and behaviors.

Additionally, each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. A shocking statistic that I found from the National Alliance on Mental Illness, is that 1 in 5 live with a mental health condition and three quarters develop that condition by age 24. It may be scary or even intimidating for young adults to discuss what they are going through. Our staff is committed to supporting our players when they need it most; to ensure that they are not alone on their journey. These are also the times when conversations surface from the foundation of the program – faith in God. The stronger our faith becomes the less we have to worry.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7.

RECRUITING AND RETAINING STUDENT ATHLETES

Recruiting and retaining student athletes is one of the main pillars of our program. Our staff is fortunate to be comprised of many CSP Alumni who are effective recruiters. Each coach has a particular geographical area assigned to them for player recruitment. As soon as we have identified specific student athletes to fill the needs, our staff is committed to ensuring they become a part of our program. Although the coaching staff is given a specific area, the entire staff is involved in building relationships with each prospective student athlete through school visits, home visits, handwritten messages, emails, texts, and/or direct messages (twitter).

Our efforts extend beyond recruiting the student-athlete as the main focus is retaining the individual throughout their academic career through graduation. As a coaching staff, we reiterate the importance of academic success and provide resources for those needing assistance. The focus of attending CSP, is not only be successful academically, but in life after college.

As I mentioned above, there is more to coaching than what you may see on the field. Our staff also devotes time to providing academic support, incorporating alumni involvement, facilitating fundraising efforts, managing communication pieces, equipment maintenance, laundry, travel logistics, and much more.

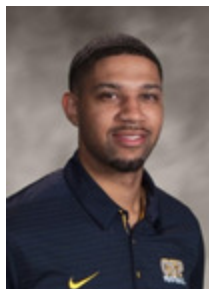
I would like to celebrate the entire group of coaches we have on staff today.
Thank you for all that you do. This edition features the Offensive and Special Teams Coaches.

Go Bears!

Coach C



HOUSTON JONES- PASSING GAME COORDINATOR



Houston Jones was a high school star athlete from Oklahoma who was highly recruited by colleges. In fact, while I was head coach at Truman State, I attempted to recruit Houston to play for me. As a talented wide receiver, he decided to play for and graduated from Iowa State with a major in Liberal Studies and Social Science minor. He then earned his Master of Arts in Educational Leadership at Dakota Wesleyan.

Houston joined our staff in 2016. Our players define Coach Jones as genuine, cool, calm and collective. He does a tremendous job relating and connecting to our players. When not coaching football, Houston notes, “I enjoy spending time with my wife, Samantha and my daughter, Parker. Houston stated that “coaching football is extremely demanding and the time I get to spend with my family during the season is precious; I look forward to those opportunities.”

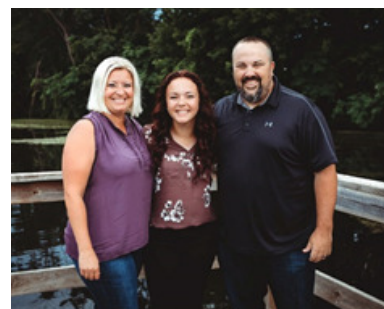


Fun Fact about Coach Jones: He is a big fan of quoting movies and getting a good laugh out of it.

JON MEDLO- OFFENSIVE LINE COACH



Jon Medlo is a graduate of CSP with a degree in Kinesiology. While attending college Jon played baseball and football for Concordia. Coach Medlo has the ability to build phenomenal relationships with his players during the recruiting process and maintain these relationships throughout their time at Concordia. He has helped build a winning culture within the offensive line. In 2016, he started with 4 offensive linemen and has grown the position group to 20 players. As this group continues to mature athletically, I believe we will soon have one of the best offensive lines in the NSIC. Coach Medlo enjoys hanging out with his family and watching his daughter play hockey and softball.



Fun Fact about Coach Medlo: He is a superhero movie buff. For the past ten years, he and his daughter has been to every superhero movie the first night it is released.

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



Jake Munkwitz is a graduate of CSP with a Masters in Sports Management. While attending school, Jake played tight-end for the Golden bears. Jake has worked his way into a full time collegiate football coach in a very short time. In 2016, he started as a Graduate Assistant and was elevated to the restrictive earnings position in the fall of 2017. Shortly thereafter, he was promoted to a full time position in the spring of 2017. His work ethic and desire makes him extremely valuable to our staff as he bleeds navy and gold.

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



Fun Fact about Coach Munkwitz: Jake was CSP's ball boy in the late 1990's.

JOSH ROSENTHAL- DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



Josh Rosenthal, graduated CSP with an Education degree and was the team's long snapper. While coaching wide receivers, Josh is also responsible for many operational duties. One of his most significant roles is overseeing our G.R.A.C.E program. He ensures our players are attending all their classes and organizes events that connect our players to jobs. For instance; he assists with matters involving graduation, academic support, and career advancement. Josh made an immediate impact with his recruiting as he has already established quality relationships with some of the twin cities best prospective student-athletes. When Josh is not coaching football, he enjoys spending time with his family and playing golf.



Fun Fact about Coach Rosenthal: My great uncle Joe Rosenthal took the photo of the WII Raising of the flag.

REED JOHNSON- TIGHT-END COACH



Reed Johnson is a graduate of CSP with a Masters in Physical Education. While attending college at CSP, he was named "Physical Education Major of the Year" twice, which illustrates his hard work and dedication to our school and program. In 2015, Coach Johnson was a student-assistant. After demonstrating his commitment to our program and coaching, he was hired as an Offensive Graduate Assistant. He has gained the confidence of others and has become a valuable resource to our program. When Reed is not coaching football, he loves hanging out with friends, grabbing breakfast on the weekends, and watching the Vikings (SKOL) .



Fun Fact about Coach Johnson: He loves Marvel movies.

JIM HONSA- RUNNING BACK COACH



Jim Honsa joined the Golden Bear staff in the spring of 2018. Coach Honsa played collegiate football and graduated from Hamline University. Even though his full time employment is teaching at North St. Paul High School, he dedicates an abundant amount of time to Golden Bear Football. Jim is committed to the development of the young men in our program and brings elements that aren't common amongst all staff members; He brings 30 years of coaching experience and his continued success as a father and husband impact our players and program in a positive manner.



Fun Fact about Coach Johnson: He loves camping with his family.

JIM STANGLER - ASSISTANT OFFENSIVE LINE COACH



Jim Stangler has been an excellent addition to Golden Bear football staff. With more than 20 offensive linemen in our program, it is critical to have two men working with the group. Jim graduated from CSP with an Education degree. Jim adds extreme value in the booth during games. He is thoughtful, intelligent, and has been instrumental with developing future fundraising ideas. When I asked Coach Stangler why he coaches, he stated, "I love the game of football! I love to show how the game correlates to life's major lessons!"

Fun Fact about Coach Stangler: He is a huge history buff. He is also excited to travel through the entire US and explore its history.



PETER XIONG- STUDENT ASSISTANT



Peter Xiong, or The "X-Factor" as we call him, is a first year Student Assistant. Xiong has a fantastic work ethic and takes on a variety of tasks. He assists Coach Jones with our quarterbacks and is responsible for spotting the ball during practice (right hash, left hash, left middle, right middle, etc.). He is the best hash man in our history! He is critical to practice plays. Currently, he is pursuing his master's degree at CSP in Sports Management. When Xiong is not coaching football, Coach Xiong likes to watch movies, hang-out with friends, and cook.

Fun Fact about Xiong: At age 17, he was the youngest employee to work at Northwestern Mutual, a Fortune 500 company.

PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

JOHN DAMROW



John Damrow is a Biology major with career aspirations of becoming a Chiropractor. He is grateful for the internship with a local chiropractic group. He stated that "he enjoyed working with a family business and looks forward to seeing how as a Chiropractor, he can improve people's overall health."

John's favorite CSP football memory thus far is defeating SMSU in the final game of the 2017 season. This victory reassured him that the Golden Bears have the talent to compete with competitive teams in the NSIC. Additionally, Damrow appreciated the Camp Ripley experience, which allowed him the opportunity to get to know some of his teammates on a deeper level.

If John could give some advice to his younger self it would be, "don't take a single day for granted as every day is a chance to play the game you love". One of his favorite quotes that he lives by is, "Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard". This mentality has helped him become a leader for the Golden Bears on and off the field. He has two sisters Jacqueline 19 and Janelle 10.

Fun fact about John: His grandfather played college football at Marquette.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

DAWSON BLANCK



Former Comet and Golden Bear Dawson Blanck played for CSP from 1997-1999. On the gridiron Blanck was a 2 year all conference performer, captain and team MVP as a Wide Receiver. Blanck's best football memories were playing in the "Treasure Chest" games against Northwestern at the Metrodome. Blanck remembers the brotherhood that he felt with his teammates with whom he stays in touch with to this day. He was proud to suit up for CSP.

Beyond the discipline, work ethic, pride and drive, being a part of the program has equipped him with many life lessons. Blanck stated, "In the game of football, you need to count on everyone to do their job or the result of the offensive play, defensive scheme or special teams will not be successful. In order to have a successful team, you must find a way to work with everyone as a cohesive unit." This mindset has helped him in many ways during his professional career and personal life.

Blanck is currently the Executive Director of Trusted Coaches, which is a risk management platform for you sports organizations and their coaches. Blanck lives in Mounds View with his wife Michelle and 4 children, Landon, Kylin, Connor and Anna.



EXTRA POINTS

SHUTTERFLY

A shutterfly account has been created to allow football parents to share photos that have been taken throughout the year. If you have pictures from any of the CSP football games, please feel free to share them.

www.shutterfly.com

User: cspfootballfriends@gmail.com

Password: Football17

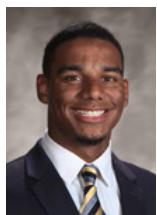
COACH CURRIER RADIO SHOW

Following the high school football game of the week, Wally Langfellow of Minnesota Score will host a weekly show with Concordia-St. Paul head football coach Shannon Currier on AM 1440 KYCR locally in the Twin Cities media market.

For people outside the Twin Cities media market, the show can be played live online and will also be uploaded and available to listen anytime on the CSP Bears Podcast, which is available to subscribe on Apple iTunes, Spotify and Google Play Music.

The high school football game of the week will precede the Coach Currier show, which is expected to air during the 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. hour, and will last 30 minutes. The format will feature weekly player guests.

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK – CSP VS. WAYNE STATE



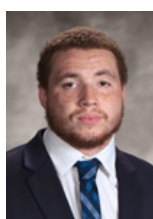
OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME
MARCUS GUSTAVESON – JR.
WR #10



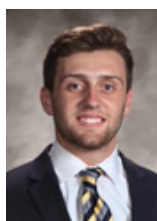
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME
MARCUS HASKINS- RFS
CB #1



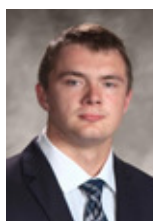
HOG OF THE GAME
CRIS WASYLCIW – JR.
OL #78



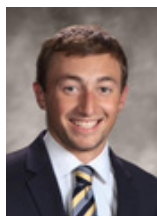
DEFENSIVE LINE PLAYER OF GAME
JACKSON DOBBS - SR
DE #98



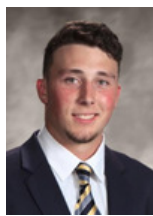
SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE GAME
GRANT ERICKSEN – RFR.
DB #25



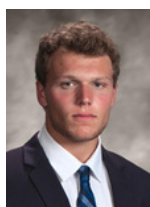
DEFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK
JAKE RAJALA- FR
LB #54



OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK
ABE SCHWARTZ – FR.
QB #13



SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK
HUNTER THOMPSON – FR.
CB #8



LIFTER OF THE WEEK
CHANDLER DAHLQUIST- FR
LB #40

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. UMD



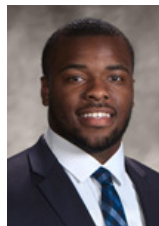
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CB # 1



JACKSON DOBBS - JR.
DE #98



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WR #10



**DOMINIC
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	L (46-7)
9-20	6pm	vs	Wayne State	W (29-7)
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
WEEK 3- 2 TD'S
WEEK 4- 3 TD'S

