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INSIDE THE HUDDLE

WITH COACH CURRIER



The Golden Bears lost to Augustana on Senior Day this past week. Football is a game of momentum, and Saturday's game demonstrated how difficult it is to sustain momentum. The game went back and forth through the first half, but Augustana took a two touchdown lead by returning a punt return for a touchdown just prior of halftime.

This week the Golden Bears will travel to Marshall, MN to take on Southwest Minnesota State University. Both teams bring a 4-5 record into the contest. Southwest Minnesota State University started the season slowly but seems to be trending upward. They had a 35-7 victory during the past two weeks. We need to overcome the recent turnover woes that have haunted our offense. For us to win this game, we have to give more attention to

detail (assignments, footwork, technique, etc.). I am convinced that stronger attention to the details this week will secure a different outcome!

"Discipline is based on pride, on meticulous attention to details, and on mutual respect and confidence. Discipline must be a habit so ingrained that it is stronger than the excitement of the goal or the fear of failure."

ACADEMIC SUPPORT AT CONCORDIA

Our football program may be a major factor in the reason our young men choose CSP. However, their education takes precedence over football and our staff is committed to helping them achieve their best in the classroom. Three years ago, when the overall GPA of the team was 2.58, we set a goal for all players to maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Although we have not achieved our goal as of yet, the teams GPA has increased to 2.78.

At CSP, academic support can be broken down into four elements: Attitude, Time Management, Attendance, and Accountability. Our staff encourages all of your players to remain focused on all four elements described below.

As a student at Concordia University, you are part of the Concordia family. Unlike many other schools that I have worked for, CSP's small, intimate environment fosters academic success for our students. There are numerous people and resources that our student-athletes have available to them. Some of these resources include: our wonderful academic advising team, free tutoring services, and free writing center. The small class sizes we offer benefit students because they have more opportunities to ask questions, contribute to discussions and get to know their professors.



ATTITUDE

Attitude is the state of mind about an object, fact or situation. Negative attitudes discourage, limit and prevent learning. Positive attitudes about learning, professors, certain subjects, or becoming a better student will positively impact our young men's learning and allow them to perform their best. Attitude is the key to education and critical to getting along with others and moving ahead in life.

"Never underestimate the power of your attitude. It is the advance man of our true selves. Its roots are inward, but its fruit is outward. It is our best friend, or our worst enemy. It is more honest and more consistent than our words. It has an outward look based on past experiences. It is the thing which draws people to us or repels them. It is never content until it is expressed. It is the librarian of our past; it's the speaker of our present, and it's the prophet of our future."

~John Maxwell

Being successful academically starts with the proper mindset. If a student has the right attitude about his education, he will attend all classes, submit all work on time, study, and seek out additional resources to ensure he performs his very best.

TIME MANAGEMENT

The staff attempts to guide student-athletes to effectively manage their time efficiently to become more effective. We may ask students struggling in class to map out a weekly schedule that includes classes, practice, strength & conditioning, work, sleep and social time. This provides them with a process to follow. The bottom line is that due to the demands of a student athlete, managing one's time efficiently is critical to their success in the classroom. As a program we try to instill behaviors that will reinforce this. For instance; during fall camp we may have early practice, strength & conditioning, and schedule team meetings. A quote that reinforces the benefits of rising early is from Benjamin Franklin "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise".

ATTENDANCE

There is a direct correlation between classroom attendance and academic success. Going to class is the first step in engaging in your education by interacting with the instructor and other students. Here are some reasons why it is important to attend every class:

- Miss a class and you'll miss *something*, even if you never know it. What you miss might affect your grade or your enthusiasm for the course.
- While some students may say that you don't have to go to every class to do well on a test, that is very often a myth. Do you want to take that risk?
- Your final grade often reflects how you think about course concepts, and you will think more often and more clearly when engaged in class discussions and hearing the comments of other students.
- Research shows there is a correlation between absences from class and lower grades.
- Your instructor will note your absences—you are making a poor impression.
- You might be tempted to skip a class because the instructor is "boring," but it's more likely that you found the class boring because you weren't very attentive or didn't appreciate how the instructor was teaching.
- You are paying a lot of money for your tuition. Get your money's worth!

Missing class will have a negative effect on learning, performance and ultimately, their grade. The program requires each student-athlete to attend each class. This year the program implemented a new application called "Team Sync." Team Sync hosts each players academic schedule, football responsibilities, and a GPS system for class check-ins..

*"80% of success is showing up."
~Woody Allen*

ACCOUNTABILITY

Accountability is empowering, encouraging, and "pushing" others to accomplish a task. It is paramount not only for us to have a successful football program, but for our young men to have a successful life. It's essential that we coach accountability because sooner or later, life will hold them accountable.

*"There are three things we can't have. We can't have complacency, we can't have selfishness, and we can't lose our accountability."
~ Nick Saban, Alabama Football Coach*

As a coaching staff, we discuss accountability and try to improve our methods of holding our young men to high standards. A challenge for our coaching staff is to balance compassion and empathy while holding the individual accountable as there may be challenges that might hinder their ability to meet certain expectations.

Our program sets high expectations, pushes athletes out of their comfort zone, and holds them accountable to meet the necessary standards to be successful on and off the field. This creates strong, hard working, mentally tough, resilient, and *accountable* student-athletes.

We believe that our Leadership Council can also contribute to improving overall accountability of their peers. They are currently in the process of working through an Accountability Training Manual to assist us in approving the program.

*"On good teams, coaches hold players accountable. On great teams, players hold players accountable."
~ Joe Dumars, NBA All-Star*

We also provide a two hour study table two evenings a week for all first year players and for all returning students that have less than a 3.0 GPA. Based on feedback that we receive from individual grade checks and the midterm grades, we may incorporate additional resources for certain players to ensure acceptable standards.

Go Bears!

Coach C



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT

CLEANDRE ROBINSON



Cleandre attended Flint, Carman-Ainsworth High School in Flint, Michigan where he was athlete for the Cavaliers. In high school, Cleandre earned *All-Saginaw Valley Conference* honors. His favorite football memory from his high school days is being ejected from a game because of a clean and legal *crackback*.

Before coming to Concordia University, Cleandre attended Iowa Central Community College where he earned his associates degree in Communication Studies. His career goal is to be a movie writer like Thomas Rawls, a running back for the Seattle Seahawks. Cleandre has a favorite quote that inspires him every day. It states, "Live like nobody else, so you can live like nobody else." When he is not playing football Cleandre can be found watching action or comedy movies, or cooking.

Fun Fact about Cleandre: His favorite movie is Titanic, because it was the very first movie he saw in theatre with his dad. His Favorite artists are Dynamic Duo Starlito and Don Trip.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

BRIAN DOYLE



Former Golden Bear Brian Doyle played for CSP from 2001-2005. In 2004, Doyle was team captain, First Team, All-conference performer, and Second Team All-Regional Player. In 2018, Brian was inducted the CSP's Athletic Hall of Fame.

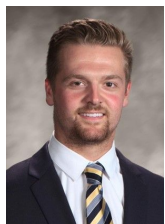
Brian's two favorite memories while playing for CSP were beating Winona State (ranked #4 at the time) at home in overtime, and beating Northern State (59-52) to win CSP's first conference championship as a division two program.

The most important lesson Brian learned at CSP is summed up in the following quote. "Keep crawling under the fence; if you fall get up fast and keep pushing forward."

Brian is an outside salesman for Columbia Pipe and realtor for Remax Results. Brian is married to his wife, Amanda, and they have three beautiful, healthy children: Finley, Beau, and Declan.



PLAYERS OF THE WEEK - CSP VS. AUGUSTANA



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME
MAXON HUTTON- JR.
QB #3



OFFENSIVE LINE PLAYER OF THE GAME
RICH KELLY - JR.
OLM #70



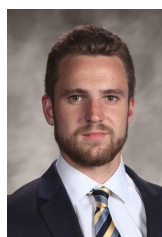
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME
MARCUS HASKINS - R-FR.
CB #1



DEFENSIVE LINE PLAYER OF THE GAME
JACKSON DOBBS-JR.
DE #98



HOG OF THE GAME
TERRELL TAYLOR – SR.
OLM #56



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE GAME
JONAS SCHENDERLEIN -SR.
K #8



DEFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK
CONNOR WEISS- R-FR.
DLM #71



OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK
ROBEL EZANA – JR.
TE #86



SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK
DAKOTA BIEFELD-FR. LB
LB #59

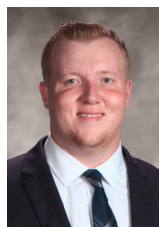


LIFTER OF THE WEEK
ABE SCHWARTZ- FR.
QB #13

GAME CAPTAINS - CSP VS. SMSU



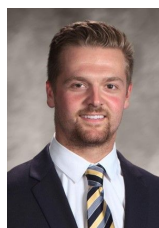
DION WALLISCH - JR.
CB # 20



RICH KELLY - JR.
OLM #70



JACKSON DOBBS- JR.
DE #98



MAXON HUTTON- JR.
QB #3

EXTRA POINTS

2018 GOLDEN BEAR FOOTBALL BANQUET & FUNDRAISING GALA

The evening will include dinner, program, awards and fundraising events.

When: Friday, November 30th, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Where: Midpointe Event Center

415 Pascal Street North, St. Paul, MN 55104

2018 GAME SCHEDULE

8-30	7 pm	at	Sioux Falls	L (27-24)	10-13	2 pm	at	U-Mary	W (17-7)
9-8	12pm	vs	Upper Iowa	W (34-7)	10-20	12pm	vs	MN Crookston	W (21-13)
9-15	1pm	at	Minnesota State	L (46-7)	10-27	12pm	vs	Augustana	L (52-24)
9-20	6pm	vs	Wayne State	W (29-7)	11-3	1pm	at	SMSU	
9-29	1pm	at	MN Duluth	L (32-3)	11-10	1pm	at	Winona	
10-6	12pm	vs	Northern State	L (35-28)					

TOUCHDOWN CLUB UPDATE

WEEK 1- 3 TD'S	WEEK 2- 4 TD'S	WEEK 3- 2 TD'S
WEEK 4- 3 TD'S	WEEK 5- 0 TD'S	WEEK 6- 4 TD'S
WEEK 7- 2 TD'S	WEEK 8- 3 TD'S	WEEK 9- 3 TD'S

