

INSIDE THE HUDDLE

WITH COACH CURRIER



Of the four years that we have had Staff & Faculty Appreciation Day, this past week was the best attended. A special thank you to everyone that came out to support our team!

Bemidji State, one of the premier teams in the NSIC north division, arrived at Sea Foam Stadium last weekend with a 5-2 record. However, the Golden Bears played with tremendous effort to secure the win in overtime 24-23 (Just two years ago, we lost to BSU 54-17). All players displayed a R.E.D (Relentless, Enthusiasm & Desire) mentality. The enthusiasm we played with and had on our sidelines was impressive. Key statistics include; our offense producing 25 first downs for the second consecutive week, time of possession was in our favor by ten minutes, and we were +2 in the turnover margin. After some inconsistent play midseason, I believe we are now trending upward.

There are many signs on and off the field that our program is improving. This week there were more leaders holding their teammates accountable for meeting our practice standards (assignment details, practice habits) on the field. Off the field, the team GPA has increased from 2.53 four years ago to our current 3.05 mark this past spring.

This week we travel to Sioux Falls to play Augustana University who currently holds a 6-2 record (4-0 at home). Augustana has had a great year and has been one of the teams that have taken their game to another level in recent weeks. We are excited about the opportunity to knock off the 7th ranked team in our region and snap their home win streak!

COMMUNICATION

Communication is critical to any relationship and we refer to it as the big “C”. It seems like communication should be easy, yet great communication is challenging to execute. We have invested in a technology called TeamSynced to help us improve our communication amongst the team.

TeamSynced is a team communication platform built specifically for athletic organizations. Our entire team (coaches, players, trainers, and strength coach) are on this platform allowing seamless communication. The application includes scheduling, messaging, file sharing and class check-ins.

Scheduling

We have our entire football schedule (practice, meetings, fundraising events, workouts, etc.) on a calendar that appears on each players mobile app. Furthermore, each player has their class schedule that appears on the same calendar, which allows them to get notifications throughout their day. This organization tool is very beneficial for student athletes busy schedule.

Messaging

The messaging system allows us to communicate with our entire team instantly! As I am writing this piece, a player has just sent out a message to the team indicating that the offense is wearing blue shorts for our upcoming practice. Messages we share include meeting times, motivation, important documents or a special devotion that could be applicable. We have the ability to message the entire team, a certain position group or even an individual within the organization.

File Sharing

Maintaining and sharing paper files is trending towards becoming obsolete. The app allows us to upload files that we can instantly share with the entire team, a position group, or individual. For fall camp, the entire fall camp schedule was uploaded which allowed us all to follow our plan more effectively. Additionally, each week the itineraries are uploaded so players know where they need to be. The file sharing feature also helps us hold the football players accountable. As we share documents for each player to study, such as scouting reports, administrators such as myself can see who has opened the document.

Class Check-ins

Finally, one of the best features of TeamSynced (in my opinion) is class check-ins. Attending each class can lead to academic success. We inform all players as they enter our program that class attendance is not an option. We require all newcomers to the program and all players that carry less than a 3.0 to check into each class. When the student-athlete arrives at his class, he has to check in on this app, and then check out when the class is finished. The app gives our staff the location of the student and we can ensure that players are attending all classes.

Our expectations and policies are put in place to help us build a championship culture. Our hopes are that these expectations assist in developing positive habits that will give our young men the best chance at success once they exit our program.

Go Bears!

Coach C



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

ETHAN AUNE #72 - OL



Ethan was raised in Saint Paul by his parents Karen and Dan. He grew up with his younger brother Joshua and younger sister Emily. His family is extremely supportive and rain or shine you will find them at Sea Foam Stadium for a CSP home game!

Ethan is excited to graduate with a degree in exercise science in May 2020. After graduation, he will join the Golden Bear football staff as a graduate assistant. He has seen many improvements to the culture of the team throughout his four years. He believes Concordia will continue to improve and he is excited to begin coaching and helping CSP

football continue to get better!

Ethan's favorite memory from CSP football is the time he spent in the barracks at Camp Ripley. Although the physical aspects of the week are difficult, he explained, that the time you get to spend with your teammates builds a special bond.

Concordia has taught him many things, the most notable is dealing with adversity. He has had a few setbacks throughout his football career and he found that it's important to continue to pursue goals with relentlessness even when facing adversity.

Fun fact about Ethan: His favorite food is cheese curds.

CSP FOOTBALL ALUMNI- WHERE IS HE NOW?

JASON WOLTER



Former Comet Jason Wolter played for CSP from 1991-1995. Wolter was a 4 year starter at both tackle and center and was team captain his senior year. Wolter was a UMAC all conference player twice in his career and was selected to play in the National Small College All Star Game after his senior season.

His most memorable moment while at CSP was driving the length of the field with less than a minute left to beat Maranatha College with a last second field goal. The main thing that Wolter learned while playing at CSP was the value of brotherhood and how important his teammates were to him during his playing days and continue to be today.

Jason is the pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Benson, MN and has been coaching football for over 25 years. Wolter's wife Tracy is a CSP alum, and they just celebrated their 22nd anniversary. His oldest son, Jake, is a senior, and is poised to move into the top 5 for all-time tackles at Benson High School. Jake is a team captain and 2-way starter (Center and MLB). Jason's daughter, Isabella, is a starting pitcher for the high school softball team (as a sophomore) and a very talented singer and musician. She intends to attend CSP in preparation for becoming a Lutheran educator. Wolter's youngest child, Zeb, is 7 and loves to play all sports. At this age, however, his focus is on hockey.

PLAYERS OF THE GAME - vs. BEMIDJI STATE



**OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER
OF THE WEEK**
JOHNNY SAAVEDRA -JR
QB #6



HOG OF THE GAME
RICH KELLY - SR
OL #70



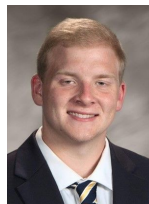
**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE
GAME**
SHAQ JOHNSON - SO
RB #2



**DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE
WEEK**
JACKSON DOBBS - SR
DE #26



**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE
GAME**
CHRIS GARRETT - JR
DE #52



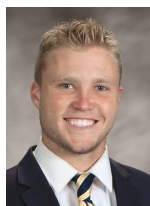
**DEFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF
THE WEEK**
ISAIAH GONYEA - RFR
LB #49



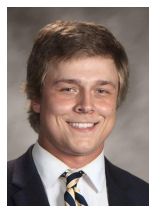
**SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
JACK MUNSTERTEIGER - FR
WR #87



LIFTER OF THE WEEK
EVAN PETERSON - FR
WR #81



REHAB PLAYER OF THE WEEK
JARED OLSGAARD- JR
QB / WR #7



**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF
THE WEEK**
FOSTER CONZET- RFR
LB #38



**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF
THE WEEK**
ABE SCHWARTZ- RFR
QB #29

Each week the CSP coaching staff selects players of the game. 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. Finally, the Rehab Player of the week is the player that works diligently with the training staff to rehab an injury to works towards getting healthy. Injuries are part of the game and it's important for our injured players to be committed to improving their health

GAME CAPTAINS- CSP VS. AUGUSTANA UNIVERSITY



CHRIS GARRETT - JR
DE #52



DEZ BASSETT- SO
DB #23



RICH KELLY- SR
OL #70



MAXON HUTTON- SR
QB #3

EXTRA POINTS

LIVE AUCTION/SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

We are still seeking donations of a variety of items (large or small) to be included in the auction(s). Large items will be auctioned off individually and smaller items may be packaged together. Some items we are hoping to receive; tickets to sporting events, gift cards (retail, restaurants, etc.), experiences, themed gift basket items, etc. The money raised will directly support our football program. If you have a connection to an auction item, we would really appreciate your help!

All donors will be recognized during the auction and at the year end banquet. In addition, donors will receive a special thank you gift. All donations are tax deductible!

If you would be willing to provide an auction item, please email Coach Currier at scurrier@csp.edu.

TAILGATES SCHEDULED FOR LAST TWO HOME GAMES

A special thank you to Jamey and Karen Quinn for providing the outstanding taco bar last weekend. We also appreciate all of you who bring other sides, and for all of you that attend the tailgate. Our football family will continue to grow!

November 9 (Southwest State) will be a hot dog and hamburger tailgate. A condiment bar (variety of condiments) will be included. A parent has volunteered to bring hot chocolate as well!

November 16 (Winona State) will be a chili cook-off. We will celebrate Senior Day with a variety of chili. If you are willing to bring your chilli, please contact Sandy at sandrasmercheck0@gmail.com to sign up.

2019 END OF THE YEAR BANQUET

On Friday, Dec. 6th we will be hosting the 2019 Football Banquet. It will take place at Midpointe Event Center, near campus: 415 Pascal St N, St Paul, MN 55104. More information will be coming soon!



2019 GAME SCHEDULE

9-5	6 pm	vs	Sioux Falls	W 41-17	10-19	3 pm	at	Minot State	L 38-31
9-14	6pm	at	Upper Iowa	W 28-23	10-26	12pm	vs	Bemidji State	W 24-23
9-21	12pm	vs	Minnesota State	L 29-3	11-2	1pm	at	Augustana	
9-28	6pm	at	Wayne State	W 28-21	11-9	12pm	vs	SMSU	
10-5	1pm	at	St. Cloud State	L 18-15	11-16	1pm	vs	Winona	
10-12	12pm	vs	MSU Moorhead	W 24-17					

TOUCHDOWN CLUB UPDATE

GAME 1 - 5 TD'S

GAME 2 - 4 TD'S

GAME 3 - 0 TD'S

GAME 4 - 3 TD'S

GAME 5 - 0 TD'S

GAME 6 - 3 TD'S

GAME 7 - 4 TD'S

GAME 8 - 3 TD'S



GOLDEN BEARS