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INSIDE THE HUDDLE

WITH COACH CURRIER



Even though Augustana scored with :52 seconds left in the game to take a late 21-20 lead and then win the game, I was extremely proud of our team's performance. This was one of the better games we have played and it's unfortunate that we didn't come away with the win.

We have lost 3 games within 7 points. We are one of the most improved teams in the league and I am excited about our future. As we evaluate our team, we simply need to execute a few more plays better. In close games, the room for error is small, and we need to keep improving on our execution.

As frustrating as it is losing a close game, we are extremely motivated to improve to be one of the best DII football programs in the country. Our defense has played well and the success has started on the line. This group more than any other unit on our team, has been the most consistent unit to date.

For us to take that next step we need to find a way to score one more touchdown per game, which will put ourselves in a better position to win. We also need to find a way to create a couple big plays in our special teams' units as I believe we are capable of creating one more big play with these units.

We are excited to finish out our season with two home games starting this week against Southwest Minnesota State University.. Our focus has been to be 1-0 this week!



TRUSTING THE PROCESS

Often times you hear coaches talk about trusting the process. This week I want to provide you with what that means in our culture. The foundation of trusting the process is knowing that our value as humans is constant, and never goes up or down based on our performance. Instead, our value comes from who we are, not from what we do or accomplish.

Chop Wood Carry Water

To help our team gain a better understanding about the process, each member of the program had to read the book "Chop Wood Carry Water" written by Joshua Medcalf. The book is a story of a young boy who always dreamed about becoming a samurai archer. At one point in his life, he buys a one-way ticket to Japan and begins his schooling. The sensei, every day, had him chop wood and carry water, something

everyone in the village did to survive. The book teaches us how to surrender the outcome and fall in love with the process. “Everyone wants to be great, until it’s time to do what greatness requires.”

Developing Character

We want our players to learn that everything that happens to them is an opportunity to learn and grow. Each player has talent, but skill is developed by hours of commitment to improving their craft. Talent without character is like an expensive car with no gas. It’s useless without the fuel that drives it.

It’s important that we pay close attention to the ways that our character can be impacted by what we watch, what we listen to, who we surround ourselves with, how we talk to ourselves, and what we visualize

Staying Focused on the journey

Three valuable tips to staying focused on the journey is refrain from comparing ourselves to others, learn that adverse times in our lives actually make us better, and putting positive words into our own mind enhances our process and leads to success.

Athletes often compare themselves to others in their position group or specific role on the team. Our society makes it difficult because social media and instant news is hyper-focused on comparison. It’s critical that we help our young men stay focused on their journey, not where others find themselves.



College football provides adversity. If you have read the senior spotlights over the season, you would have seen how they have learned to overcome adversity throughout their football experience. College football isn’t all unicorns and rainbows, it’s a grind. College football players deal with losses (some are heartbreakers), poor performances, injuries, stresses of balances the demands of life, financial challenges and much more. “Adversity is a better educator than the best teacher.” Hardships often prepare ordinary people for an extraordinary destiny.

Coach Stern, our Defensive Coordinator often says, “words matter!” Our words can either destroy or create. Words put pictures in our mind; pictures in our minds impact how we feel; how we feel impacts what we do; and what we habitually do impacts our destiny.

The person we become and our relationships are the two things that will matter most as we leave this world. Focusing on being All-Conference, winning the championship, beating certain records, etc. can distract us from what is more important, the person we become on the journey.

“Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.” James 1:2-4

Go Bears!

Coach C



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

JABRIL CLEWIS #19 - WR



Jabril came to CSP as a one-year transfer from Tulane University, where he earned his undergraduate degree. Jabril was a two year starter before he ran out of DI eligibility. He was raised in San Diego, California by his parents and grandparents, and he is the oldest of 6. When asked about the trait that stands out most about his family, Jabril talked about the work ethic that his family has modeled for him.

Jabril will graduate in 2020 with a M.S. in Informational Technology. Jabril said choosing Concordia St. Paul to further his education and finish out his collegiate football career has proven to be one of the most fruitful decisions he has made to date. He wants to parlay his degree into a job in the GIS field, specifically as a city planner.

Since coming to Concordia, he has learned many life attributes that will help him with life after football. Traits that stand out the most include time management, emotional intelligence, and dealing with adversity. He has learned to trust the process, and if something isn't going his way, he trusts God and God's plan.

Jabril believes that the Golden Bear football program is on it's way to becoming a powerhouse in the NSIC. He has seen firsthand how Coach Currier has laid down foundational principles that will help both the current and future men become both great players and great men.

Fun fact about Jabril: Jabril is afraid of heights.

CSP FOOTBALL ALUMNI- WHERE IS HE NOW?

JON AVERY



Former Comet and Golden Bear Jon Avery played for CSP from 1993-1997. Avery was a two year UMAC All Conference performer at Defensive Back. His best CSP memory was making the game saving interception against Northwestern in the Metrodome during his final game as a Comet.

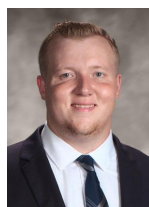
While playing at CSP Avery learned many great qualities as a player. The most important to him were understanding the importance of a team and being a great teammate. He also learned that hard work is the most essential part of being a successful person. He also learned to always use the talents that God gave him to the best of his ability.

Jon currently is the Vice President of Sales and Compliance for Frontline Asset Strategies in Roseville, MN. Jon is married to Kathy (1997 CSP Graduate) and has 4 children, Clara (17), Ella (15) Colin (11) and Will (6).

PLAYERS OF THE GAME - vs. AUGUSTANA



**OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER
OF THE WEEK**
ROBEL EZANA -SR
TE #86



HOG OF THE GAME
RICH KELLY - SR
OL #70



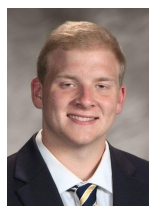
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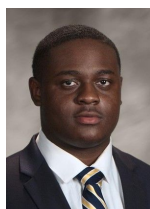
**DEFENSIVE LINEMAN OF THE
WEEK**
DYLAN WOOD - SR
DL #91



**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE
GAME**
JACKSON DOBBS - SR
DE #26



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



**SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
JOKON COUSETT - FR
LB #58



LIFTER OF THE WEEK
RICH KELLY - SR
OL #70



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



**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF
THE WEEK**
ANDREW EGNARSKI- RFR
LB #50

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. SOUTHWEST STATE



CHRIS GARRETT - JR
DE #52



JACKSON DOBBS- SR
DE #26



RICH KELLY- SR
OL #70



MAXON HUTTON- SR
QB #3

EXTRA POINTS

2019 END OF THE YEAR BANQUET

This afternoon parents should have received an email invitation to the Year-End Football Banquet. To register online and select and pay for your meal option go to : <http://ave.csp.edu/cspfb2019>

There is a block of rooms reserved under CSP Football at the Roseville DoubleTree at a rate of \$99.00 per night, To make reservations call them directly 651-636- 4567.

4TH ANNUAL GOLDEN TICKET AUCTION

This annual event is a major fundraiser for the Program. We have gathered many great items to be included in the online and silent auctions. Thank you to all of those who have either assisted in collecting donations. Or donated an item to our auction. On Friday, November 29th we will launch the online auction. Stay tuned for details on how to access the event.

TAILGATES SCHEDULED FOR LAST TWO HOME GAMES

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! The tailgate will be sponsored by former linebacker Dane Maxfield.

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 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	L 21-20
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

GAME 9 - 2 TD'S

