

INSIDE THE HUDDLE

WITH COACH CURRIER



Another streak was snapped Saturday night when the Golden Bears broke a 9 night, road game losing streak by beating Upper Iowa 28-23. Wins in the NSIC are hard to come by and every game has a different personality. There isn't any team we play in the NISC that allows us to win by simply showing up; we need to make plays each game that creates points for us and keeps them from scoring.

We come back home this weekend to host the #3 Minnesota State Mankato Mavericks, who will also bring a 2-0 record into the contest. Our team is excited about the opportunity to play a top 5 team in the country and motivated to find a way to win one of the biggest games in program history. Our focus has been on our own preparation and executing the details of our assignments and techniques. Let's be **R.E.D** this week!

This weekend we are excited to celebrate 50 years of Concordia football. We will have 26 men representing the 1969 inaugural Concordia football team at the game. These men will join our team meal Saturday morning in our dining facility. Following breakfast, this group will lead our pregame devotion. They are then invited to join the pregame festivities with other alumni and Golden Bear supporters at the tailgate tent. A special banquet for this team will be held on campus following the game. I want to especially thank Rhonda (Behm) Palmersheim, BA '88, CSP's Director of Alumni Relations, for organizing and coordinating this memorable event.



Juls Clausen, BA '71, who was on the team and instrumental in planning the 50 year reunion wrote about the team.

This coming Saturday we are celebrating 50 years of Concordia St. Paul football and CSP's inaugural football team, the 1969 team. In August of 1969, 4 coaches, 36 players and 2 managers gathered together on campus to prepare for the inaugural football season at Concordia College. Three words that capture the spirit of that first football team are FAITH, FAMILY & FOOTBALL.

FAITH

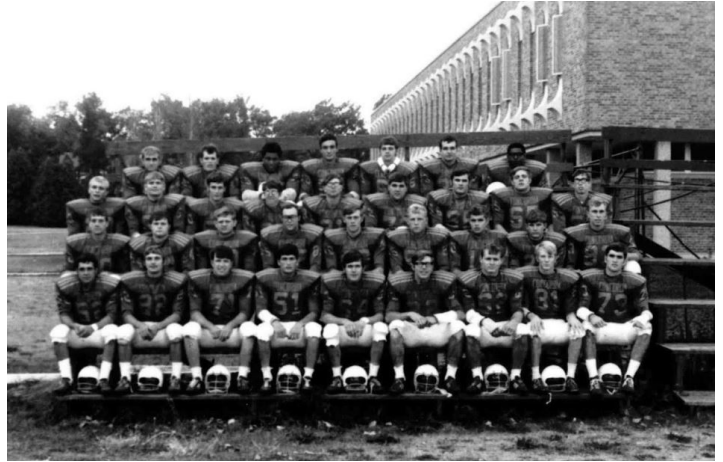
From the very beginning, Coaches John Chiapusio, Jack Surridge, John Hendrickson and Paul Grauer were great models of putting God first in football, life and in all they did. Prayer and the Word were constantly present in practices, meetings and games. God gave us the gifts to play and they played to give Him the glory in all that we accomplished.

FAMILY

Hours of hard work on the field and time together off the field brought us together as a family. Supporting and encouraging each other as teammates and brothers in Christ built enduring relationships and taught us what family is all about. Those relationships have lasted 50 years and are being renewed this weekend.

FOOTBALL

The love for football moved us and many other people to do what was necessary to get the program started. That love of the game was also reflected in our dedication and hard work in laying a foundation for the program in that first year that continues in the Golden Bears who are playing today.

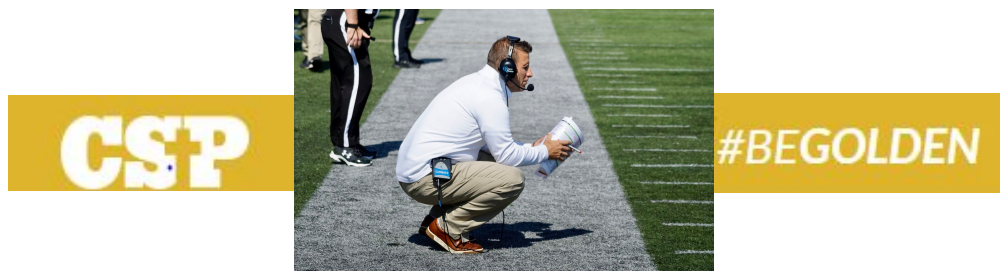


We thank God for all the blessings He has provided to the CSP Football program through the years. We are honored and praise God for the privilege we had to be a part of that first team. We also thank and praise Him for those playing today and all those who have played in the last 50 years. To God be the Glory!

As Head Coach, I cannot express enough how much appreciation that I have for our former players. The men that have come through the program have committed a tremendous amount of work and time in order to represent CSP each week. It's been gratifying to see former players come through the football office, address the current team, attend alumni functions, and support CSP football in various ways. I'm excited about the future of our program, as I know relationships with former players will only strengthen. In the near future we are going to have a huge following, due to a wonderful alumni base.

Go Bears!

Coach C



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

KELLY PIERCE #53 - DLM



Kelly Pierce was raised in Gilbert, Iowa by his mother (Brendy) with three younger brothers (Kaleb, Keegan, Kruz). His mom has made it to every one of his college football games. His mom and grandfather have been great supporters throughout his college career.

Kelly graduated spring of 2019 with a B.A. in Psychology. He is working towards earning an MBA. He chose Concordia because of the career and networking opportunities in the Twin Cities. He is currently in a sales role at Dispatch, who was recently named one of the Twin Cities Best Places to Work by the Minneapolis Saint Paul Business Journal.

Being a student athlete has taught Kelly time management skills, developed his emotional intelligence, and made him a better leader. Playing football at CSP has taught him to trust the process.

He commented on how the football program's culture has changed over the last few years. "When I first started college, the team had very little leadership, no common vision, and no team chemistry. Now, there is an abundance of high quality leaders and great chemistry". Kelly stated, He believes that the CSP football program is on the way up that will be a top contender in the NSIC for years to come. Going to Camp Ripley and experiencing running the obstacle courses under the command of drill sergeants and practicing while military helicopters fly overhead are some of Kelly's fondest memories.

Fun fact about Kelly: Kelly has 3 dogs - a Saint Bernard named Bella, a Boston Terrier named Buddy, and a mix named Chance. He also has a cat named Elliot.

CSP FOOTBALL ALUMNI-WHERE IS HE NOW?

Aaron Neumann



Former Comet Aaron Neumann played for CSP from 1995-1997. Neumann was an all-conference performer at linebacker. Former Comet Aaron Neumann played for CSP from 1995-1997. Neumann was an all-conference performer at linebacker.

Aaron's favorite moments about playing football for CSP was just being around his teammates. The relationships that he was able to initiate while being a student-athlete at CSP have developed into lifetime friendships. To this day, he still enjoys activities with his old CSP football teammates, specifically playing golf.



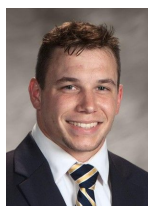
While playing at CSP Aaron learned many skills and values that he has carried into his family and job. Aaron currently works as an assistant equipment manager for the Minnesota Vikings. Aaron was raised in Winstead, MN. He is married to Tammy Neumann and they currently live in New Prague, MN with their 2 boys Frank (12) and Joe (9).

PLAYERS OF THE GAME - CSP vs. UPPER IOWA



OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

SHAQ JOHNSON - SO.
RB #2



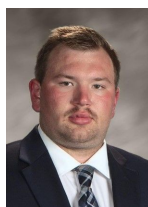
DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

JAKE PORTZ - SO.
LB #45



HOG OF THE GAME

ETHAN AUNE- SR
OL #72



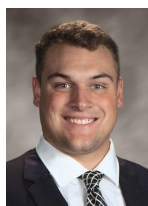
D-LINE PLAYER OF THE GAME

DYLAN WOOD- SR
DL #91



SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER OF THE GAME

DANNY LAUDET- SR
P / PK #89



LIFTER OF THE WEEK

MATT MONTGOMERY - RFR.
OL #67



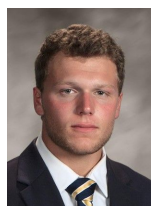
OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK

JORDAN BROWN- RFR
WR #84



DEFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DAVARUS CHEEKS - FR.
S #31



SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT PLAYER OF THE WEEK

CHANDLER DAHLQUIST-
RFR
LB # 40



REHAB PLAYER OF THE WEEK

DESMOND HUDNALL- SR
CB #16

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. MINNESOTA STATE- MANKATO



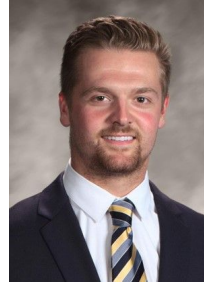
DYLAN WOOD
DLM #91



CHRIS GARRETT - JR.
DE #52



RICK KELLY- SR
OLM #70



MAXON HUTTON- SR.
QB #3

EXTRA POINTS

LIVE AUCTION/SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS NEEDED

This year, In lieu of a raffle, we are excited to announce we will be having a live auction prior to the year end banquet and a silent auction the night of. We are 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.

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!

Would you be interested in helping us make this a great success?

If you would be willing to help in obtaining auction items or can provide an auction item, please email footballcsp@gmail.com or Coach Currier at scurrier@csp.edu.

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 share them.

Although there is a photographer at home games. We are missing some great action photos from away games! **Do you go to away games? If so, we would love to use these photos in the weekly newsletter.**

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2019 GAME SCHEDULE

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

TOUCHDOWN CLUB UPDATE

GAME 1 5 TD'S

GAME 2 4 TD'S

