

INSIDE THE HUDDLE

WITH COACH CURRIER



The six hour trip back from Wayne, NE was much more tolerable as the Golden Bears left town with the victory, beating Wayne St. 28-21 and coming home with a 3-1 record. Our offense had a very solid night protecting the football, and winning the turnover battle 1-0. We averaged 5.5 yards per carry and scored every time we entered the red zone (+20 yard line). Maxon Hutton completed 67% of his passes, passed for 172 yards and ran for 120 yards. His outstanding performance led him to be selected as the NSIC Offensive Player of the Week.

Our special teams outshined Wayne as we averaged 15 more yards per punt than the opposition. Our kickoff coverage unit, which we refer to as the Regulators, is the #1 kickoff team in the NSIC. Danny Laudet, who once again led our special teams efforts against Wayne, was selected as the NISC Special Teams Player of the Week. One of our quests in our off-season was to become a more disciplined team. Our efforts have helped us improve in this important statistic; we are currently the NSIC leader in penalty yardage, averaging 34 yards per game in penalties.

This week we travel to St. Cloud State to take on the Huskies. Since their entrance into the NSIC ten years ago, CSP has been unable to beat the Huskies in five tries. We are looking to snap another streak Saturday afternoon at Husky Stadium. Even though this week's practices have been in the rain, we have had some outstanding practices, filled with intensity and enthusiasm.

When doing interviews I am often asked, "What do you like about this team?" My first response is that I like the culture of this football team. We have many outstanding student leaders on the team. In addition, we have a freshman class that is humble and eager to work hard. One of our 7 pillars of our programs' foundation, "Building on the Rock," is "Family and Leadership Development. I want to discuss this aspect of our program.

FAMILY AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

A buzz word in college athletics these days is "culture." I have done a lot of reading about culture and have listened to many coaches discuss the best ways to build a winning culture. To me, our culture is the accumulation of our team's values, attitudes, relationships, standards and behaviors. The team culture impacts the way a team functions and performs.

"Why do soldiers fight? Not for the hatred of those in front of them, but for the love for those behind them."
-G.K. Chesterton

VALUES

As the head football coach at Concordia University, St. Paul my most important role is creating a culture that allows our student-athletes to have a great football experience. My purpose is to influence the young men

and coaches I am in contact with to develop habits, faith and a mindset that will help them relentlessly pursue their purpose. My core values include: faith, love, enthusiasm, desire and wisdom. I am determined to incorporate these values into our program.

The first thing needed is to have coaches that echo the aforementioned values. We are very blessed to have a coaching staff that is committed to their own personal character development, and also committed to helping our young men grow. The commitment is demonstrated by meeting with players, building relationships with them and guiding them through the various challenges and situations they face. It's crucial that we demonstrate love to our guys - love doesn't mean we always tell them what they want to hear, but hold them accountable to the standards that will enhance their lives. I'm very thankful for the staff's loyalty, work ethic and the love we have for one another.

"You will go to the highest level only if you begin developing leaders instead of followers."

-John C. Maxwell

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The next aspect that we have focused on is developing leaders. The foundation of a leader begins with their ability to effectively lead themselves before they can attempt to lead others. After asking for and receiving feedback from our players, coaches, strength staff, and trainers, we have identified a great group of young men that form the leadership council. This group is empowered to help the coaching staff build and reinforce the culture. They work hand in hand with the coaching staff to ensure our team's behaviors coincide with the standards and goals.

2019 Leadership Council Include:

Dylan Woods	DL	SR.	Jake Portz	LB	SO.
Chris Garrett	DL	JR.	Dalton Smerchek	LB	JR.
Matt Montgomery	OL	RFR.	Desmond Bassett	DB	SO.
Gabe Steed	WR	SR.	Lorenzo Kendricks	DB	JR.
Rich Kelly	OL	SR.	Maxon Hutton	QB	SR.
Abe Schwartz	QB	RFR.	John Damrow	TE	SR.

Coach Mike Bond and I meet with this group each week for an hour (in and out of season). We discuss the state of the team, we talk about WIN (what's important now), we include leadership education, provide direction on various topics, and they select two players weekly that have impacted our team in a positive way. Each player on the council leads a team of 9 other players. Their role is to lead, encourage, and support each player on their team. They are also charged with communicating concepts discussed in our weekly meetings.

Current Leadership Council member, Abe Schwartz gives his thoughts on the leadership council, "the leadership council bridges the gap between the players and coaches of our team. We represent the players to ensure that everything is done for the benefit of us. I personally have grown in my communication skills from serving on the council and have learned how to positively interact with all of my teammates." The main focus of this group has been to build relationships and spend time with as many teammates as possible.



"Talent is important. But the single most important ingredient after you get the talent is internal leadership. It's not the coaches as much as one single person or people on the team who set higher standards than that team would normally set for itself. I really believe that that's been ultimately important to us."

- Mike Krzyzewski - Duke

INITIATIVES

Having the coaching staff along with 12 quality leaders going in the same direction, has enabled us to significantly improve our culture over the past three years. The following initiatives have been instrumental in our team growth:

- Discipleship Groups - We have 30 players participating in groups to grow their faith. Faith transcends into love!
- Talking Points - During Fall camp, each leadership group spends 45 minutes talking about important topics with one of our coaches (faith, family, what's your why? What do you want your legacy to be? etc.). We are close to rotating each group through each topic. These discussions has helped us all learn about each other more and brought us closer together.
- Camp Ripley - The time spent at Camp Ripley during the first week of Fall cCamp provides an impactful team bonding and relationship building experience .
- Big Brother / Little Brother Program - When freshmen arrive on campus, they are assigned to an upperclassman (big brother) who is responsible for helping their little brother make the transition to CSP & college football.
- Mentorship Program - Players are assigned an alumni mentor during fall camp. The alumni provide guidance for their academic and athletic career during their time at CSP. Participation from Alumni has increased from 19 in year one of the program to 35 mentors in year two.
- Team Activities - We have intentionally incorporated team building activities during the year to bring the team together, such as: events at Cragun's resort, paintball, attending church, bowling events, competitions after practice, and team meals, etc.
- Monday Night Football - every other Monday night, our team is getting together on campus to watch football and eat pizza
- Friday Chapel - Our team attends chapel together Friday mornings

Go Bears!

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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

BRANDON STEVENSON #82 - TE



Brandon was raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin by his mother and brother, Alton. His mom and grandparents were extremely supportive throughout his life. Watching his mom and brother work hard showed him that the only way to get what you want, is through hard work. Brandon feels indebted to his mom and grandparents for all the love and support they have provided.

Brandon treasures the lifelong friendships built with his teammates. Brandon is optimistic about the future of the CSP football program. Stevenson stated that, "my freshman year was Coach Currier's first year back. He has made many improvements over the past four years which has helped build a strong foundation".

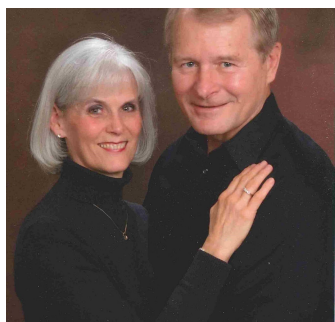
Brandon will graduate with a B.A. in Sports Management and a M.S. in Sports Management. He has been able to build a fantastic network while at CSP as we are in close proximity to a variety of professional sport teams. .

Attending college has taught him time management skills, enhanced his emotional intelligence, and given him the tools needed to deal with adversity. His faith in God has grown as Brandon knows that God has a great plan for him. He is learning to eliminate doubt and focus on moving forward, and putting his time and effort into what he can control.

Fun fact about Brandon: His relative, James Meredith, is one of the first African Americans to attend college at Ole Miss University.

CSP FOOTBALL ALUMNI- WHERE IS HE NOW?

RANDALL NEAL



Former Comet Randall Neal played on the first CSP football team in 1969 and graduated in 1972. During his time as a player Neal was a Middle Linebacker and Guard for the Comets. Not only was Neal an all conference player in 1972, he was also a Team Captain, Team MVP, CSP Athlete of the Year and a 2 time Honorable Mention All American in both 1970 and 1971.

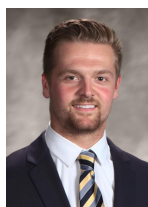
Neal stated that his best moment while playing at CSP was when the Comets played the Stillwater State Penitentiary team at the jail in 1969 because obviously they couldn't travel to CSP. When asked about what important aspects he learned while playing football at CSP Neal stated that it takes a lot of hard work to be successful in life, The importance of being part of a team and having enjoyment by doing something that you take pride in. Currently, Neal is the Senior Pastor at Zion Lutheran Church in Hopkins, MN.

Neal specifically attended CSP to begin his training as a Christian pastor. He has been in this role since 1976. Neal and his deceased wife (Elizabeth, CSP '73) have 3 daughters, Dr. Laura Frerich, CSP '98, Jessica Neal and Amanda Boysen, CSP '04. Neal also has been blessed with 7 Grandchildren as well.

PLAYERS OF THE GAME - CSP vs. WAYNE ST.



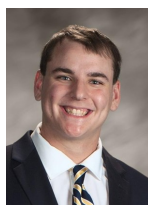
**OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER
OF THE WEEK**
ABE SCHWARTZ
QB #29



**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE
GAME**
MAXON HUTTON
QB #3



HOG OF THE GAME
RICH KELLY- SR
OL #70



D-LINE PLAYER OF THE GAME
SHAWN AARHUS- SO
DL #73



**SPECIAL TEAMS PLAYER
OF THE GAME**
DANNY LAUDET- SR
P / PK #89



LIFTER OF THE WEEK
ETHAN FALANIKO - JR
RB #34



**SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**
ISAIAH KORAN - FR
WR #30



**DEFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF
THE WEEK**
MCKINLEY EGLAND-YOUNG
CB #43



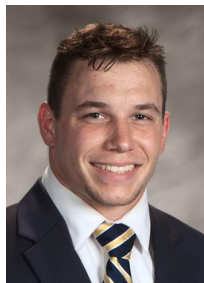
**REHAB PLAYER OF THE
WEEK**
ETHAN AUNE - SR
OLM #72

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. ST. CLOUD STATE



DYLAN WOOD - SR
NT #91



JAKE PORTZ
LB #45



RICK KELLY- SR
OLM #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.

NEW GEAR AVAILABLE NEXT WEEK

Are you looking for CSP Football Gear?

Recently White CSP Football Hoodies, shirts and various baseball caps have been available for purchase at the shack located inside of the gates.

In addition to the items above, we have added CSP Football gold hoodies, winter beanies, scarves and umbrellas. Stop by the shack to purchase yours next week. Supplies are limited.



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	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		11-16	1pm	vs	Winona
10-12	12pm	vs	MSU Moorhead					

TOUCHDOWN CLUB UPDATE

GAME 1 - 5 TD'S

GAME 2 - 4 TD'S

GAME 3 - 0 TD'S

GAME 4 - 3 TD'S

