

# INSIDE THE HUDDLE

## WITH COACH CURRIER



We were unable to secure a victory against St. Cloud in overtime last week even though we had many opportunities to do so. I thought our preparation was outstanding leading up to the game, considering we had two practices in inclement weather. Those practices were beneficial as game conditions were wet and cool.

Our offense was also unable to cross the goal line in the contest, even though we entered the red zone on 5 different occasions. Additionally, we had an errant snap on a punt in our first possession and an interception in the red zone which proved to be costly mistakes. We continue to focus on the details, which will help us improve.

This week we celebrate Homecoming against Moorhead State who is also 3-2. We are looking to snap a 5 year hiatus from a homecoming victory, which last came in 2014 against the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Homecoming originated in 1911, in a game between the Missouri Tigers and the Kansas Jayhawks (the Border War). The event was created to invite all alumni to “come home” for the game. We want to take this opportunity to welcome back all former students to celebrate 50 years of Concordia football.

With more former players being present this weekend than other home games, this is the perfect week to discuss the importance of our alumni to the program today.

### ALUMNI INVOLVEMENT

After our student-athletes eligibility is complete, it’s crucial that we keep them connected to CSP football. Successful college football programs have engaged alums, which is why we have identified this to be one of the keystones of “Building On the Rock.”

Our goal for Alumni Involvement is to cultivate relationships within the CSP football family, where all players are there for each other throughout the phases of their life. GB4L (Golden Bear for Life), once a Golden Bear, always a Golden Bear is something many of our former Golden Bears communicate. Alumni continue to make a tremendous impact within the program in ways such as; recruitment, mentoring, networking, and financial support.

Every homecoming we have a Hall of Fame Induction breakfast prior to the home game. This year, we have four former players being inducted into the Concordia University, St Paul Hall of Fame.

## 2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



**Joseph Mapson- WR**  
2005 Graduate



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**Mark Marxhausen-RB**  
1981 Graduate



**George Altendorfer-FB/DL**  
1979 Graduate

**Alumni Social Events-** During the year, we have established social events for our alumni. We are planning to have a big event at Sweeney's Saloon Saturday, April 18th, a day prior to our 2020 Spring game which will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2020.

**Recruitment-** Alumni are instrumental in assisting in the recruitment of prospective student-athletes. As a former student-athlete, they can educate individuals first hand on the benefits of CSP and advocate for the football program.

**Mentoring-** Our alumni bring credibility, guidance and wisdom to current players. We invite and encourage former players to not only participate in speaking events with our team, but participate in our mentorship program. The program pairs up Alumni and a current player with the same degree/ career goals. In our second year, we have moved to 36 mentors from the 16 mentors in the first year. We have had over 25 alums come and address the team after, before or during a practice.

*Dylan Wood, current Senior defensive linemen stated that "The Alumni Mentor Program has been an awesome experience. Having former players connect with and provide guidance to current student athletes has been extremely helpful to my development. My mentor is a former captain and has offered me advice to become a leader on my team and has guided me towards reaching my career goals".*

**Networking-** Many of our players have benefited through networking with Alumni through internships and career opportunities.

**Financial Support-** The financial support that many of our alumni gift; assists the program in covering budget shortfalls, improving facilities, enhancing technology, and raising additional scholarship dollars.

We want our young men to develop good habits of discipline, teamwork, individual responsibility, and goal achievement which will assist them in the future. It is rewarding to witness young men growing and applying the lessons learned on the field to their personal lives. Just as alumni maintain their relationships with one another, the memories and experiences coaches share with our student-athletes last a lifetime.

Please contact me directly if you are interested in assisting the program at [scurrier@csp.edu](mailto:scurrier@csp.edu).

**Go Bears!**

**Coach C**



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

## COLE KIRCHOFF #43 - RB



Cole grew up in Carver, Minnesota and attended Chanhassen High School. He has two brothers; Trent (18) and Josh (16) and one sister, Lexie (9). Cole's family is very important to him and there is nothing they wouldn't do for one another. His parents have supported him through a lot of tough times for which he is thankful.

Cole discussed his favorite memory at CSP which was Camp Ripley. He stated, "If I'm being honest, I was not looking forward to going there as I only knew a few people coming into the season. Camp Ripley really took me out of my comfort zone and allowed me the opportunity to get to know my teammates. The days are long and physically demanding but by the end of the week, you leave a team."

Cole will graduate this fall with a B.A. in Psychology. His career goal is to become a mental health counselor. He recognizes many people deal with mental health issues on a daily basis and he wants to help them any way that he can. Grad school is in his plans after graduation.

Since arriving at Concordia, Cole has grown in his faith, which he attributes to be the main reason for his personal growth. He trusts God and believes in what God has planned for him.

**Fun fact about Cole:** Cole played baseball at Concordia for 4 years with this being his first season playing football since his senior year of high school.

# CSP FOOTBALL ALUMNI- WHERE IS HE NOW?

## DAWSON BLANCK



Dawson is a 1999 graduate of Concordia University. He was a member of the last two Comet football teams in 1997-1998, prior to CSP becoming a DII program and being renamed the Golden Bears. He was an all-conference performer as a wide receiver and punt returner and was a team captain in 1998.

He has fond memories of his playing days at CSP. Outside of the game experiences, the most important thing that he took away from Concordia was a lifetime of "brothers". The friendships gained and bond with his teammates are extremely special. His days as an athlete at CSP taught him teamwork, discipline, perseverance, goal setting, success and failure which have allowed him to have success throughout his professional work career.

Dawson has been employed by the Minnesota Youth Athletic Services since 1999 and was recently promoted to Executive Director. Dawson was a high school football coach for 16 years, has officiated high school basketball since 2001 and has coached his children in their various sports. Dawson enjoys spending time with his wife Michelle, son Landon, daughter Kylin, step-son Connor and step-daughter Anna.



# PLAYERS OF THE GAME - vs. ST. CLOUD STATE



**OFFENSIVE SCOUT  
PLAYER  
OF THE WEEK**  
**ELLIOT WOLFE - FR**  
**OL #62**



**OFFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF  
THE WEEK**  
**CJ PICAZO - FR**  
**OL #79**



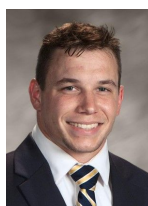
**OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF  
THE GAME**  
**SHAQ JOHNSON- SO**  
**RB #2**



**D-LINE PLAYER OF THE GAME**  
**DYLAN WOOD- SR**  
**DL #91**



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



**DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE  
WEEK**  
**JAKE PORTZ - SO**  
**LB #45**



**SPECIAL TEAMS SCOUT  
PLAYER OF THE WEEK**  
**GERALD SHEPHERD - FR**  
**LB #42**



**DEFENSIVE SCOUT PLAYER OF  
THE WEEK**  
**GERALD SHEPHERD - FR**  
**LB #42**



**REHAB PLAYER OF THE  
WEEK**  
**DEZ BASSETT - SO**  
**DB #23**

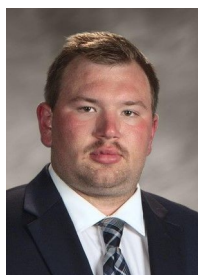


**LIFTER OF THE WEEK**  
**LORENZO KENDRICKS - JR**  
**CB #21**

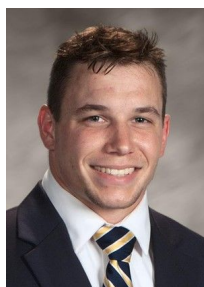
*Each week the CSP coaching staff selects players of the game. The Players of the Game are selected based on film review, demonstrated excellence in play, their game performance evaluation and their impact on that particular game. As important are the Scout Players of the Week. These young men prepare 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 - SO**  
**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](mailto:scurrier@csp.edu).

### NEW GEAR AVAILABLE THIS WEEK

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, gold hoodies, winter beanies, scarves and umbrellas will be available Saturday. Stop by the shack inside the gates to purchase yours this week.



# 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	L 18-15	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

GAME 5 - 0 TD'S

