



9/1/21 #2

CSP FOOTBALL WEEKLY



INSIDE THE HUDDLE

with Coach Currier,

It's hard to believe that game week has arrived! We have had 656 days since our last football game, and many changes have taken place since then. Our team's roster of 130 players is the largest in our program's history. We have a young team with 12 Seniors, 26 juniors, 13 sophomores, and 23 redshirt freshmen and 56 freshmen (the last 2 classes combined.)

Camp Riley was a huge success and proved to be one of our best Camp Riley experiences ever. We were fortunate to take advantage of many of the training base's resources. Wake up call was 5:45am each day! We spent three consecutive early mornings in the camp's paint ball course, obstacle course and leadership course.

As in year's past, I am optimistic about our team. I believe we have a lot to be excited and optimistic about. One of our best accomplishments is what our team did in the classroom, academically last spring. We achieved a team cumulative GPA above the 3.0 mark. We believe that "how we do in anything", is "how we do in everything".

If you are unable to attend the game in Winona, you can find all the live streams here:

<https://cspbears.com/coverage>. *By game time, the stream will be visible and ready for you to view. I also encourage you to follow our program on our social media.*

Go Bears!
Coach C

CSP Football is Back!!

***TAILGATING AT WINONA STATE THURSDAY,
SEPT. 2 - 5:00 PM***

Prior to each game, Golden Bear parents, alumni & supporters can gather together and enjoy fellowship in preparation of Golden Bear football.

This week at Winona, the Golden Bear tailgate will take place in the parking lot right next to the stadium, across the street from Kwik Trip (crossroads of Huff & Sarinia). Dean and Sandy Smerchek will lead the event, and will be set up by 5:00 PM. They will be flying the CSP football flag, and will supply a grill if you need to grill anything. Therefore, you will need to bring your own food and drink.

Welcome back Fans!

TAILGATING @ SEA FOAM STADIUM

Thanks to the generosity of our Alumni, we are able to host a free tailgate event at every home game. This year we have a larger tent, more tables & chairs and a larger grill in the south end zone parking lot, due to additional support from sponsors. Home games begin at noon, so gather the whole family and all your friends starting at 10:00 AM. We hope you can join us for all the food, fun and fellowship. Bring your appetite and your favorite tailgate games. A donation box will be available to support Golden Bear football. Thank you for your continued support!

The first home game tail gate will be sponsored by Nick Sundsmo, former All-Region, All-NSIC & 2004 Pre-season All-American. A special thank you to Nick for his continued support of CSP football!



Nick Sundsmo '04 - OG

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""There's two times of year for me: Football season AND waiting for football season.""

2021 GOLDEN BEAR SENIORS

THIS SENIOR CLASS WAS TASKED WITH THE UNENVIABLE RESPONSIBILITY OF KEEPING TEAMMATES FOCUSED, MOTIVATED AND COMMITTED TO GOLDEN BEAR FOOTBALL. ALL THIS THROUGH A PANDEMIC THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES, SHUT DOWN NATION. THEIR LEADERSHIP CONTRIBUTED TO OUR PROGRAM'S ABILITY TO CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR A NSIC CHAMPIONSHIP.

Kevin Ventura Cortes - #7 **TE 6'6" 240 LBS**

SAVANNA HIGH SCHOOL - ANAHEIM, CA

Kevin has had a very good offseason prior of his senior year. His commitment to his teammates has been outstanding on & off the field. He is completing his masters program. He will be much more involved in the '21 offense.



Robert Kraklow - #72 **OL 6'4" 320 LBS**

MUKWONAGO HIGH SCHOOL - MUKWONAGO, WI

We are blessed that Rob joined our program last summer even though he has 1 year of eligibility remaining. His physical play is impressive! He is a fantastic leader for our offensive line & team.



Jake Richardson - #3 **DL 6'3" 253 LBS**

KANSAS CITY, MI - SMB - MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Jake, brother of #2. Golden Bear RB Jaylin Richardson comes to CSP from the University of South Dakota for his senior season. He is an incredible athlete for his size and looks to replace some of the productivity of the recently graduated defensive linemen.



Foster Conzet - #38 **LB 6'1" 225 LBS**

WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL - PLYMOUTH, MN

Foster was recently accepted into CSP's Graduate School. Foster has grown tremendously as a person and football player during his time at CSP. An outstanding athlete in his own right, Foster looks to be a significant contributor, as a linebacker and special teams player. Foster is a selfless player who strives to put the team and unit needs ahead of his own.



Preston Piltoff - #1

DB 5'10" 187 LBS

ATLANTIC COMMUNITY HS - DELRAY BEACH, FL

Preston enters his senior season as a returning starting corner. He has garnered national recognition as one of the nation's best D2 corners, with some interest from the NFL. His dedication to his craft is impressive. Preston looks to build on his reputation as our top shut-down corner.



Dalton Smerchek - #26

LB 5'11" 210 LBS

LUXEMBURG-CASCO HIGH SCHOOL - CASCO, WI

Dalton is our starting weakside LB (Whip). He is a fierce competitor and is one of the program's best leaders. He was named to the CoSIDA Pre-season Academic All-American. He will be switching jersey numbers to #26 to honor Billy Brown, former LB for the Golden Bears.



Lorenzo Kendricks - #21

DB 5'11" 185 LBS

COLERAIN HIGH SCHOOL - CINCINNATI, OH

Lorenzo, "Zo," as we call him is one of the most passionate members of the program. He started as a true freshman in the '17 season, and has grown into a mature, servant leader. Zo's commitment to the program was demonstrated by his work ethic to come back from a very serious knee injury he suffered at the end of the '19 season.



Gabe Nkumu - #4

LB 5'11" 220 LBS

CITY HIGH SCHOOL - IOWA CITY, IA

Gabe is one of emotional leaders of the defense and team. He is a gifted athlete who plays the game with a very aggressive, attacking mindset. Gabe is a tremendous student and plans on attending med school after graduation.



Jovon Sewell - #16

CB 5'10" 174 LBS

PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL - PITTSBURG, CA

Jovon is another transfer corner who is entering his third year and second season with the program. In his first season Jovon saw significant action in a number of spots in the defensive secondary. Jovon is currently working through a thumb injury but will make a strong push for playing time as he heals.



Sirach Stewart - #54

LB 6'2" 235 LBS

SOUTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL - MIAMI, FL

Sirach is a quiet, non-assuming player who has genuine love for his teammates. Sirach has shown tremendous commitment to the program, battling back from various injuries and forgoing early graduation to continue to play the game he enjoys with the team he loves.



Darice Haywood - #15

WR 6'1" 175 LBS

BELLINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL - BELLINGHAM, WA

A native of southern CA, Darice transferred into the program in '18. He is one of the hardest working receivers on the team. He is a selfless player who always presents himself with class and distinction.

Darice intends to use his degree in Sociology and strong christian faith to help those in need.

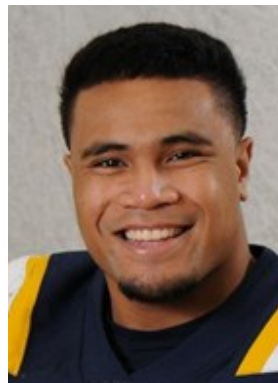


Ethan Falaniko - #34

RB 5'11" 227 LBS

BARTLETT HIGH SCHOOL -

Ethan transferred to CSP from University of South Dakota his junior year. He suffered an ACL tear in '19, battled back through the COVID '20 year. Unfortunately he is starting off his senior year back on the IR list as he broke his arm in fall camp. However, he is on the mend and we hope to have him back midseason.



WHERE IS HE NOW?

TREVOR TILLET

Former Comet Trevor Tillett played for CSP from 2014-2018. On the gridiron Tillett was a Quarterback and one of the top leaders in CSP football history. Trevor's favorite moment playing for CSP was in 2014 when the Golden Bears finished their season with a win over rival Winona State, However going up to Camp Ripley during coach Currier's first season and getting his butt kicked by a Marine Drill Instructor is definitely a close second.

The most important aspect that Trevor learned during his time as a Golden Bear is Battling through adversity: "Adversity can present itself in an endless amount of ways on the football field. It could be a blown-up play, an early deficit, a tough workout, a missed assignment, or maybe a significant injury. Regardless, football has made dealing with adversity, second nature.

Life has presented and will continue to present more significant challenges than football ever could, but the "fight" mentality that football has drilled into me kicks in every single time, and I'm extremely thankful for it". Trevor Currently lives in Maple Grove and is a Reginal Vice President for Allianz Life (Financial Services).



PLAYER SPOTLIGHT- Preston Piltoff



As it stands, Preston is one of the best cornerbacks in division II college football. He is ranked as the preseason fourth-best Division II cornerback per CFB Network. Preston has been in the program since 2019. Preston played and started in all 11 games of 2019, leading the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in pass breakups (11), while finishing second in passes defended (13), and also led the team in interceptions (2). The Florida native is greatly respected by his peers. Preston brings a lot of swagger and confidence to the cornerback room at CSP.

When asked why he chose to come to CSP, Preston talked about the family atmosphere within the team and how much the coaches care. He also stated how close they are with the other players on the team.

Preston's mom, Nene Amachree, was born in Nigeria and moved to California at a young age. His dad Michael Piltoff was born in Pennsylvania. Both Nene and Michael played a huge part in shaping who Preston is today.

Preston is an accomplished athlete for the Golden Bears, and he has a promising future ahead of him. He is studying criminal justice at Concordia and is impressively on the Dean's List. His future plans are to build non-profit foundations and youth programs for underprivileged children.

The goal that Preston has set for himself for the upcoming year is to win the NSIC and make the playoffs. This is something that Concordia has never accomplished. Preston has a personal goal of becoming an All American and being able to accomplish his dream of playing in the NFL.

Thank you Preston for your dedication to CSP Football, academics, and your peers! We are blessed to have you on the team.

EXTRA POINTS

Upcoming Events

SEPT. 3 ST. PAUL COMMUNITY COOKOUT - DUNNING PARK 6:30

SEPT. 11 HOME OPENER - TAILGATE 10:30 AM / CUB CLUB (YOUTH CLINIC -9:00 AM)

OCT. 8 FOOTBALL ALUMNI REUNION DRURY PLAZA HOTEL 6:30-10:00 PM

Season Schedule

9-2 7 pm at Winona State

10-16 12 pm at Minnesota Duluth

9-11 12 pm vs. Upper Iowa

10-23 12 pm vs. Northern State

9-18 TBA at Sioux Falls

10-30 TBA at UMary

9-25 12 pm vs. Southwest State

11-6 12 pm vs. MSU Moorhead

10-2 TBA at Mankato State

11-13 12 pm at Minot State

10-9 12 pm vs. Bemidji State
(Homecoming)



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