



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY NEBRASKA

2006 FOOTBALL

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name of SchoolConcordia University, Nebraska
City/ZipSeward, NE 68434
Founded1894
Enrollment.....1350
MascotBulldogs
ColorsNavy and White
StadiumBulldog Stadium
Capacity.....1,400
SurfaceSprinturf
Affiliation.....NAIA
Conference.....Great Plains Athletic (GPAC)
PresidentRev. Dr. Brian Friedrich
Athletic Director.....Grant Schmidt
Alma Mater, Yr.....Concordia (NE), 1983
Assistant Athletic Director.....Jeremy Geidel
Office Secretary.....Bev Schluckebier
Athletic Office Phone.....(402) 643-7328
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HISTORY

First Year of Football.....1925
Overall Team Record.....296-319-25 (.463)
Last Playoff Appearance.....2001
Opponent.....Univ. of Sioux Falls (NAIA Quarterfinals)
Result.....L 34-10

SPORTS INFORMATION

Sports Information Director.....Lucas Mohrman
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COACHING STAFF

Head Coach.....Courtney Meyer
Alma Mater, Yr.Concordia, 1965
Record at Concordia (Yrs.).....63-92-1 (16 years)
Football Office Phone.....(402) 643-7348
Best Time to Call.....Between 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Assistant Coaches	Responsibilities
Scott Hoffman.....	Offensive Coordinator
Steve Sirek.....	Defensive Coordinator
Vance Winter.....	Linebackers
Harold Pester.....	Offensive Line
Karl Miller.....	Defensive Line
Al "Blank" Blankenship.....	Running Backs
Walker Graher.....	Graduate Assistant/Wide Receivers
John Vodicka.....	Scout Team/Linebackers
John Stineman.....	Quarterbacks
Matthew Haack.....	Student Assistant

Head Athletic Trainer.....Randy Baack
Asst. Athletic Trainer.....Aaron Madsen
Equipment Manager.....Stan Schlueter

TEAM INFORMATION

2005 Record.....4-6
Conference Record/Finish.....4-6/6th
Final Ranking.....NA
Players Returning.....52
 Offense.....20
 Defense.....30
 Specialty.....2
Players Lost.....37
 Offense.....22
 Defense.....13
 Specialty.....2
Starters Returning.....16
 Offense.....6
 Defense.....8
 Specialty.....2



CONCORDIA FOOTBALL PLAYER INFORMATION

STARTERS LOST

Reggie Corbin, QB, 6-5, 225, Sr.; Philip Elder, FB, 5-11, 220, Sr.; Tim Gast, WR, 6-0, 170, Sr.; Duffy Davis, TE, 6-5, 215, Sr.; Matthew Haack, OL, 6-1, 300, Sr.; Michael Voss, OL, 6-3, 305, Sr.; William Castro, CB, 5-10, 160, Fr.; Jacob Bauer, S, 5-9, 160, Sr.; Aaron Wisroth, LB, 6-2, 215, Sr.; Seth Clemmer, DL, 6-4, 250, Sr.

RETURNING OFFENSIVE STARTERS

JaMaine Lewis, RB, 5-11, 205, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.
Jeff Neujahr, WR, 5-9, 170, Sr., Gothenburg, Neb.
Kyle Fittje, OL, 6-5, 295, Sr., Columbus, Neb.
Andrew Sunderman, OL, 6-0, 295, So., Norfolk, Neb.
Tom Schutte, OL, 6-1, 295, So., Grand Island, Neb.

RETURNING SPECIALTY STARTERS

Michael Saalfeld, K, 6-3, 160, So., David City, Neb.
Matt Egger, P, 6-3, 190, Sr., Galva, Iowa

OTHER KEY RETURNING PLAYERS

Mat Crider, WR, 6-1, 200, So., St. Charles, Mo.
Chad Harmon, LB, 5-10, 220, Jr., Wichita, Kan.
Eric Kym, SS, 5-11, 185, So., Tomball, Texas
Nathan Hanneman, LB, 5-9, 210, Jr., Lincoln, Neb.
Jordan Hinrichs, DL/OL, 6-2, 245, So., Geneva, Neb.
Brock Simonsen, DE, 6-2, 235, So., Lyons, Neb.
Trent Laune, LB, 5-11, 210, So., Ashland, Neb.

RETURNING DEFENSIVE STARTERS

Jim Landers, CB, 5-10, 155, Jr., Tulsa, Okla.
Dominique Weatherspoon, S, 6-0, 205, Sr., Pineland, Texas
Brett Mertens, C, 6-0, 190, Jr., S, Merino, Colo.
Nathan Blankenship, LB, 6-0, 220, Sr., Waverly, Neb.
Jack Galusha, LB, 6-1, 210, Sr., Fairmont, Neb.
Matt Baller, DL, 6-2, 230, Jr., Milligan, Neb.
Ben Deutschman, DL, 6-3, 240, Sr., North Platte, Neb.
Patrick Daberkow, SS, 6-0, 190, Sr. Madison, Neb.

TOP NEWCOMERS

Micah Sirek, S, Lincoln Lutheran, Lincoln, Neb.
Kyle Kapels, DE, Columbus Lakeview, Creston, Neb.
John McDaniel, OL, Los Alamitos, Cypress, Calif.
Kole Ficken, QB/S, Bruning-Davenport, Davenport, Neb.
Bett Baller, TE, Exeter-Milligan, Milligan, Neb.
John McDonald, DE, Millard North, Omaha, Neb.
Derrick Woods, RB, Tolleson Union, Glendale, Ariz.
Billy Graft, QB, Lafayette, Ballwin, Mo.
Daniel Crowe, LB, Westview, Glendale, Ariz.

RETURNING STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING

JaMaine Lewis: 97 Att., 547 Yards, 5.6 Yard Per Carry, 5 TD
Jeff Neujahr: 62 Att., 156 Yards, 2.5 Yards Per Carry, 1 TD

PASSING

Brett Mertens: 2 Completions, 2 Attempts, 0 Interceptions, 39 Yards, 263.80 Efficiency Rating

RECEIVING

Mat Crider: 7 Receptions, 69 Yards, 9.9 Avg., 15 Long

TACKLES

Dominique Weatherspoon: 41 Solo, 40 Assists, 61.0 Total Tackles, 8 Tackles For Loss, 3.5 Sacks, 7 Pass Break Ups
Brett Mertens: 42 Solo, 35 Assists, 59.5 Total Tackles, 3 Interceptions, 9 Pass Break Ups, 1 Forced Fumble, 1 Fumble Recovery
Jack Galusha: 40 Solo, 38 Assists, 59.0 Total Tackles, 11.5 Tackles For Loss, 6.0 Sacks, 4 Forced Fumbles, 1 Blocked Kick, 1 INT
Jim Landers: 23 Solo, 27 Assists, 36.5 Total Tackles, 1 Interception, 8 Pass Break Ups, 2 Forced Fumbles
Ben Deutschman: 18 Solo, 34 Assists, 35.0 Total Tackles, 5.5 Tackles For Loss, 2.5 Sacks, 3 Fumble Recoveries
Nathan Blankenship: 16 Solo, 29 Assists, 30.5 Total Tackles, 1 Tackle For Loss, 1 Interception, 2 Pass Break Ups, 1 Fumble Recovery



CONCORDIA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Sept. 2	University of Sioux Falls	Sioux Falls, S.D.	11:00 a.m.
Sept. 9	Idle		
Sept. 16	Hastings College	Seward, Neb.	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 23	Briar Cliff University	Sioux City, Iowa	1:00 p.m.
Sept. 30	Dana College (Homecoming)	Seward, Neb.	1:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Midland Lutheran College	Fremont, Neb.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 14	Northwestern College	Seward, Neb.	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 21	Morningside College	Sioux City, Iowa	1:00 p.m.
Oct. 28	Doane College	Seward, Neb.	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 4	Nebraska Wesleyan University	Lincoln, Neb.	2:00 p.m.
Nov. 11	Dakota Wesleyan University	Seward, Neb.	1:00 p.m.

All Contests are Great Plains Athletic Conference Games

All Home Games in BOLD.

Home games played at Bulldog Stadium on the Concordia University campus.



CONCORDIA FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

COURTNEY MEYER HEAD COACH

Courtney Meyer enters his 17th year as head coach of the Bulldogs. Coach Meyer is the longest tenured of any football coach in the GPAC. In 2001 he guided the Bulldogs to a 10-2 season and a share of the GPAC championship, which earned him the title of GPAC Coach of the Year. Before returning to his alma mater in 1990, he was at Concordia University, Wisconsin for six years. Meyer will work with the special teams in addition to directing the coaching staff. Meyer launched his coaching career at Mayer (Minn.) Lutheran High School, compiling a 35-10-1 record in football. From 1977 to 1984 he served as defensive coordinator for the Bulldogs. Meyer is a past president of the NAIA Football Coaches Association. He holds a master's degree in physical education from Southeast Missouri State University. Meyer and his wife, Connie, have three children.

SCOTT HOFFMAN OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Scott Hoffman is in his second year as the Bulldogs offensive coordinator. A native of Scottsbluff, Neb., Hoffman has degrees from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and University of Nebraska at Kearney. Hoffman's resume includes 24 years of coaching experience at various levels, including nine years as a head coach at the collegiate level. He spent five years at the helm of the Wayne State College program where he also served as quarterbacks and running backs coach. Prior to Wayne State, Hoffman was head coach at Dakota State University where he was named the SDIC Coach of the Year in 1998. He also spent 12 years at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. During that time he served as the wide receivers coach and as offensive coordinator as well as the strength and conditioning coordinator.

STEVE SIREK DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Steve Sirek is in his second season as the defensive coordinator. Sirek is no stranger to Bulldog football, having played and coached at Concordia. He is one of two people involved in all three of the Bulldogs' conference championships, playing in one and coaching in the others. From 1978-1981 he served as the Bulldogs offensive coordinator. He switched sides of the ball in 1982 and worked with the defense until 1987. During that time Concordia had a .707 winning percentage. Sirek joined the staff again in 1999, serving as the defensive backs and special teams coach until 2002. A graduate of Concordia (1972), he also has master's degrees from both Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Ind., and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He and his wife, Kathryn, have three children.

VANCE WINTER LINEBACKERS

Coach Vance Winter, in his second year with the Bulldogs works with the linebackers and contributes heavily to the recruiting process. Previously he served as defensive coordinator at Peru State and coached linebackers at Wayne State for two years. He was an all-conference player for Dakota State.

AL BLANKENSHIP RUNNING BACKS

"Blank", as he is called, is in his third year with Concordia. A long-time guidance counselor and coach at Waverly High School he has been a part of numerous conference and district championships. He also coached track at Waverly. Blankenship has his master's degree in counseling from Kearney State.

HAROLD PESTER OFFENSIVE LINE

Coach Pester enters his sixth year on the staff and second with the offensive line. A Concordia alum Pester has experience coaching football and wrestling at Raymond Central High School and Concordia High School in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

KARL MILLER DEFENSIVE LINE

Miller enters his third year as the Bulldogs defensive line coach. A Concordia alum who works in Lincoln, he played on the Bulldogs GPAC championship squad in 2001. His wife, Rachel, is head volleyball coach at Concordia.

WALKER GRAHER GRADUATE ASSISTANT

Walker Graher is in his second year, as graduate assistant. He will work primarily with the wide receivers. He hails from Ohio where he played football at Defiance College. He previously coached at Manchester College.

JOHN VODICKA LINEBACKERS/SCOUT TEAM

In his second year with the Bulldogs, John Vodicka will assist with the linebackers and secondary in addition to coordinating the scout team. A graduate of Midland Lutheran College, he has a degree in sports management.

JOHN STINEMAN QUARTERBACKS

Stineman is in his first year as an assistant for the Bulldogs. He will handle the quarterbacks. His coaching resume includes time as head coach at Centennial High School as well a stint as an assistant with Doane.



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"RISE UP"

2006 CONCORDIA BULLDOG FOOTBALL

The Concordia University, Nebraska football team enters the 2006 season with the team theme of "Rise Up." After a 4-6 campaign in 2005 that included a stretch where the Bulldogs dropped three games by a combined eight points, the squad is focused on "rising up" in close contests. With a solid group of core players returning and one of the biggest recruiting classes in recent history, the Bulldogs look to have the pieces in place for a winning season.

Head coach **Courtney Meyer**, who enters his 17th year, anchors a staff that returns all the coaches from last season. Both coordinators, **Scott Hoffman** on offense and **Steve Sirek** on defense, are back, providing consistency after a year of change in 2005.

"The guys have really embraced our theme of Rise Up," said Meyer. "After coming up short in some of the close games last season we are determined to come out on the other side of those types of games this year."

The Bulldogs return 16 starters off of last year's squad, including eight on the defensive side of the ball. "Defensively we should be strong unit," said Meyer. "We have depth along our front line and difference-makers at some key positions."

Defensively the Bulldogs return two All-GPAC selections, linebacker **Jack Galusha** and defensive back **Dominique Weatherspoon**. Both seniors, Weatherspoon was the second leading tackler last year for the Bulldogs while Galusha had six sacks and four forced fumbles.

On the offensive side of the ball, Concordia will rely on the abilities of junior running back **JaMaine Lewis** who established himself as a constant in the backfield at the end of last season, averaging over 100 yards rushing a game during the final three contests.

Concordia opens the season on the road, traveling to perennial GPAC power the University of Sioux Falls on Sept. 2 for an 11:00 a.m. contest. The first home action of the season for the Bulldogs comes on Sept. 16 as they host Hastings in a night game at 7:00 p.m. "We have some tough early season challenges, but in the GPAC each game is a challenge," said Meyer.

Offense

Under first year offensive coordinator Scott Hoffman the 2005 Bulldogs averaged 21.6 points and 296.9 yards per game in a balanced attack, with 149.7 coming through the air and 147.2 via the ground.

The Bulldogs will continue to utilize multiple sets on offense including spread, I-formation and one-back looks.

Quarterback

With the departure of Reggie Corbin, last year's trigger man, the Bulldogs will rely on junior **Brett Mertens**, who



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made the switch from defensive back to quarterback and emerged as the go-to guy after spring ball.

Mertens is no stranger to the position as he was the signal caller during his high school days before switching to defense in college.

A host of others look to figure into the QB mix as well, including sophomore **Zac Smetter** as well as four incoming freshmen.

"Quarterback is one area that is a question mark," said Meyer. "The guys have really responded to Brett, but at the same time we have some quality young QB's coming in who all have ability. Who emerges as the season progress will be exciting to see."

Running Back

The Bulldogs backfield will be anchored by junior **JaMaine Lewis** who came on strong at the end of last season, averaging over 100 yards per game and scored four touchdowns in the final three games last year.

"I think JaMaine will be one of the top running backs in the conference this year," said Meyer. "He has the speed, the strength, the power and is just a guy people will have to contend with. Without a doubt we have to get him the ball."

In addition to Lewis, the Bulldogs have speedster **William Pendarvis**, who is also a sprinter on the track team, and freshman **Derrick Woods** who has the potential to see some playing time.

With no true fullback returning it looks as if early on the Bulldogs may utilize more one-back formations until freshman **Tim Steinkraus** or returner **Paul Foelber** become more established at the position.

"We have some options for FB," said Meyer. "But some are unproven at the college level."

Wide Receiver/Tight End

Despite losing their top two wideouts, the receiving corps is still an area of strength for the Bulldogs.

At the wide receiver spot sophomore **Matt Crider** returns after seeing some time at the end of last season. Crider averaged 9.9 yards per catch. **Dayton Daberkow**, a 6-5 sophomore, showed signs during spring ball that he will be a target for Bulldog QBs.

Making the move to receiver is senior **Jeff Neujahr**, who last year spent the majority of his time at running back.

"Neujahr is a guy that we will utilize in the slot and as a flanker," Meyer said. "We need to get him a lot of touches and will move him around to do so. He is a guy that will be a key to our success."

At tight end the Bulldogs lost Duffy Davis, the leading receiver off last year's team to graduation. Looking to fill his shoes is junior **Marcus Nathan**, who backed up Davis last season. Although not a prototypical tight end, Nathan has the athletic ability to be a factor.



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A mix of incoming freshmen have the potential to see time and blossom into contributing players at tight end.

"We really feel good about some of the guys coming in," Meyer said. "They all should be solid players."

Offensive Line

The key to a successful offensive line often lies in the cohesiveness of the players involved and the repetitions they have had together. That should be a strength for the Bulldogs as they return three starters from last year's O-line.

The lone senior up front is tackle **Kyle Fittje**. Sophomores **Andrew Sunderman** and **Thomas Schutte** are also back and familiar with the schemes. Another player that will help bolster the strength of the line will be **John McDaniel**, a transfer from the Air Force Academy. John's father player for Concordia during the 80's. With the addition of McDaniel, a center, Sunderman will make the move to tackle.

"McDaniel is a seasoned player who has played at a high level of football. He should be able to come in and compete," said Meyer. "We have some freshmen coming in who will also challenge for playing time and could help the depth issue."

Others returnees who should figure into the mix along the offense line include **Jason Kuiper**, **Dustin Ehlers**, **James Carlson** and **Jordan Hinrichs** who is making the move from defense to offense.

"We have several good offensive linemen," Meyer said. "If we can work together as a unit we should have a good front line."

Defense

While the offense was in the middle of the pack statistically in the GPAC during 2005 in many categories, the defense was more towards the top. The Bulldogs ranked fourth in total defense, allowing just 291 yards per game and fourth in rushing defense, allowing 130.1 yards.

"Overall our team strength is on defense," said Meyer. "We are a year older and we are deep on the D-line, and that is a key. The defensive line and linebackers are positions of strength for us."

Defensive Line

The line will be led by **Matt Baller**, a junior, and senior **Ben Duetschman**. Baller, has had a good off-season, recovering fully from knee surgery while adding 15 pounds to his frame. Duetschman notched 2.5 sacks and 5.5 tackles for lost yardage last year. Although not a starter, sophomore **Brock Simonsen** saw time last year and should be a key contributor.

"Duetschman, Baller and Simonsen should get the majority of the snaps," Meyer said. "But we have a number of other guys who can also contribute."

One player in particular that could make an impact is transfer **John McDonald**, an Omaha, Neb., native who played during his freshman year at Northwestern. He should see time at either defensive end or nose guard.



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In addition returnees **Kyle Rust** and **Ruy Larios** along with incoming freshman **Kyle Kapels** should all see playing time.

"I feel very good about the D-line. We have experience coupled with depth and that should be to our advantage," added Meyer.

Linebackers

When you go to the 3-5 defensive alignment it is commonly because you have a lot of linebackers that you want to get on the field. The Bulldogs return all but one of their starters out of the inside linebacker group.

"We have a good group of linebackers returning," added Meyer. "They are a year older, stronger and more familiar with the attack."

Leading the way for the group will be all-GPAC selection **Jack Galusha**. Galusha was fourth on the team in tackles last year with 59.5 including 11.5 behind the line of scrimmage and six quarterback sacks.

"Galusha is the type of player who leads by example," Meyer said. "He is hard to block, makes plays and is one of those players who makes things happen."

The other starter returning is **Nathan Blankenship**. Blankenship proved he could do a little bit of everything, snagging an interception, recovering a fumble and breaking up passes in addition to finishing with 30.5 tackles. **Chad Harmon**, who found his niche blocking kicks with two last year also figures to work into the mix.

Others with experience who will undoubtedly see time include **Nathan Hanneman**, who will likely slide into a starting role at Will linebacker, along with Trent Laune, a senior who saw significant time last year.

"We definitely have depth and good ability although some of it is unproven. Overall the linebacker area looks solid," added Meyer.

"Dogs"/Rovers

At times the Bulldogs defensive scheme blurs the line between linebackers and safety/cover players. One example is **Dominque Weatherspoon**. He was second on the team in tackles last season, had 3.5 sacks and broke up seven passes from his "dog"/rover position. This season Weatherspoon will play a variety of positions from safety to corner to dog/rover.

"He has the ability to play anywhere from safety to dog to corner," said Meyer. "No matter where we line Dominique up, he is a key for our defense. Right now, it's just hard to tell exactly where we will need him most."

There are big shoes to fill as Jacob Bauer, the team leader in tackles last season, graduated.

"A player like Jacob is tough to replace," Meyer said. "He was a great young man both on and off the field."

Also back after seeing some starting time last year is **Patrick Daberkow**. Daberkow, a senior, and Weatherspoon



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will provide leadership to sophomore **Eric Kym** who will see extensive action.

Secondary

The biggest question mark on defense is who will play the other corner. **Jim Landers** will handle one of the corner positions and should do a good job of it. Last season he was fifth on the team in tackles and broke up eight passes and had one interception.

"Landers should have another great year," added Meyer. "With Mertens playing on the offensive side of things we need to find someone to step up in the secondary."

Senior **Matt Meyers** and freshman **Alex Bustos** could fill the role. Bustos, the New Mexico state champion in the 100-meter and runner-up in the 200-meter certainly has the speed for the position. There are also other freshmen that could challenge and might crack the two deep including **Micah Sirek**, **Jon Simms** and **Ian Michels**.

Special Teams

Concordia returns punter **Matt Egger** who was third in punting last year in the GPAC. Egger averaged almost 40 yards per punt and pinned opponents inside the 20 nine times.

"Our kicking game is in excellent hands with Egger and Saalfeld," said Meyer. "The two should push each other in that department."

Handling all of the kicking duties will be sophomore **Michael Saalfeld**. Saalfeld, who also runs track, converted 22-of-26 PAT attempts and nailed six field goals in 2005. In addition he handled all kick offs.

"Michael has a great leg and is a tremendous athlete. We are confident in his abilities," added Meyer.

The return game looks to be strength for the Bulldogs as there are numerous players who are available. Neujahr will again handle the duties of returning punts. Last season the Bulldogs led the GPAC, averaging 21.2 yards per kickoff return. JaMaine Lewis along with Pendarvis and possibly Landers will be back for kickoff returns.

"We really have the right people in our return game," said Meyer. "If needed, there are a number of guys who can step in to handle the duties."

Schedule

For the fourth consecutive year every game on the Bulldogs schedule is a conference game. Sioux Falls looks to be the favorite again in the GPAC. In addition, for the second straight year the schedule alternates weekly between home and away contests.

"It is nice knowing that every other week you are going to be back at home," said Meyer.

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CONCORDIA FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	Previous School
1	Derrick Woods	RB	6-1	200	FR	Phoenix, Ariz.	Tolleson Union
2	Kole Ficken	QB	6-1	205	FR	Davenport, Neb.	Bruning-Davenport
3	Darin Macaluso	CB	6-0	175	FR	Santa Fe, Texas	Santa Fe
4	Trevor Osten	FS	6-1	180	SR	Columbus, Neb.	Columbus Lakeview
5	Billy Graft	QB	6-1	180	FR	Baldwin, Mo.	Lafayette
6	Chad Wilshusen	WR	6-0	180	FR	Fremont, Neb.	Fremont
7	Terrance Burton	QB	5-11	175	FR	Missouri City, Texas	Hightower
8	Matt Crider	WR	6-1	200	SO	St. Charles, Mo.	Lutheran High
9	Dominique Weatherspoon	SS	6-0	205	SR	Pineland, Texas	West Sabine
10	Jeff Neujahr	RB	5-9	170	JR	Gothenburg, Neb.	Gothenburg
11	Alex Bustos	CB	6-1	175	FR	Carlsbad, N.M.	Carlsbad
12	Matt Egger	QB/P	6-3	190	SR	Galva, Iowa	Galva-Holstein
13	Jim Landers	CB	5-10	165	SO	Tulsa, Okla.	Lincoln High
14	Zack Smetter	QB	6-0	200	SO	Seward, Neb.	Seward
15	Kyle Schmidt	QB	6-2	200	FR	Riverton, Neb.	Franklin
16	Brett Mertens	QB/FS	6-1	190	JR	Merino, Colo.	Merino High
17	Micah Sirek	FS	6-2	175	FR	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Lutheran
18	Nathan Blankenship	LB	6-0	220	SR	Waverly, Neb.	Waverly
19	Patrick Daberkow	SS	6-0	195	SR	Madison, Neb.	Madison
20	Stanley Dunbar	RB	5-8	180	FR	Magnolia, Texas	Magnolia
21	Derek McKenzie	CB	5-10	195	SO	York, Neb.	York High
22	JaMaine Lewis	RB	6-0	215	JR	St. Louis, Mo.	Lutheran High North
23	Curtis Miller	K	6-0	210	FR	Sioux Falls, S.D.	Sioux Falls Christian
24	Jared Oswald	WR	6-2	210	JR	Madison, Neb.	Lutheran Northeast
25	Michael Saalfeld	K	6-2	165	SO	David City, Neb.	Aquinas
26	Jonathan Sims	FS	6-0	180	FR	Bellevue, Neb.	Bellevue East
27	David Fowler	CB	5-10	180	JR	Houston, Texas	Lutheran South
28	Alex Niederklein	SS	5-10	170	FR	Hastings, Neb.	Adams Central
29	Matt Meyer	CB	5-11	180	SR	Clarkson, Neb.	Clarkson
30	Brady Grove	RB	5-8	175	SO	Superior, Neb.	Superior
31	Karl Mertens	WR	6-2	190	FR	Merino, Colo.	Merino
32	Clay Sanford	FB	5-10	240	JR	Houston, Texas	Lutheran South
33	Blake Harris	WR	5-11	190	FR	St. Charles, Mo.	Lutheran High
34	Warren Carmoney	CB	5-11	170	FR	Axtell, Neb.	Axtell
35	Anthony Wentworth	FB	5-7	195	SO	Springview, Neb.	Keya-Paha
36	Marcus Nathan	TE	6-1	215	JR	Golden, Colo.	Denver Lutheran
37	Tim Steinkraus	FB	5-9	195	FR	Plainview, Neb.	Plainview
38	Chad Harmon	LB	5-10	225	JR	Wichita, Kan.	Wichita Heights
39	Ian Michels	LB	6-0	220	FR	Anthem, Ariz.	Sandra Day O'Connor
40	Paul Foelber	FB	6-1	220	SO	Baltimore, Md.	Baltimore Lutheran
41	Wade Houchin	RB	5-8	170	FR	Lincoln, Neb.	Gothenburg
42	Will Pendarvis	RB	5-5	170	SO	Aurora, Colo.	Gateway
43	Eric Kym	SS	5-11	200	SO	Tomball, Texas	Concordia Lutheran
44	Luke Staab	LB	6-0	195	JR	Ord, Neb.	Ord
45	Tim Meyers	OLB	6-3	195	JR	Hardy, Neb.	Superior
46	Joseph Benford	LB	6-0	220	FR	Bastrop, Texas	Bastrop
47	Frank Ohlinger	LB	6-0	195	SO	Wheat Ridge, Colo.	Faith Christian



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50	James McCoy Jr.	OL	5-11	230	SO	Pasadena, Texas	Lutheran North
51	Jonathan McDaniel	OL	6-0	250	SO	Cypress, Calif.	Los Alamitos
52	Daniel Crowe	LB	5-11	210	FR	Glendale, Ariz.	Westview
53	Jack Galusha	LB	6-0	210	SR	Fairmont, Neb.	Fillmore Central
54	Dalton Holtzen	LB	6-0	195	FR	Bruning, Neb.	Bruning-Davenport
55	Nicholas Yosten	SS	5-10	200	FR	Plainview, Neb.	Plainview
56	Trent Laune	LB	5-11	230	SR	Ashland, Neb.	Ashland-Greenwood
57	James Carlson	OL	6-2	235	SO	Gothenburg, Neb.	Gothenburg
58	Nathan Hannemann	LB	5-11	210	JR	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Lutheran
59	Joshua Gustad	OLB	5-11	185	FR	New Castle, Colo.	Rifle
61	Matthew Sullivan	OL	6-2	230	FR	Santa Fe, Texas	Santa Fe
63	Alwin Borgmann	NG	5-8	250	SO	Owensville, Mo.	Owensville High
64	Troy Wheeler	OL	5-10	250	FR	Arnold, Mo.	Seckman
65	Andrew Sunderman	OL	6-0	290	SO	Norfolk, Neb.	Lutheran Northeast
66	Dustin Ehlers	OL	6-0	240	SO	Gothenburg, Neb.	Gothenburg
67	Jordan Hinrichs	OL	6-2	255	SO	Geneva, Neb.	Nebraska Ev. Lutheran
68	Justin Jurgens	OL	6-0	215	FR	Beatrice, Neb.	Beatrice
69	Robert Snyder	OL	6-6	275	FR	Prescott, Ariz.	Prescott
70	Matthew Ridge	DE	6-1	235	FR	Glendale, Ariz.	Tolleson Union
71	Tom Schutte	OL	6-2	280	SO	Grand Island, Neb.	GI Senior High
74	Dominick Hastings	OL	6-2	295	FR	Denver, Colo.	Iver C Ranum
76	Ruy Larios	NG	5-11	270	SO	Houston, Texas	Jerse Village High
77	Jason Kuiper	OL	6-1	230	SR	Racine, Wis.	Racine Lutheran
78	Kyle Fittje	OL	6-5	295	SR	Columbus, Neb.	Columbus High
79	Marc McPhillips	OL	6-3	305	FR	Lindsay, Neb.	Humphrey
80	Bryant Schweers	TE	6-3	225	FR	Greely, Colo.	University
81	Austin Thies	TE	5-11	200	SO	Rushville, Neb.	Rushville
82	Ben Deutschman	DE	6-3	250	SR	North Platte, Neb.	North Platte
83	James Refenes	TE	6-7	220	FR	Westland, Mich.	Lutheran Westland
84	Jon Mueller	WR	6-1	170	SR	St. Louis, Mo.	Lutheran North
85	Paul Riley	WR	6-1	175	FR	Houston, Texas	Lutheran South Academy
86	Barry Eitzmann	TE	6-2	210	SO	Bryon, Neb.	Deshler
87	Dayton Daberkow	WR	6-5	200	SO	Madison, Neb.	Madison
88	Brett Baller	DE	6-4	220	FR	Milligan, Neb.	Exeter-Milligan
89	Daniel Uden	WR	6-3	190	FR	Kenesaw, Neb.	Kenesaw
90	Nicholas Meier	TE	6-5	220	FR	Collinsville, Ill.	Metro East Lutheran
91	Benjamin McGee	DE	5-11	210	FR	St. Joseph, Mo.	Central
92	Kevin Mole	K	5-10	160	SO	Sylmar, Calif.	First Lutheran
93	Karl Anderson	LB	6-2	200	FR	Rapid City, S.D.	Rapid City Central
94	Matt Baller	NG	6-2	260	JR	Milligan, Neb.	Exeter-Milligan
95	Travis Taylor	NG	5-11	225	FR	Tomball, Texas	Concordia Lutheran
96	John McDonald	NG	6-2	225	SO	Omaha, Neb.	Millard North
97	Kyle Rust	DE	6-3	230	JR	Geneva, Neb.	Fillmore Central
98	Kyle Kapels	DE	6-5	235	FR	Creston, Neb.	Lakeview
99	Brock Simonsen	DE	6-2	250	SO	Lyons, Neb.	Lyons-Decatur



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2005 SCOREBOARD

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Record</u>
9/3	Sioux Falls*	L 14-7	0-1
9/17	Hastings*	W 31-17	1-1
9/24	Briar Cliff*	L 20-17	1-2
10/1	Dana*	L 17-14	1-3
10/8	Midland Lutheran*	L 32-30	1-4
10/15	Northwestern*	L 33-28	1-5
10/22	Morningside*	L 44-7	1-6
10/29	Doane*	W 23-10	2-6
11/5	Nebraska Wesleyan*	W 28-14	3-6
11/12	Dakota Wesleyan*	W 31-28	4-6

Home contests in BOLD

SCORE BY QUARTERS

<u>Team</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>	<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bulldogs	54	71	35	56	0	216
Opponents	20	86	53	70	0	229

2005 AWARD WINNERS

NAIA-DAKTRONICS SCHOLAR-ATHLETES

Jacob Bauer, Lame Deer, Mont, Senior
 Seth Clemmer, Lena, Miss., Senior
 Ben Deutschman, North Platte, Neb., Junior
 Matt Egger, Galva, Iowa, Junior
 Kyle Fittje, Columbus, Neb., Junior
 Aaron Wisroth, Saratoga, Wyo., Senior

DON HANSEN'S FOOTBALL GAZETTE NAIA WEST ALL-REGION

Jack Galusha, LB, Junior - 1st Team
 Dominique Weatherspoon, DB, Junior - Hon. Mention
 Michael Voss, OL, Senior - Hon. Mention

GPAC ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

SECOND TEAM

Jack Galusha, LB
 Dominique Weatherspoon, DB
 Michael Voss, OL

HONORABLE MENTION

Philip Elder, FB, JaMaine Lewis, RB
 Seth Clemmer, DL, Matt Baller, DL
 Jacob Bauer, LB; Matt Egger, P
 Duffy Davis, TE; Tim Gast, WR
 Matt Haack, OL

TEAM STATISTICS

<u>Concordia</u>	<u>Opponents</u>
216.....	Points.....229
21.6.....	Points Per Game.....22.9
29.....	Touchdowns.....29
6.....	Field Goals.....9
145.....	Total First Downs.....190
74.....	First Downs By Rushing.....78
65.....	First Downs By Passing.....87
6.....	First Downs By Penalty.....25
449.....	Rushing Attempts.....405
1472.....	Net Yards Rushing.....1309
147.2.....	Rushing Yards Per Game.....130.9
234.....	Passes Attempted.....311
111.....	Passes Completed.....157
47.4%.....	Completion Percentage.....50.4%
1497.....	Passing Yards.....2242
149.7.....	Passing Yards Per Game.....224.2
2969.....	Total Offense.....3551
683.....	Total Plays.....716
4.3.....	Yards Per Play.....5.0
296.9.....	Yards Per Game.....355.1
59/164.....	Third Down Conversions.....41/145
36%.....	Third Down Percentage.....28%
14/26.....	Fourth Down Conversions.....14/32
54%.....	Fourth Down Percentage.....28%
28/13.....	Fumbles/Lost.....25/12
10.....	Interceptions.....8
-3.....	Turnover Ratio.....+3
81/676.....	Penalties/Yards.....60/537
67.6.....	Penalty Yards Per Game.....53.7
30:50.....	Time of Possession.....28:55
81/676.....	Punts/Yards.....52/1878
38.3.....	Average Per Punt.....36.1
24/173.....	Sacks/Yards.....21/117



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DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

TACKLES

Player	GP	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL/Yds.
Jacob Bauer	10	33	57	61.5	2.5/6
D. Weatherspoon	10	41	40	61.0	8.0/60
Brett Mertens	10	42	35	59.5	1.0/1
Jack Galusha	10	40	38	59.0	11.5/19
Jim Landers	10	23	27	36.5	.5/2
B. Deutschman	10	18	34	35.0	5.5/19
N. Blankenship	10	16	29	30.5	1.0/5
Aaron Wisroth	10	13	27	26.5	5.5/17
William Castro	10	18	16	26.0	1.5/8
Matt Baller	9	12	23	23.5	8.5/39
Chad Harmon	9	10	16	18.0	1.0/1
Seth Clemmer	10	3	24	15.0	4.0/32
Patrick Daberkow	7	6	13	12.5	1.0/15
Luke Staab	8	7	9	11.5	--/--
D. O'Brien	6	3	14	10.0	.5/1
Brock Simonsen	6	4	9	8.5	2.5/16
K. Kassebaum	7	6	5	8.5	--/--
Jordan Hinrichs	7	3	7	6.5	.5/15
Eric Kym	6	3	6	6.0	1.0/8
Trent Laune	5	4	2	5.0	--/--
OTHERS	10	14	32	30.0	--/--

Bulldogs	10	320	463	551.5	24/173
Oponents	10	281	566	564.0	73/267

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	INT	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long
Brett Mertens	3	22	7.3	0	22
Aaron Wisroth	1	6	6.0	0	6
Jim Landers	1	3	3.0	0	3
N. Blankenship	1	17	17.0	0	17
Jack Galusha	1	8	8.0	0	18
William Castro	1	12	12.0	0	12

Bulldogs	8	68	8.5	0	22
Oponents	10	139	13.9	2	39

PASSES BROKEN UP

TOTAL (47): B. Mertens 9, Castro 8, Landers 8, Weatherspoon 7, Baller 5, Galusha 4, Blankenship 2, Bauer 1, Deutschman 1, Wisroth 1, Kassebaum 1.

FUMBLES RECOVERED

TOTAL (12): Deutschman 3, Bauer 2, B. Mertens 1, Blankenship 1, Wisroth 1, Clemmer 1, Laune 1.

FUMBLES FORCED

TOTAL (10): Galusha 4, Landers 2, B. Mertens 1, Castro 1, Harmon 1, Simonsen 1.

BLOCKED KICKS

TOTAL (7): Harmon 2, Clemmer 1, Castro 1, Galusha 1, Davis 1, Team 1.

OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

RUSHING

Player	GP	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg.	TD	LG	Yd/G
JaMaine Lewis	10	97	570	23	547	5.6	5	48	54.7
Philip Elder	10	98	405	18	387	3.9	6	70	38.7
Jeff Neujahr	10	62	201	45	156	2.5	1	29	15.6
Reggie Corbin	9	84	296	148	148	1.8	6	34	16.4
J. Johnson	10	37	129	1	128	3.5	1	17	12.8
Cody Smith	9	29	11	19	92	3.2	1	48	10.2
OTHERS	27	42	0	95	14	3.0	1	0	-.48

Bulldogs	10	449	1821	349	1472	3.3	21	70	147.2
Oponents	10	405	1750	441	1309	3.2	13	74	130.9

PASSING

Player	GP	Att-Cmp-Int	Pct	Yds.	TD	LG	Avg/G
Reggie Corbin	9	167-86-6	51.5	1146	6	70	127.3
Jarret Beal	8	60-20-4	33.3	267	1	44	33.4
OTHERS	10	7-5-0	71.4	84	0	21	2.3

Bulldogs	10	234-11-10	47.4	1497	7	70	149.7
Oponents	10	311-157-8	50.5	2242	13	73	224.2

RECEIVING

Player	GP	No.	Yards	Avg.	TD	Long	Avg/GG
Duffy Davis	9	29	482	16.6	3	52	53.6
Tim Gast	8	21	356	17.0	3	70	44.5
Philip Elder	10	13	65	5.0	1	13	6.5
J. Johnson	10	10	68	6.8	0	18	6.8
Michael Frary	7	9	17	16.3	0	28	21.0
Matt Crider	7	7	69	9.9	0	15	9.9
Jeff Neujahr	10	2	14	7.0	8	8	1.4
OTHERS	10	20	296	14.8	0	44	29.6

Bulldogs	10	111	1497	13.5	7	70	149.7
Oponents	10	157	2242	14.3	13	73	224.2

PUNTING

Player	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Matt Egger	42	1657	39.5	60	3	2	9	1
Cort Johnson	15	553	36.9	48	1	2	2	0

KICKING

Player	GP	Pts.	FG	Att	Pct.	PAT	Att	Pct.
Michael Saalfeld	10	40	6	11	54.5	22	26	84.6

ALL-PURPOSE

Player	GP	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	Total	Avg/GG
JaMaine Lewis	10	547	3	0	368	918	91.8
Cody Smith	9	92	121	91	256	560	62.2
Duffy Davis	9	0	482	27	0	509	56.6
Philip Elder	10	387	65	0	0	452	45.2
Jeff Neujahr	10	156	14	14	78	262	26.2



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