



**2015**  
**CONCORDIA BULLDOGS**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**TEXAS**  
**TRIO**



**CONCORDIA**  
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# 2015 SCHEDULE

Sept. 5 at Southwestern College 6 p.m.

2014 Record: 1-10



Sept. 12 (Fan Appreciation) \*Hastings College 6 p.m.

2014 Record: 6-4



Sept. 19 \*at Northwestern College 1 p.m.

2014 Record: 9-2



Oct. 3 \*at Dordt College 1 p.m.

2014 Record: 2-9



Oct. 10 (Homecoming) \*Nebraska Wesleyan University 1 p.m.

2014 Record: 4-6



Oct. 17 \*at Midland University 5 p.m.

2014 Record: 2-8



Oct. 24 \*Doane College 1 p.m.

2014 Record: 7-3



Oct. 31 (Parent's Day) \*Morningside College 1 p.m.

2014 Record: 11-2



Nov. 7 \*at Dakota Wesleyan University 1 p.m.

2014 Record: 7-4



Nov. 14 (Senior Day) \*Briar Cliff University 1 p.m.

2014 Record: 2-9







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## GENERAL INFORMATION

**School:** Concordia University, Nebraska

**Location:** Seward, Neb.

**Address:** 800 N Columbia Ave.  
Seward, NE 68434

**Founded:** 1894

**Enrollment:** 2,300

**Nickname:** Bulldogs

**School Colors:** Navy and White

**Home Field:** Bulldog Stadium

**Seating Capacity:** 2,500

**Affiliation:** NAIA

**Conference:** Great Plains Athletic Conference

**President:** Dr. Brian Friedrich

**Director of Athletics:** Devin Smith

**Head Athletic Trainer:** Randy Baack

**Athletic Department Phone:** (402) 643-7328

## PROGRAM HISTORY

**First Season:** 1925

**All-Time Overall Record:** 331-379-25

**All-Time GPAC Record:** 59-81

**Last Postseason Appearance:** 2001

**Winningest Coach:** Courtney Meyer (70-115-1)

**Number of Head Coaches:** 9

**Most Wins, Season:** 2001 (10-2)

**Undefeated Seasons:** 3 (1931, 1944, 1945)

## FOOTBALL STAFF

**Head Coach:** Vance Winter (7th season)

**Alma Mater:** Dakota State University

**Coaching Record:** 28-37 (All at Concordia)

**Office Phone:** (402) 643-7349

### ASSISTANT COACHES:

Curran White, Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coordinator/O-Line

Patrick Daberkow - Def. Coordinator/Linebackers

Corby Osten - Special Teams/D-Line/JV Head Coach

Reggie Corbin - Wide Receivers

Harold Pester - Tight Ends

Karl Miller - Defensive Backs

Courtney Meyer - Running Backs/Kickers

Brian Quinn (GA) - Offensive Line

Wes Coomes (GA) - Defensive Backs

Ryan Coffey - Outside Linebackers

Michael Grau (SA) - Defensive Line

Chase Murman (SA) - Quarterbacks

Glen Manninger - Offensive Line

Jerad Leifeld (SA) - Linebackers

Strength and Conditioning: Todd Berner

Equipment: Levi Calhoun

Athletic Trainer: TJ Schmidt

## 2014 RESULTS

### 5-6 overall, 4-5 GPAC - T-6th

9/6	at (15) Sterling	W, 21-15
9/13	*at Hastings	L, 43-48
9/20	*Midland	W, 35-28
9/27	Dakota State	L, 21-22
10/4	*Dordt	W, 38-14
10/11	*at NE Wesleyan	L, 34-37 OT
10/18	*(12) Northwestern	L, 21-27
10/25	*at Doane	L, 20-23
11/1	*at (1) Morningside	L, 21-44
11/8	*(24) Dakota Wesleyan	W, 27-19
11/15	*at Briar Cliff	W, 37-25

### Top 25 wins under Winter

11/8/14 - vs. (24) Dakota Wesleyan, 27-19

9/6/14 - at (15) Sterling College, 21-15

10/12/13 - vs. (22) Nebraska Wesleyan, 19-3

10/13/12 - vs. (11) Northwestern, 17-16

8/28/10 - at (22) Peru State College, 13-7



Bulldog Stadium



## 2015 SEASON OUTLOOK



After a 2014 season filled with close calls (five losses by seven points or less), Concordia looks to turn the page with a more experienced squad. While the offensive line is a question mark heading into fall camp, the Bulldogs are well-stocked at the skill positions despite the loss of record-set-

ting quarterback Von Thomas. Seventh-year head coach Vance Winter sees a team long on speed and athleticism.

"I think this will be a team that can really run," Winter said. "We're still going to have some inexperience at spots, but I also feel like this is an athletic group. I think this is one of the more athletic teams (we've had). I felt the same thing last year. I thought we had a bunch of guys who were athletic and could run around. The experience (gained) is big."

A potentially explosive offensive will be powered by the likes of junior running back Bryce Collins (1,559 all-purpose yards in 2014) and sophomore receiver Jared Garcia (program record 11 touchdown catches in 2014). At quarterback, sophomore TJ Austin is the frontrunner to fill the shoes of Thomas. Sophomore corner Tarence Roby represents the team's biggest playmaker on defense. He returned both a fumble and a kickoff for a touchdown last season.

Concordia returns six starters on offense and seven on defense from a 2014 squad that went 5-6 overall and ranked 29th nationally offensively (401.6) and 48th defensively (384.7).

### Quarterbacks

After red-shirting his first year on campus in 2013, TJ Austin (Angleton, Texas) got his feet wet last year by appearing in five games. He threw for 440 yards, posted a 4-1 TD-INT ratio while running for 168 yards. Now he's the likely replacement for Von Thomas, who owns the majority of significant passing records in school history. Says Winter, "We were really pleased with how TJ finished and played the last few games. I think that was a big boost for everybody with how he came in and competed and did well. He's a different type of guy than Von and brings a lot of things from a confidence standpoint and leadership standpoint that were noticeable."

Austin (6-0, 225) will be pushed in camp by senior Garrett Folchert and sophomore Riley Wiltfong. Folchert also saw action at quarterback in five games last season and understands the playbook as well as anyone on the roster. Wiltfong is an up-and-comer who brings plenty of athleticism to the position. Winter says he feels comfortable going to any of his top-three signal callers.

### Running Backs

Concordia believes it possesses one of the NAIA's top running backs in junior Bryce Collins, who last season became the fifth Bulldog ever to eclipse 1,000 rushing yards. The native of Boerne,





Texas, has piled up 1,720 rushing yards and 19 total touchdowns over his first two collegiate seasons. Says Winter of the 5-foot-10, 200-pound back, "Bryce has had just an awesome offseason and has worked relentlessly. He's one of the hardest working guys I've ever been around. He's made really noticeable improvements in the weight room."

Backing up Collins will be fellow junior Demarques Saulberry (5-9, 200), another well-built, physical runner. Saulberry went wild for 171 rushing yards in Concordia's season-ending win over Briar Cliff. There will also be competition from sophomore Jordan Slough, a star at Doniphan-Trumbull High School who was sidelined by injury in 2014.

### Receivers

This position got a huge boost last season from Jared Garcia, who made for an exceptionally difficult matchup in the red zone. Garcia (6-3, 205) caught 44 passes for 650 yards and a school-record 11 touchdowns in 2014 as the favorite target of Thomas and Austin. Says Winter, "Last year as a freshman feeling his way through the whole season he still did some great things. I think Jared has the ability to be one of the more dynamic players in our league." Winter also loves the potential of Winchester, Calif., native Carey Harrison (5-11, 170), who hauled in 14 balls for 188 yards and a pair of scores last season as a freshman. With Garcia and Harrison the likely top two, that leaves senior Riley Herren (6-0, 190) and a host of others in the mix for playing time.

### Tight Ends

This position is in good hands with the return of senior Josh Slechta and junior Seth Fitzke, a second team all-conference selection last season. Slechta opened 2014 sidelined by injury but worked his way back to the field and then won a weight throw national title during indoor track season. Fitzke is a punishing blocker who continues to improve his receiving skills. Said Winter, "That's as good of a tight end pair as there is anywhere. They're both physical, athletic tight ends. To have two guys like that is a huge boost to us and allows us a lot of versatility offensively."

### Offensive Line

Gone are three linemen who earned some form of all-conference recognition in 2014. That leaves left guard Ben Baldud as the anchor of a group that will have a vastly different look. With the skill positions loaded with talent, this unit may hold the key for an offense that has improved each season under fourth-year coordinator Curran White. Said Winter, "This group is a big question going into the fall but we have some great candidates and quality guys, so we'll see how it shakes out."

### Defensive Line

Kyle Rakow has graduated after an impressive 2014 season that saw him collect second team all-conference recognition. On the bright side, senior Michael Gill (6-0, 260) and juniors Ronald Jackson (5-11, 315) and Trey Barnes (6-2, 245) return to provide a strong nucleus. Gill registered 9.0 tackles for loss and 4.5 sacks last season. Jackson is a space eater who Winter says is on his way to being a dominant nose guard. Meanwhile, Barnes has found a home on the line after having played running back and linebacker in his first two collegiate seasons.

### Linebackers

Winter admits that this position must pick up its play this fall. Inside backer Michael Hedlund (6-1, 215), who came to Concordia

Tait Sibbel



as a quarterback, made the most of his playing time last season. The opportunistic native of O'Neill, Neb., came up with five interceptions in 2014. Plenty of others will compete for spots, including sophomore Zach Jackson (5-11, 235), senior Clay Mauro (6-0, 225), senior Brandon Namuth (6-2, 215) and junior Patrick Skwara (6-0, 215).

"The big thing is so many guys got an opportunity to play and for a lot of them it was their first real college football experience," Winter said. "I think going into the offseason they took a lot from the experiences they had last season. I don't think it's any secret that we have to be better. We have to play better, but this spring I was really excited."

### Defensive Backs

The defensive backfield is loaded with returning starters. Corners Tarence Roby (6-3, 205) and D'Mauria Martin (5-11, 175), both sophomores, are budding stars. Roby showed an immediate ability to make big plays, as evidenced by his five interceptions, eight pass break ups and two returns for touchdowns. On the other side, Winter says Martin has the potential to be a shutdown corner. At safety, senior Tait Sibbel (6-2, 210) enters his fourth season as a starter. He has posted 181 tackles and eight interceptions in his career. Also in the mix are sophomore Sebastian Garces (6-1, 190) and junior Matt Keener (5-9, 185). Says Winter, "I like our secondary quite a bit."

### Special Teams

The Bulldogs are set at kicker with senior Adam Meirose (two-time all-conference selection) and at punter with senior Sandy Fisher (37.5 average). Meirose (15-for-21 on field goals over the past two seasons) continues the program's run of solid field-goal kicking. Winter likes his kick return options, which include Collins and Roby, but has identified punt returner as an offseason priority. Overall, Concordia has put together another solid special teams core.



## COACHING EXPERIENCE

### Concordia University

Head Coach, 2009 - present

Defensive Coordinator, 2007-08

Linebackers, 2005-06

### Peru State College

Defensive Coordinator/LBs, 2004

### Wayne State College

Linebackers, 2002-03

### Dakota State University

Running Backs, 2000-01

## EDUCATION

### Dakota State University

Bachelor's in Physical Ed, 2002

(Minor in History)

### Wayne State College

Master's in Sport Management, 2004

## HOMETOWN

Miller, S.D.

## FAMILY

Wife: Tanya

Children: Jackson & Clara

## COACHING RECORD

2009: 3-7 overall, 3-7 GPAC

2010: 4-7 overall, 3-7 GPAC

2011: 4-7 overall, 3-6 GPAC

2012: 5-6 overall, 4-5 GPAC

2013: 7-4 overall, 5-4 GPAC

2014: 5-6 overall, 4-5 GPAC

TOTAL: 28-37 overall, 22-34 GPAC



# Head Coach VANCE WINTER



## BIO

Vance Winter completed his sixth season as head football coach at Concordia University in 2014. He was named to his current post in December of 2008. He owns a career record of 28-37 overall and 22-34 in GPAC action in his six seasons as head coach of the Bulldogs.

Since his promotion to head coach, Winter has progressively built up the program into a playoff contender. In 2013 the Bulldogs began the season at 6-0 and rose as high as No. 14 in the national rankings. Concordia finished 7-4, marking the program's first winning season since 2001. The Bulldogs also appeared among teams receiving votes early in the 2014 campaign.

Over a 20-game period from the middle of 2012 through 2014, Winter guided Bulldog football to a record of 13-7. Included in that stretch was a momentum-building upset of No. 11 Northwestern on Oct. 13, 2012. Then on Oct. 12, 2013, the Bulldogs took down No. 22 Nebraska Wesleyan, 19-3, in the NAIA Game of the Week. Concordia completed 2013 with a record of 3-1 against its GPAC Nebraska rivals. The Bulldogs then defeated two ranked teams in 2014 - No. 15 Sterling College and No. 24 Dakota Wesleyan.

Winter has surrounded himself with a top-notch coaching staff. He brought in offensive coordinator Curran White prior to the 2012 season and in less than three years, the offense broke a program record for total yards per game in a season. On the other side of the ball, coordinator Patrick Daberkow has helped make the defense one of the NAIA's best.

While also serving as quarterbacks coach, Winter oversaw record-breaking quarterback Von Thomas. The senior signal caller piled up 6,988 yards of total offense over the past three seasons. Thomas finished his career with program single-season records for passing touchdowns (21), total offense (2,508), completions (197), passing attempts (334) and completion percentage (59.0). He owns program career records for total offense (7,260), total touchdowns (65), passing touchdowns (49), completions (510) and pass attempts (960).





## Curran White • Asst. Head Coach / Off Coordinator

**Hometown:** Pleasant Hill, Calif.  
**Alma Mater:** Wayne State College  
**Years at Concordia:** 3 (entering 2015)

### Offensive ranks under White:

2014 - **YPG:** 29th / 88 (401.6) | **PPG:** T-35th / 88 (28.9)  
2013 - **YPG:** 45th / 84 (360.0) | **PPG:** 43rd / 84 (26.4)  
2012 - **YPG:** 59th / 80 (306.5) | **PPG:** 47th / 80 (24.0)

- Under White, Concordia broke a program single-season record in 2014 for total yards per game (401.6) while improving its scoring average for the third-consecutive season. Individual season records were broken by Jared Garcia (receiving TDs) and Von Thomas (passing TDs).
- Prior to arriving at Concordia, White spent seven seasons as offensive line coach/run game coordinator at Missouri Valley College.
- White started for two seasons on the offensive line at Wayne State. He owns a degree in business administration and finance and a master's in sport management.

## Patrick Daberkow • Defensive Coordinator

**Hometown:** Madison, Neb.  
**Alma Mater:** Concordia University, Nebraska  
**Years at Concordia:** 8 (5 as Defensive Coordinator; entering 2015)

### Defensive ranks under Daberkow:

2014 - **YPG:** 48th / 88 (384.7) | **PPG:** T-44th / 88 (27.5)  
2013 - **YPG:** 4th / 84 (285.5) | **PPG:** 6th / 84 (17.3)  
2012 - **YPG:** 39th / 80 (356.3) | **PPG:** T-30th / 80 (22.6)  
2011 - **YPG:** 29th / 81 (309.4) | **PPG:** T-35th / 81 (24.1)  
2010 - **YPG:** 25th / 92 (308.3) | **PPG:** 36th / 92 (23.2)

- Daberkow, also the program's recruiting coordinator and linebackers coach, led the Bulldog defense to one of the best seasons in program history in 2013 when Concordia topped the nation in pass defense (134.7 ypg) and ranked fourth in total defense. Safety Darnell Woods was named GPAC Defensive POY and an All-American.
- Daberkow has coached recent first team all-conference players in LB Jerod Fleming, DL Dylan Heithoff, DB Ben Klein, LB Langston Jones and DB Darnell Woods.
- Played four seasons at Concordia, lettering each year and serving as team captain in 2006. He was named the team's Defensive Newcomer of the Year in 2003.



## Corby Osten • Special Teams / D-Line / JV Head Coach

**Hometown:** Columbus, Neb.  
**Alma Mater:** Concordia University, Nebraska  
**Years at Concordia:** 7 (entering 2015)

- Osten has overseen successful special teams units that have produced first team all-conference kickers Kenny Zoeller and Adam Meirose, and electrifying return men such as Derek Blessing, who owns school records for punt return yards (388) and touchdowns (3) in a single season.
- Osten played at Concordia from 1999-2003 and was a member of the 2001 GPAC co-championship team. He earned his bachelor's degree in secondary education with endorsements in theology and physical education.
- Has coached recent defensive line stalwarts Dylan Heithoff (1st team all-GPAC) and Kyle Rakow (2nd team all-GPAC).





# 2015

No.	Name	POS	HT	WT	YR	Hometown
1	Sandy Fisher	P	6'1	175	Sr.	Lakewood, Colo.
2	Carey Harrison	WR	5'10	175	So.	Winchester, Calif.
2	Tarence Roby	CB	6'2	200	So.	Rockford, Ill.
3	Jordan Slough	RB	5'10	190	So.	Doniphan, Neb.
3	Aivory Scheffer	S	5'11	195	Fr.	Cedar Park, Texas
4	Matt Keener	S	5'10	190	Jr.	El Segundo, Calif.
4	Malik Palmore	WR	6'2	200	Fr.	Sierra Vista, Ariz.
5	Adam Meirose	K	6'0	200	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
6	Michael Hedlund	ILB	6'1	215	Jr.	O'Neill, Neb.
6	Jared Garcia	WR	6'3	205	So.	Pearland, Texas
7	Justus Thompson	S	5'10	190	So.	Parker, Colo.
7	Colby Trahan	WR	6'1	195	Fr.	Pearland, Texas
8	Demarques Saulberry	RB	5'9	205	Jr.	Beaumont, Texas
8	Davon Hodge	CB	5'11	175	Jr.	Dallas, Texas
9	Bryce Collins	RB	5'9	205	Jr.	Boerne, Texas
9	Clinton Gardels	DE	6'6	240	Sr.	Wilcox, Neb.
10	George Swain	CB	5'11	185	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla.
11	TJ Austin	QB	6'1	220	So.	Angleton, Texas
12	Brandon Luetchens	WR	6'2	215	Jr.	Murdock, Neb.
15	Jhovani Houseman	CB	5'11	190	Fr.	Mission, Texas
16	Garrett Folchert	QB	5'10	190	Sr.	Ogallala, Neb.
17	Riley Wiltfong	QB	6'2	190	So.	Doniphan, Neb.
18	Shane Scott	OLB	6'1	215	So.	Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.
20	Caleb Daniels	CB	5'8	170	Fr.	Leander, Texas
21	Sebastian Garces	S	6'1	200	So.	Boerne, Texas
23	Trent Good	FB	5'9	210	Sr.	Gothenburg, Neb.
24	Ryan Mitteis	S	6'1	190	Jr.	Creighton, Neb.
28	D'Mauria Martin	CB	5'11	185	So.	Converse, Texas
29	Tait Sibbel	OLB	6'3	215	Sr.	O'Neill, Neb.
30	Collin Christiansen	DE	6'2	230	Sr.	Palmer, Alaska
30	Patrick Skwara	ILB	6'0	225	Jr.	Boerne, Texas
31	Garrison Swain	CB	5'11	190	Fr.	Sarasota, Fla.
32	Brandon Namuth	OLB	6'2	225	Sr.	Lawellen, Neb.
33	Parker Hasenkamp	ILB	6'1	230	So.	Hiawatha, Kan.
34	Trey Barnes	DE	6'2	245	Jr.	Seward, Neb.
36	Kordell Glause	OLB	6'0	205	Fr.	Palmer, Neb.
37	Clay Mauro	ILB	6'1	225	Sr.	Ely, Nev.
39	Christopher Hendricks	CB	5'10	170	Jr.	Cedar Park, Texas
45	Kolton Stone	FB	5'11	240	So.	McCook, Neb.
47	Josh Slechta	TE	6'5	255	Sr.	Kennard, Neb.
49	Seth Fitzke	TE	6'5	245	Jr.	Seward, Neb.
50	Keddrick Fuselier	OL	6'1	290	So.	Humble, Texas
51	Zach Jackson	ILB	5'11	235	So.	Lincoln, Neb.
52	Erik Hansen	DE	6'2	260	So.	Wichita, Kan.
52	Michael Winckler	OL	6'1	290	Jr.	Fremont, Neb.
53	Dakota Coon	ILB	5'11	230	Sr.	North Platte, Neb.
54	Matt Chilman	DE	6'1	235	So.	Las Vegas, Nev.
56	Grady Gardner	DE	6'1	235	So.	Grand Island, Neb.
57	Rosten Coon	DT	6'1	285	So.	Casa Grande, Ariz.
59	Kinser Gergen	ILB	6'0	215	Jr.	Geneva, Neb.
60	Corey Washington	OL	6'0	255	So.	Houston, Texas
61	Dylan Pierquin	DT	6'0	245	So.	Vilvoorde, Belgium
61	Trey Anderson	OL	6'0	265	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb.
66	Jeff Glienes	ILB	6'1	200	Fr.	Taylor Ridge, Ill.
66	Andrew Crist	OL	6'0	235	Sr.	Springfield, Mo.
70	Austin Reese	OL	6'2	275	So.	Melissa, Texas
71	Kelby Feddern	DT	6'0	265	So.	Atkinson, Neb.
73	Grady Koch	OL	6'5	255	So.	Doniphan, Neb.
74	Brian Gorman	OL	6'1	260	Sr.	Colorado Springs, Colo.
75	Ben Balduc	OL	6'2	290	Sr.	Roanoke, Texas
77	Hallick Lehmann	OL	6'5	275	Jr.	Albion, Neb.
78	William Richardson	OL	6'1	290	Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
81	Riley Herren	WR	6'0	185	Sr.	Lone Tree, Colo.
82	Kiyoshi Brey	WR	5'11	180	So.	Winchester, Calif.







# ROSTER



83	Cameron Christiansen	TE	6'4	220	Jr.	Palmer, Alaska
83	Zach Moje	WR	6'1	190	Sr.	Pilger, Neb.
88	Cody Eitzmann	WR	5'9	170	Sr.	Deshler, Neb.
91	Benjamin Browne	TE	6'1	230	So.	Billings, Mont.
92	Ryan Maser	OLB	5'11	190	So.	Little Canada, Minn.
93	Ronald Jackson	DT	5'10	310	Jr.	Houston, Texas
96	Michael Gill	DT	6'0	265	Sr.	Ogallala, Neb.
99	Nolan Schroeder	DE	6'4	250	Jr.	Davenport, Neb.
	Justin Aguilar	WR			Jr.	Lynwood, Calif.
	John Alexander	ILB			Fr.	Pearland, Texas
	Christopher Amaya	OLB			Fr.	Thornton, Colo.
	Jamarcus Anderson	QB			Fr.	Houston, Texas
	Miles Bailey	WR			Fr.	Norfolk, Neb.
	Vincent Beasley	WR			Fr.	Manvel, Texas
	Donovan Brooks	ILB			Jr.	Moreno Valley, Calif.
	Coby Cassidy	RB			Fr.	Burwell, Neb.
	Adam Christiansen	OLB			Fr.	Palmer, Alaska
	Qyalan Clay	RB			Fr.	Manvel, Texas
	Russell Denny	DT			Fr.	Centennial, Colo.
	Brody Edwards	CB			Fr.	Clovis, N.M.
	Cory Evans	CB			Jr.	Tampa, Fla.
	Marcus Evans	S			Fr.	Houston, Texas
	Camren Fraser	OL			Fr.	Boise, Idaho
	Kalen Garrett	DE			Fr.	Doniphan, Neb.
	Ledontrae Gooden	S			Jr.	Sacramento, Calif.
	Dalton Goodenberger	OL			Fr.	McCook, Neb.
	Kerry Grigsby	DE			Jr.	San Diego, Calif.
	Christopher Gutierrez	OLB			Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
	Taylor Hanson	DT			Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
	Donovan Hernandez	CB			Fr.	Aurora, Colo.
	John-Robert Hicks	OL			Fr.	Ewa Beach, Hawaii
	Austin Himschoot	WR			Fr.	Ash Flat, Ark.
	Jordan Holguin	OLB			Fr.	Clovis, N.M.
	Devon Jackson	WR			Jr.	Calgary, AB
	Sam Jakabcic	CB			Fr.	Brunswick, Ohio
	Caden Jameson	WR			Fr.	Thedford, Neb.
	Lundyn Jenkins	FB			Fr.	Houston, Texas
	Steven Kanarick-Godinez	S			Fr.	Gering, Neb.
	Stuart Kolpin	OLB			Fr.	Overland Park, Kan.
	Jess Kuehl	QB			Fr.	Flagstaff, Ariz.
	Daniel Langewisch	ILB			Fr.	Lakewood, Colo.
	Derek Luzum	TE			Fr.	Milligan, Neb.
	Nathan Macleod	WR			Fr.	Steilacoom, Wash.
	Thomas McGhee	OLB			Fr.	Rutherfordton, N.C.
	Adam McShane	OL			Fr.	Blaine, Wash.
	Travis Meighan	OL			Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif.
	Nixon Nerud	TE			Fr.	Dorchester, Neb.
	Hafeez Oladipo	ILB			Fr.	Chicago, Ill.
	Fenorris Pearson	OLB			Fr.	Austin, Texas
	Andrew Perea	QB			Fr.	Pico River, Calif.
	Hershell Pierre-Cahel	CB			Fr.	Lilburn, Ga.
	Mathew Romero	OL			Fr.	Centennial, Colo.
	Tyler Roubadeaux	K			Fr.	Little Elm, Texas
	Aiden Rourke	OL			Fr.	Bee Cave, Texas
	Evrett Shaw	OL			Fr.	Centennial, Colo.
	Charles Sims	WR			Fr.	Castle Rock, Colo.
	Erik Small	FB			Jr.	Anaheim, Calif.
	Julius Smith	WR			Fr.	Houston, Texas
	Nathan Stolze	K/DB			Fr.	Norfolk, Neb.
	Austin Taylor	OL			So.	York, Neb.
	Parker Troester	OLB			Fr.	Sterling, Colo.
	Kierre Vaughns	OL			Fr.	San Antonio, Texas
	Lane Wright	TE			Fr.	Norfolk, Neb.
	Garrett Zajicek	ILB			Fr.	Clatonia, Neb.



**Starters Returning - Offense: 6 | Defense: 7 | Special Teams: 2**

## OFFENSE

## DEFENSE



**Ben Balduc • OL • Sr.**  
6-3 • 290 • Roanoke, Texas  
**2014:** Honorable Mention All-GPAC; starting left guard.



**Trey Barnes • DL • Jr.**  
6-2 • 245 • Seward, Neb.  
**2014:** 21 tackles (2.5 for loss), 3 PBU's (2013 Honorable Mention All-GPAC).



**Bryce Collins • RB • Jr.**  
5-10 • 200 • Boerne, Texas  
**2014:** First Team All-GPAC; 182 carries, 1,016 yards, 7 TDs, 1,559 all-purpose yards.



**Michael Gill • DL • Sr.**  
6-0 • 265 • Ogallala, Neb.  
**2014:** Honorable Mention All-GPAC; 64 tackles (9.0 for loss), 4.5 sacks.



**Seth Fitzke • TE • Jr.**  
6-5 • 260 • Seward, Neb.  
**2014:** Second Team All-GPAC; 15 catches, 127 yards, 2 TDs.



**Michael Hedlund • LB • Jr.**  
6-1 • 215 • O'Neill, Neb.  
**2014:** Honorable Mention All-GPAC; 49 tackles (3.0 for loss), 5 INTs, 1 PBU.



**Jared Garcia • WR • So.**  
6-3 • 205 • Pearland, Texas  
**2014:** Second Team All-GPAC; 44 catches, 650 yards, 11 TDs (school record).



**Ronald Jackson • DL • Jr.**  
5-11 • 315 • Houston, Texas  
**2014:** 28 tackles (1.0 for loss), 2 PBU's.



**Adam Meirose • K • Sr.**  
6-0 • 200 • Lincoln, Neb.  
**2014:** First Team All-GPAC; 6/8 FGs (Long 36), 40/42 PATs, 58 points.



**Tarence Roby • DB • So.**  
6-3 • 205 • Rockford, Ill.  
**2014:** Second Team All-GPAC; 51 tackles (4.0 for loss), 5 INTs, 8 PBU's, 2 TDs (KR/FR).



**Josh Slechta • TE • Sr.**  
6-6 • 255 • Kennard, Neb.  
**2014:** 8 catches, 163 yards (2013 Honorable Mention All-GPAC).



**Tait Sibbel • S • Sr.**  
6-2 • 205 • O'Neill, Neb.  
**2014:** Honorable Mention All-GPAC; 60 tackles, 3 INTs, 2 PBU's, 1 TD (FR).

**KEY LOSSES:** OL Adam Aschenbrenner (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); DB Drew Baxter; LB Nakem Evans; OL Glenn Manninger (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); DB Landon Oelke (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); WR Logan Otte (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); OL Josh Powell (First Team All-GPAC); DL Kyle Rakow (Second Team All-GPAC); QB Von Thomas (Honorable Mention All-GPAC).





# 2014 Honor Roll

## ADAM ASCHENBRENNER

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

## BEN BALDUC

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

## BRYCE COLLINS

- First Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska

## COLIN ELLEY

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

## DEVIN ELLEY

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

## SANDY FISHER

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

## SETH FITZKE

- Second Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska Honorable Mention

## GARRETT FOLCHERT

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

## JARED GARCIA

- Second Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska Honorable Mention

## CLINTON GARDELS

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

## MICHAEL GILL

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska Honorable Mention

## MICHAEL GRAU

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

## MICHAEL HEDLUND

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC



TE Seth Fitzke

## GLEN MANNINGER

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

## ADAM MEIROSE

- First Team All-GPAC
- Capital One Academic All-District
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska
- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

## CHASE MURMAN

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

## LANDON OELKE

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

## LOGAN OTTE

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

## JOSH POWELL

- First Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska

## KYLE RAKOW

- Second Team All-GPAC

- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska

## TARENCE ROBY

- Second Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska
- GPAC Special Teams POW (Oct. 20)
- GPAC Defensive POW (Sept. 22)

## TAIT SIBBEL

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC
- GPAC Defensive POW (Nov. 10)

## VON THOMAS

- Concordia Co-Senior Male Athlete of the Year
- Honorable Mention All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska Honorable Mention

## ADAM VOGT

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete



# Star power: skill players spark Bulldog 'O'

By Jake Knabel, Director of Athletic Communications

Record-breaking quarterback Von Thomas completed his impressive run at Concordia in 2014, but the Bulldogs may only be at the beginning of a golden age for offensive prowess. Last year's squad broke a program record for yards of offense per game – and it did so with an underclassmen-dominated set of skill players.

While Thomas missed time late in the season due to injury, the misfortune allowed redshirt freshman TJ Austin to get his feet wet at quarterback. Austin will be the leading candidate to replace Thomas this fall for a Bulldog group that will lean upon a young and productive offensive core that includes junior running backs Bryce Collins and Demarques Saulberry and sophomore receivers Jared Garcia and Carey Harrison (all native Texans with the exception of Harrison).

"We have some really good, young skill players," said offensive coordinator Curran White, who just completed his third season on the coaching staff. "Bryce Collins, Jared Garcia and Carey Harrison are all explosive players. They make us a more dynamic offense than what we were before. They're all young and they all have the ability to get better and better."



## Texas Trio



**QB TJ Austin**  
Angleton, TX



**RB Bryce Collins**  
Boerne, TX



**WR Jared Garcia**  
Pearland, TX

The infusion of big play receivers coupled with the emergence of Collins at running back gave the Bulldogs the types of home run hitters they lacked in previous seasons. In 2013 the team's longest play from scrimmage covered a mere 36 yards. Things changed this past season when Thomas fired 10 touchdown passes that covered 20 yards or more. He also ran for a 74-yard touchdown at Hastings in what ended up being Concordia's longest play from scrimmage in 2014.

More often than not, Thomas looked for Garcia when the Bulldogs reached the red zone. Garcia broke a program single-season record by catching 11 touchdown passes, including a season long 65-yard scoring strike versus No. 12 Northwestern on Oct. 18.

"It definitely makes it easier to call plays when you have that guy who can go up there and get those 50-50 balls," White said. "You don't have to make a perfect pass to Jared. You can just throw it up to him."

"I think he can develop in other areas like his blocking, but he's a real asset for us."

Concordia piled up more than 400 total yards on five occasions with a season high of 548 yards in the win over Dordt. The Bulldogs also ran for greater than 200 yards six times behind Collins, who became the fifth player in program history to eclipse 1,000 rushing yards in a season. He racked up six games of more than 100 yards on the ground.

"We had some really great moments offensively throughout the year in terms of guys really stepping up," head coach Vance Winter said. "We had some newcomers emerge. I thought up front our offensive line played solid football all year. I think it was huge how (tight end) Seth Fitzke became a really dominant blocker. He had an outstanding





overall year.

"Bryce had a very good freshman year, but he really stepped up as a sophomore. Bryce was one of the best players on the field in every game. And at receiver, Jared and Carey still have a ton of room for growth. Those guys have a great future. I'm really excited about them."

Austin saw extensive action over the final three games, completing 28 of 59 passes for 440 yards, four touchdowns and one interception. He also ran 30 times for 126 yards, giving him 566 combined total yards. His solid late-season work eases some of the concern that arises from the graduation of Thomas.

White liked what he had seen from the rifle-armed Austin in practice, but the Angleton, Texas, native's ability to perform on Saturdays provides a higher comfort level in looking forward to 2015.

"It was good to see him step in and perform well," White said. "He looked good in practice, but you never know for sure how a guy will respond in games, especially at quar-

terback. TJ did a nice job in the opportunities he got. It was an obvious positive for him to play well and show what he can bring to the table."

With Concordia stocked at the skill positions, the offseason focus will center upon retooling an offensive line that loses four senior starters, including first team all-conference right guard Josh Powell. The development of the big guys up front will be a key to complimenting a group of skill players that may be as good as any since Bulldog football began in 1925.

"We've been recruiting towards a balanced offense," White said. "We've put ourselves in position where we can spread people out and throw the ball or pack it in and pound the ball on the ground."

Winter says the overall talent in the program is at its highest since he became head coach in 2009. Winter believes Collins and company will successfully put behind a 2014 season that included plenty of frustrations with five losses coming by a margin of six points or less. Said Winter, "We were much better than what our record showed."

## Rising star: Concordia 1,000-yard RB Bryce Collins

### Bryce Collins

**Hometown:** Boerne, Texas

**Height:** 5-10

**Weight:** 200

**Year:** Junior

**Career rushing yards:** 1,720

**Career total TDs:** 19

**40-yard dash:** 4.51

**Bench press:** 360

**Squat:** 530

(Workout numbers from spring)



### Quotable

• **Collins:** "I keep myself humble. You can tell me I'm good and all that, but I just ignore it. There's always room for improvement. I know that I'm not the best. I'll never claim myself as the best because that's not who I am. I'd rather see someone else have success rather than me. I'll be right behind them. I never put myself first. I never want to be in the spotlight. I do my work behind the curtains."

• **Head coach Vance Winter:** "Bryce is a great young man. He comes from a great background. He works incredibly hard. His work ethic has been top notch from the day he stepped foot on campus. He's continued to improve game after game. His work ethic is one of the best I've been around. He just gets after it. We have to hold him back."





## INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

### RUSHING

#### Yards, Season

1,265 - JaMaine Lewis (2007)

#### Yards, Career

3,658 - Cleve Wester (1982-85)

#### Touchdowns, Season

13 - Cleve Wester (1984)

### PASSING

#### Yards, Season

2,150 - Jarrod Pimentel (2001)

#### Yards, Career

6,435 - Jarrod Pimentel (1998-2001)

#### Touchdowns, Season

21 - Von Thomas (2014)

#### Touchdowns, Career

49 - Jarrod Pimentel (1998-2001) /  
Von Thomas (2011-14)

### RECEIVING

#### Pass Receptions, Season

62 - Eric Pralle (1990)

#### Pass Receptions, Career

168 - Ross Wurdeman (1998-2001)

#### Yards, Season

951 - Clarence Woods (1988)

#### Yards, Career

2,458 - Ross Wurdeman (1998-2001)

#### Touchdowns, Season

11 - Jared Garcia (2014)

#### Touchdowns, Career

24 - Ross Wurdeman (1998-2001)

#### Courtney Meyer



Von Thomas

## WINNINGEST SEASONS

2001 -- 10-2, .833 (Courtney Meyer)

1981 -- 9-1, .900 (Larry Oetting)

1944 -- 8-0, 1.000 (Herb Meyer)

1954 -- 8-1, .889 (Herb Meyer)

1970 -- 8-1, .889 (John Seevers)

1931 -- 7-0, 1.000 (Walter Hellwege)

1960 -- 7-1, .875 (Ralph Starenko)

1953 -- 7-1-1, .833 (Herb Meyer)

1954 -- 7-1-1, .833 (Herb Meyer)

1949 -- 7-1-1, .833 (Herb Meyer)

1972 -- 7-2, .778 (John Seevers)

1962 -- 7-2, .778 (Ralph Starenko)

1983 -- 7-3, .700 (Larry Oetting)

1982 -- 7-3, .700 (Larry Oetting)

1979 -- 7-3, .700 (Larry Oetting)

2013 -- 7-4, .636 (Vance Winter)

2000 -- 7-4, .636 (Courtney Meyer)

\*1945 team went 6-0 for coach Herb Meyer

## ALL-TIME COACHING RECORDS

70-115-1 -- Courtney Meyer (1990-2008)

63-64-1 -- Larry Oetting (1977-89)

62-34-8 -- Herb Meyer (1941-54)

40-32-9 -- Walter Hellwege (1925-40)

31-32-3 -- John Seevers (1970-76)

28-37 -- Vance Winter (2009-- )

27-17 -- Ralph Starenko (1959-63)

25-27-3 -- Ronald Harms (1964-69)

11-21 -- Kenneth Schroeder (1955-58)

## 1931 Concordia football team: 7-0







RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Bryce Collins	9	182	1,016	5.6	7	67	112.9
Von Thomas	10	95	494	5.2	7	74	49.4
Demarques Saulberry	10	74	290	3.9	1	33	29.0
TJ Austin	5	38	168	4.4	0	25	33.6
Trey Barnes	8	20	111	5.6	0	77	13.9
James Ferguson	6	18	91	5.1	0	46	15.2

PASSING	G	Effic	Att	Comp	Int	%	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
Von Thomas	10	127.1	247	125	11	50.6	1,686	21	68	168.6
TJ Austin	5	129.1	59	28	1	47.5	440	4	48	88
Garrett Folchert	5	113.3	9	5	0	66.7	50	0	21	10

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Jared Garcia	11	44	650	14.8	11	68	59.1
Logan Otte	10	27	419	15.5	5	62	41.9
Bryce Collins	9	17	264	15.5	1	45	29.3
Seth Fitzke	8	15	127	8.5	2	16	15.9
Carey Harrison	6	14	188	13.4	2	38	31.3
Riley Herren	5	10	128	12.8	0	22	25.6
Josh Slechta	5	8	163	20.4	0	34	32.6

FIELD GOALS	FGs	Long	PATs	Points
Adam Meirose	6/8	36	40/42	58

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Sandy Fisher	51	1,910	37.5	60	2	8	16	0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Matt Keener	13	138	10.6	0	20
Logan Otte	6	102	17	0	50

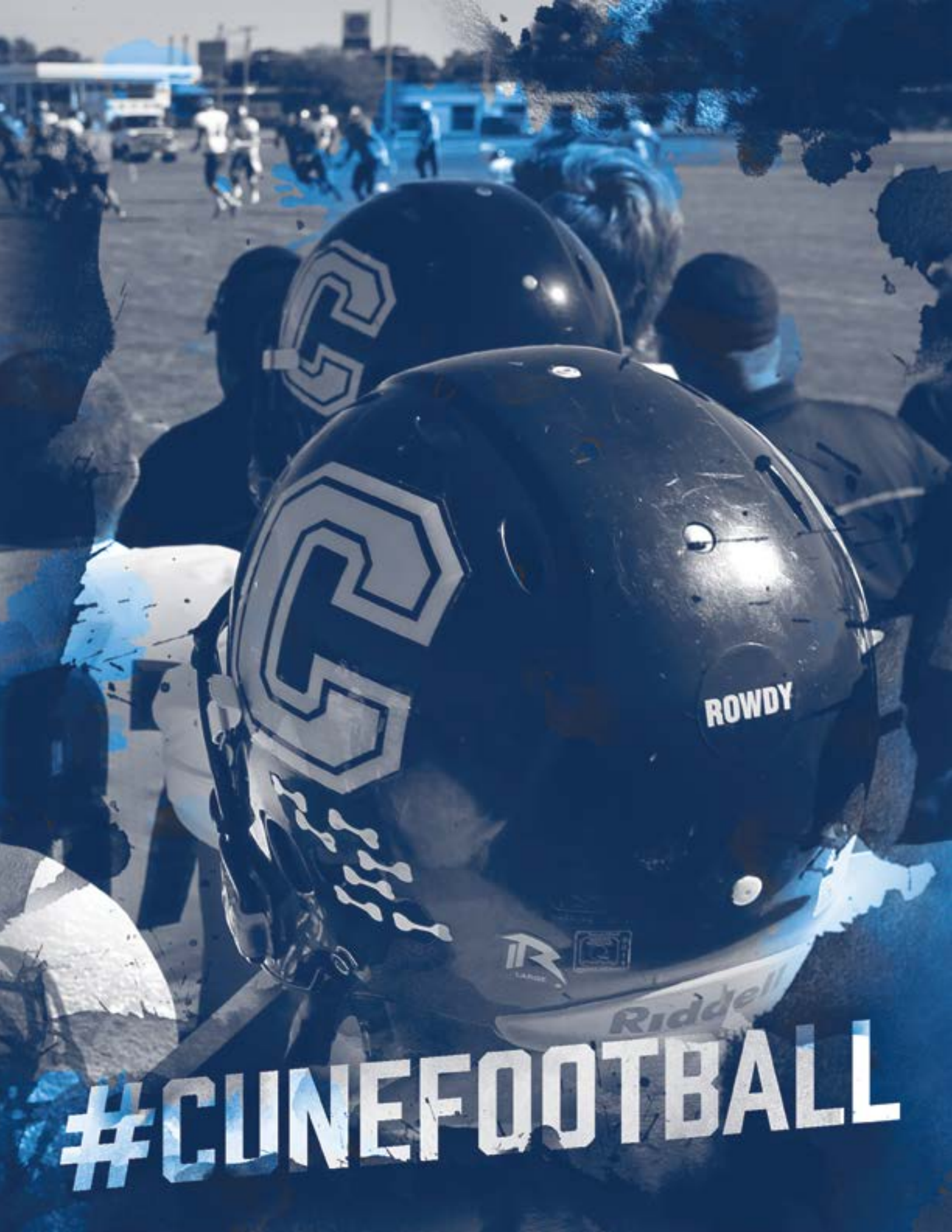
KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Bryce Collins	12	279	23.2	0	35
James Ferguson	10	194	19.4	0	26
Tarence Roby	9	277	30.8	1	90

DEFENSE	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Kyle Rakow	79	4.5	15.5	1	0
Michael Gill	64	4.5	9	0	0
Landon Oelke	61	0	1.5	1	1
Nakemm Evans	61	1	8	1	0
Tait Sibbel	60	0	0.5	2	3
Clay Mauro	51	1	4.5	0	0
Tarence Roby	51	0	4	8	5
Michael Hedlund	49	0	3	1	5
D'Mauria Martin	34	1	3	7	0
Sam Noonan	32	2.5	4.5	0	0
Matt Keener	31	0	3.5	3	0
Ronald Jackson	28	0	1	2	0
Patrick Skwara	28	0	0	0	0
Zach Jackson	25	0	0.5	0	0
Trey Barnes	21	0	2.5	3	0
Alex Melius	19	2	3	0	0
Geoff Kleinschmit	19	1	3	0	0
Drew Baxter	12	2	2.5	0	0
Joseph Scott	7	0	1	0	0
Justin Haun	7	0	0	0	0
Brandon Namuth	6	0	0.5	1	0
Brennan Talcott	6	0	0	0	0

TEAM STATISTICS	CNC	OPP
<b>SCORING</b>	318	302
--Points Per Game	28.9	27.5
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	218	234
--Rushing	108	104
--Passing	93	103
--Penalty	17	27
<b>NET RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	2242	1885
--Yards Gained Rushing	2500	2194
--Yards Lost Rushing	248	309
--Rushing Attempts	449	476
--Average Per Rush	5.0	4.0
--Average Per Game	203.8	171.4
--TDs Rushing	15	28
<b>NET PASSING YARDAGE</b>	2176	2332
--Att/Comp/Int	316 / 159 / 12	330 / 189 / 14
--Average Per Pass	6.9	7.1
--Average Per Catch	13.7	12.3
--Average Per Game	197.8	212.0
--TDs Passing	25	13
<b>TOTAL NET OFFENSE</b>	4418	4217
--Total Plays	765	806
--Average Per Play	5.8	5.2
--Average Per Game	401.6	383.4
KICK RETURNS: NO./YARDS	45-923	45-720
PUNTS RETURNS: NO./YARDS	29-333	15-137
INTS RETURNS: NO./YARDS	14-87	12-39
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.5	16.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.5	9.1
FUMBLES/LOST	19-9	17-6
PUNTS/AVG	51 / 37.5	57 / 37.4
PENALTIES/YARDS	79-760	73-778
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:56	30:04
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	70 / 161	63 / 167
4RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	11 / 26	15 / 23



Kyle Rakow



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