



2016
CONCORDIA BULLDOGS
FOOTBALL
GOOD TO
GREAT



2016 SCHEDULE

Sept. 3 University of Saint Mary 1 p.m.

2015 Record: 3-8



Sept. 10 at Ottawa University 6 p.m.

2015 Record: 6-4



Sept. 17 (Alumni Reunion) *Northwestern College 1 p.m.

2015 Record: 6-4



Sept. 24 *at Doane College 1 p.m.

2015 Record: 9-2



Oct. 1 *at Morningside College 1:30 p.m.

2015 Record: 12-2



Oct. 8 (Homecoming) *Briar Cliff University 1 p.m.

2015 Record: 3-8



Oct. 15 *at Dakota Wesleyan University 1 p.m.

2015 Record: 9-2



Oct. 22 (Parent's Day) *Midland University 1 p.m.

2015 Record: 1-10



Nov. 5 *at Dordt College 1 p.m.

2015 Record: 2-9



Nov. 12 (Senior Day) *Hastings College 1 p.m.

2015 Record: 5-5



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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: Rev. 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: 337-383-26

All-Time GPAC Record: 64-85

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 (8th season)

Alma Mater: Dakota State University

Coaching Record: 34-41 (All at Concordia)

Office Phone: (402) 643-7349

ASSISTANT COACHES

Curran White, Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coordinator/QBs

Patrick Daberkow - Defensive Coordinator

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

Brian Quinn (GA) - Offensive Line

Wes Coomes (GA) - Defensive Backs

Reggie Corbin - Wide Receivers

Harold Pester - Tight Ends

Karl Miller - Defensive Backs

Courtney Meyer - Running Backs/Kickers

Chris Shipley - Linebackers

Clay Mauro - Outside Linebackers

Strength and Conditioning: Todd Berner

Equipment: Levi Calhoun

Athletic Trainer: Eric Lundberg

2015 RESULTS**6-4 overall, 5-4 GPAC - T-4th**

9/5	at Southwestern	W, 31-10
9/12	*Hastings	W, 28-3
9/19	*at (9) Northwestern	L, 14-17
10/3	*at Dordt	W, 34-21
10/10	*Neb Wesleyan	W, 47-14
10/17	*at Midland	W, 41-38 OT
10/24	*Doane	L, 20-23 OT
10/31	*(2) Morningside	L, 21-44
11/7	*at (18) Dakota Wesleyan	L, 10-17
11/14	*Briar Cliff	W, 48-0

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



2016 SEASON OUTLOOK: GOOD TO GREAT



GOOD TO GREAT

Good to great. That's the line eighth-year head coach Vance Winter has repeated throughout the offseason. Concordia is coming off a 6-4 season that included three losses suffered by seven points or fewer (eight of the program's last 10 defeats have come by margins of a

touchdown or less). "Going from good to great, those are the types of games we've got to be able to win," Winter said. With 17 starters returning (including 10 on offense), there's plenty of optimism at 800 North Columbia Avenue. The Bulldogs now have experience at quarterback and on the offensive line to go along with an impressive collection of skill players. Trey Barnes is back after a monster junior year at defensive end and the offense again has explosive potential with Bryce Collins in the backfield and Jared Garcia split out wide. Even if Barnes isn't disrupting the quarterback, opposing passers will have to deal with a secondary led by shutdown corner Tarence Roby. Last season coordinator Patrick Daberkow's defense finished inside the top five of the NAIA in total defense for the second time in three years. The biggest question mark is at kicker. Solving that equation may be the key to turning around the close losses that have plagued the Bulldogs in recent years. Says Garcia, "We're on the brink of a breakthrough. I've been thinking this season is one where no one outside the program is expecting much. We need to

win those tough games that we keep losing."

VIEW FROM COACH WINTER

I think we're going to be a team that's in great shape, great condition. I was really impressed with the competitiveness level in the spring. I like the leadership of our team. I think there are some guys that really stepped to the forefront in terms of being leaders, throughout the whole junior and senior classes and even some young guys, too. I think there's a lot of competition. That's always a positive. I also feel really good about our recruiting class. I feel like there are some guys who can make an impact pretty early. We tested our depth the last two years to pretty extreme levels. Hopefully we're getting to be a deeper football team across the board so when we have an injury we're able to respond from it and not miss a beat.

QUARTERBACKS

Two of the three quarterbacks to start at least one game in 2015 return to fall camp: juniors TJ Austin and Riley Wiltfong. Also in the mix is Pico River, Calif., native Andrew Perea, who saw action in the 2015 season finale and ran for a touchdown. Of the three quarterbacks who competed during the spring practice season, Austin (Angleton, Texas) possesses the most experience. He owns a career touchdown-to-interception ratio of 12-3 and has totaled 1,587 yards (1,062 passing, 525 rushing) over the past two seasons. The only key figure that has departed is Garrett Folchert, who led the team with 12 touchdown passes and 1,087 yards through the air in



2015.

RUNNING BACKS

Two-time first team all-conference back Bryce Collins will enter his senior season at No. 5 on the program's all-time rushing list. With 2,666 career rushing yards, the native of Boerne, Texas, needs 993 yards to break the school record owned by Concordia Athletic Hall of Famer Cleve Wester (3,658). Collins is the undisputed No. 1 and a proven workhorse who has gone over 100 yards rushing 13 times over his first three seasons as a Bulldog. The coaching staff will continue to look for others to emerge behind Collins on the depth chart. Some of the leading candidates are Qyalan Clay, Demarques Saulberry and Jordan Slough. In his collegiate career, Saulberry has carried the ball 114 times for 450 yards. At fullback, Erik Small is back in the fold. He caught six passes, one for a touchdown, in 2015. Small's role is expected to increase this season. A punishing blocker, Small has the ability to line up as a tight end.

RECEIVERS

After two seasons at Concordia, split end Jared Garcia already stands out as one of the most prolific pass catchers in program history. With 19 career touchdown grabs, Garcia is five off the school record held by former All-American tight end Ross Wurdeman. Over the last two years, Garcia has hauled in 85 passes for 1,363 yards. The 6-foot-3 Garcia is well known around the league for his ability to go up and get the ball in traffic. The Bulldogs will welcome back several other complimentary weapons in Trae Owens (358 receiving yards in 2015), Vincent Beasley and Brandon Luetchens. In his first season as a Bulldog, Owens emerged as a deep play threat. Offensive coordinator Curran White found creative ways to use Owens in space as he rushed four times for 35 yards and caught six passes for scores.

TIGHT ENDS

Concordia will miss Josh Slechta, who when healthy, was both a steady blocker and receiver. Thankfully, Seward native and first team all-conference choice Seth Fitzke has one more year of eligibility remaining. The numbers (16 catches, 136 yards, two touchdowns) don't necessarily reflect Fitzke's value to a program that uses its tight ends liberally in the run game. Fitzke has hit rehab hard in hopes of a speedy return from an ACL tear suffered during the spring. Alaska native Cameron Christiansen also has experience at the tight end spot.

OFFENSIVE LINE

This spot has fewer question marks than this time a year ago. The lone departing starter is right tackle Ben Baldud, a first team all-GPAC honoree in 2015. After a season of growth and development, this unit figures to be stronger in 2016. The returning starters are left tackle Hallick Lehmann, left guard Trey Anderson, center Austin Taylor and right guard Keddrick Fuselier. With more experience up front, Concordia hopes to improve upon its average of 167.2 rushing yards per game last season.

DEFENSIVE LINE

After beginning his career on the offensive side of the ball, Seward High School product Trey Barnes (Sporting News preseason All-American) came into his own last season at defensive end. A terror off the edge, Barnes finished second among GPAC players with 10 sacks while adding 20 tackles for loss and 75 total tackles (third most on the team). At nose guard, 310-pound space eater Ron Jackson (36 tackles) provides an anchor for coordinator Patrick Daberkow's stout unit. Dylan Pierquinn supplies a pass-rushing option



from the interior. Opposite of Barnes, fellow seniors-to-be Kerry Grigsby (3.0 sacks) and Nolan Schroeder (two forced fumbles) will be given opportunities for increased roles. There's talent here to make up for the losses of Clint Gardels and Michael Gill.

LINEBACKERS

This group receives the biggest blow with stalwart Tait Sibbel and starters Clay Mauro and Brandon Namuth having graduated. A four-year starter (three years at safety), Sibbel racked up 234 career tackles and nine interceptions. On the positive side, leading tackler Michael Hedlund (105 stops) returns to his inside backer spot. Hedlund, an O'Neill native like Sibbel, has made huge advancements since arriving as a quarterback. Hedlund will be the leader this fall for a group that could also feature up-and-comers such as Parker Johnson. A newcomer to watch at this spot is incoming freshman Jace Alcazar of Buhach Colony High School in California.

SECONDARY

This unit ranked in the top-five nationally in fewest passing yards allowed per game (144.0) and pass efficiency defense (96.7). The scary thing: all four starters are back in place. The corners are juniors Tarence Roby (first team all-conference) and D'Mauria Martin and the safeties figure to again be Le'Dontrae Gooden and Matt Keener. Roby is a lockdown corner on one side of the field while Gooden (five INTs) has a penchant for big plays in the middle of the field. Not only are all four starters back, the entire two-deep from the season finale were underclassmen. There's not much to nitpick about this group.

SPECIALISTS

Concordia is still seeking answers at kicker and punter after saying goodbye to Adam Meirose and Sandy Fisher. In the return game, Roby provides game-breaking potential on kickoffs. Sophomore-to-be Aivory Scheffer produced solidly on punt return in 2015, averaging 12.3 yards per return on 15 attempts. Solid special teams have been a hallmark of recent Bulldog teams.

**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 & Jesse

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

2015: 6-4 overall, 5-4 GPAC

TOTAL: 34-41 overall, 27-38 GPAC



HEAD COACH VANCE WINTER

**BIO**

Vance Winter completed his seventh season as head football coach at Concordia University in 2015. He was named to his current post in December of 2008. He owns career records of 34-41 overall and 27-38 in GPAC action in his seven 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. Then in 2015, Concordia went 6-4 overall and peaked at No. 23 in the national rankings behind the program's second top-five ranked defense in three seasons.

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. The next season, 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: 4 (entering 2016)

Offensive ranks under White:

2015 - YPG: 47th / 85 (370.9) | PPG: 38th / 85 (29.4)

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) and, in 2015, improved its scoring average for the fifth-consecutive season. Individual season records were broken in 2014 by Jared Garcia (receiving TDs) and Von Thomas (passing TDs). The 2015 Bulldogs set a new school standard for passing yards per game while using three different starting quarterbacks.

- 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: 9 (6 as Defensive Coordinator; entering 2016)

Defensive ranks under Daberkow:

2015 - YPG: 4th / 85 (279.6) | PPG: 13th / 85 (18.7)

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, has led the defense to top-five national rankings in two of the past three seasons. The 2013 unit 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. Defensive lineman Trey Barnes collected second team All-America honors in 2015.

- Daberkow has coached recent first team all-conference players in DL Trey Barnes, LB Jerod Fleming, DL Dylan Heithoff, DB Ben Klein, LB Langston Jones, DB Tarence Roby 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 2016)

- 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 the school record for punt return touchdowns in a season (3).

- 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 Trey Barnes (2nd team All-American), Dylan Heithoff (1st team all-GPAC) and Kyle Rakow (2nd team all-GPAC).





2016

No.	Name		POS	HT	WT	YR	Hometown
1	Le'Dontrae	Gooden	S	5'10	190	Sr.	Sacramento, Calif.
2	Vincent	Beasley	WR	6'2	185	So.	Manvel, Texas
2	Tarence	Roby	CB	6'3	205	Jr.	Rockford, Ill.
3	Aivery	Scheffer	S	5'10	190	So.	Cedar Ridge, Texas
3	Jordan	Slough	RB	5'10	195	Jr.	Doniphan, Neb.
4	Matt	Keener	S	5'10	190	Sr.	El Segundo, Calif.
5	Jose	Garcia	K	6'0	205	Jr.	Ogallala, Neb.
6	Jared	Garcia	WR	6'3	210	Jr.	Pearland, Texas
6	Michael	Hedlund	ILB	6'1	220	Sr.	O'Neill, Neb.
7	Deshawn	Eure	WR	5'9	190	Sr.	Santa Rosa, Calif.
7	Justus	Thompson	S	5'10	190	Jr.	Parker, Colo.
8	Colby	Trahan	WR	6'2	200	So.	Pearland, Texas
8	Davon	Hodge	S	5'10	180	Sr.	Dallas, Texas
9	Bryce	Collins	RB	5'10	200	Sr.	Boerne, Texas
9	Josh	Davis	ILB	6'1	230	So.	Katy, Texas
10	Andrew	Perea	QB	6'1	195	So.	Pico River, Calif.
11	TJ	Austin	QB	6'1	220	Jr.	Angleton, Texas
12	Brandon	Luetchens	WR	6'2	210	Sr.	Murdock, Neb.
13	Jordan	Holquin	OLB	5'11	195	So.	Clovis, N.M.
14	George	Swain	CB	5'11	190	So.	Sarasota, Fla.
15	Parker	Johnson	ILB	6'3	235	So.	York, Neb.
17	Riley	Wiltfong	QB	6'2	190	So.	Doniphan, Neb.
17	Parker	Troester	OLB	6'1	200	Fr.	Sterling, Colo.
18	Shane	Scott	OLB	6'2	210	Jr.	Ranchos Palos Verdes, Calif.
20	Everett	Miller	RB	6'1	195	Jr.	Lufkin, Texas
20	Caden	Jameson	S	5'11	195	So.	Theftford, Neb.
21	Sebastian	Garces	CB	6'1	195	Jr.	Boerne, Texas
22	Brody	Edwards	CB	5'9	180	So.	Clovis, N.M.
23	DeMarques	Saulberry	RB	5'9	210	Sr.	Beaumont, Texas
25	Benjamin	Hulett	CB	6'2	195	So.	Gary, Ind.
26	Coby	Cassidy	RB	5'11	190	So.	Burwell, Neb.
27	Cory	Evans	S	6'3	205	Sr.	Tampa Bay, Fla.
28	D'Mauria	Martin	CB	5'11	195	Jr.	Converse, Texas
29	Devon	Jackson	S	6'0	200	So.	Calgary, AB
30	Patrick	Skwara	ILB	6'0	230	Sr.	Boerne, Texas
31	Garrison	Swain	CB	5'11	190	So.	Sarasota, Fla.
32	Tanner	Schwaninger	OLB	6'1	215	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb.
33	Parker	Hasenkamp	ILB	6'1	225	Jr.	Hiawatha, Kan.
34	Trey	Barnes	DL	6'2	250	Sr.	Seward, Neb.
35	John	Alexander	ILB	6'2	230	So.	Pearland, Texas
36	Kordell	Glause	OLB	6'0	220	So.	Palmer, Neb.
39	Christopher	Hendricks	CB	5'9	175	Sr.	Cedar Park, Texas
40	Erik	Small	FB	6'1	245	Jr.	Los Alamitos, Calif.
42	Dylan	Pierquin	DL	5'11	260	Sr.	Vilvoorde, Belgium
43	Kerry	Grigsby	DL	6'3	245	Sr.	San Diego, Calif.
45	Kolton	Stone	FB	5'10	240	Jr.	McCook, Neb.
45	Adam	Christiansen	OLB	6'2	220	So.	Palmer, AK
47	Daniel	Langewisch	FB/RB	5'10	220	So.	Lakewood, Colo.
48	Derek	Luzum	TE	6'2	210	So.	Milligan, Neb.
49	Seth	Fitzke	TE	6'5	250	Sr.	Seward, Neb.
50	Kedrick	Fuselier	OL	6'1	290	Jr.	Houston, Texas
51	Zachary	Jackson	DL	5'11	255	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb.
53	Dakota	Coon	ILB	5'11	220	Sr.	North Platte, Neb.
54	Matthew	Chilman	DL	5'11	240	Jr.	Las Vegas, Nev.
55	Grady	Gardner	DL	6'0	250	Jr.	Grand Island, Neb.
56	Austin	Taylor	OL	6'2	280	So.	York, Neb.
58	Stuart	Kolpin	DL	6'3	220	So.	Overland Park, Kan.
60	Corey	Washington	OL	6'1	270	Sr.	Houston, Texas
61	Trey	Anderson	OL	6'0	260	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb.
64	Evrett	Shaw	OL	6'0	275	So.	Centennial, Colo.
65	Mathew	Romero	OL	6'1	270	So.	Centennial, Colo.
67	Adam	McShane	OL	6'1	250	So.	Blaine, Wash.
68	Dalton	Goodenberger	OL	6'0	265	So.	McCook, Neb.
70	Austin	Reese	OL	6'2	280	Jr.	Melissa, Texas
71	John-Robert	Hicks	OL	6'0	265	So.	Ewa Beach, Hawaii
73	Grady	Koch	OL	6'5	260	So.	Doniphan, Neb.
74	Camren	Fraser	OL	6'1	270	So.	Boise, Idaho
77	Hallick	Lehmann	OL	6'5	275	Sr.	Albion, Neb.
80	Trae	Owens	WR	5'11	185	Sr.	San Jose, Calif.
82	Kiyoshi	Brey	WR	5'10	180	Jr.	Winchester, Calif.
83	Cameron	Christiansen	TE	6'3	220	Sr.	Palmer, Alaska
84	Lane	Wright	TE	6'2	230	Fr.	Norfolk, Neb.
87	Charles	Sims	WR	5'11	185	So.	Castle Rock, Colo.
91	Kalen	Garrett	DL	6'1	230	So.	Doniphan, Neb.
93	Ronald	Jackson	DL	5'10	310	Sr.	Houston, Texas
94	J.R.	Rascon	DL	6'1	255	So.	Tucson, Ariz.
95	Kelby	Fedderm	DL	5'11	265	So.	Atkinson, Neb.
99	Nolan	Schroeder	DL	6'4	255	Sr.	Davenport, Neb.



QB TJ Austin



DB Tarence Roby



ROSTER



QB Riley Wiltfong



Jackson	Abramo	QB	Omaha, Neb.
Jace	Alcazar	LB	Atwater, Calif.
Taylor	Beck	WR	Central City, Neb.
Clay	Bergen	TE	Henderson, Neb.
Riley	Bilstein	LB	Atkinson, Neb.
Adam	Brezniak	OL	Seattle, Wash.
Tyler	Buhr	DB	Adams, Neb.
Devin	Carpenter	RB	Baltimore, Md.
Marcus	Carr	DB	Tulsa, Okla.
Victor	Cortez	OL	Fresno, Calif.
Brendan	Cremin	K	Modesto, Calif.
Joshua	Dawkins	DB	Casselberry, Fla.
Teryn	Dudley	TE	Queen Creek, Ariz.
Ryan	Durdon	WR	Decatur, Texas
Luke	Ericson	QB	Osceola, Neb.
Anthony	Evans	WR	Lincoln, Neb.
Robert	Ferguson	RB	Coldspring, Texas
Evan	Fletcher	LB	Seward, Neb.
Bardia	Ghasemlou	DL	Sugar Land, Texas
Nathan	Gilmore	DB	Winton, Calif.
Connor	Goode	LB	Norfolk, Neb.
Alex	Gutierrez	RB	Chowchilla, Calif.
Jackson	Hall	WR	Berthoud, Colo.
Kordell	Hamer	WR	Central City, Neb.
Devon	Harris	DL	Aurora, Colo.
Zachary	Harston	DB	Cairo, Neb.
Nathan	Heeseemann	DB	Johnstown, Colo.
Jordan	Heinrichs	DB	Henderson, Neb.
Martise	Helm	DB	Richwood, Texas
Gavin	Herd	RB	Salt Lake City, Utah
Cody	Hofrock	OL	Sidney, Neb.
Kamal	Howard	WR	Aurora, Colo.
Jayden	Hutchings	LB	Lake Travis, Texas
Joshua	Jackson	DL	Lincoln, Neb.
Lorenzo	Jimenez	OL	Bolivar, Tenn.
Jacob	Kemp	QB	Decatur, Texas
Bailey	Kraemer	DB	Norfolk, Neb.
Payton	Kuhnel	DB	Peoria, Ariz.
Jordan	Love	WR	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Trystan	Lyster	K	Omaha, Neb.
Dylan	McKee	LB	Lone Tree, Colo.
Zachary	Miller	TE	North Platte, Neb.
Grant	Mitchell	DL	Greenville, Ill.
Jesse	Moser	OL	Leander, Texas
Gary	Nieuwkoop	DL	Chowchilla, Calif.
Dylan	Olmsted	LB	York, Neb.
Kalvin	Page	DL	Omaha, Neb.
Malachi	Paopao	TE	San Antonio, Texas
Terrell	Pearson	LB	Denver, Colo.
Jamie	Pearson	WR	Seward, Neb.
Jerod	Peters	OL	Aurora, Neb.
Matthew	Petracek	WR	Wilber, Neb.
Jacobsen	Podtburg	DL	Adams, Neb.
Jacob	Pralle	OL	Rochester, Minn.
Jason	Rios	WR	Greeley, Colo.
Grant	Ritter	OL	Schertz, Texas
Aaron	Rudloff	LB	Battle Creek, Neb.
Kyle	Rush	RB	Arvada, Colo.
Preston	Schnitzler	RB	Kennesaw, Neb.
AJ (Alan)	Sharp	K	Plattsmouth, Neb.
Deion	Staley	DB	San Antonio, Texas
Roel	Swift	DB	Spring Hill, Kan.
Derek	Tachovsky	LB	Wilber, Neb.
Noah	Torres	DB	Atwater, Calif.
Anthony	Verdicchio	DL	Parker, Colo.
Zachary	Walker	LB	Dacono, Colo.
Zachary	Walter	LB	Lincoln, Kan.
Shemick	Watts	WR	Missouri City, Texas
Bryton	Weber	WR	Las Vegas, Nev.
Lamont	Weddle	LB	Denver, Colo.
DJ	Weir	DB	Salina, Kan.
Rufus	Williams	DL	Merced, Calif.
Carson	Woodman	DL	Kennesaw, Neb.
Sam	Zeleny	WR	Fairmont, Neb.
RS Kinser	Gergen	OLB	Fairmont, Neb.
RS Brett	James	WR	Kearney, Neb.
RS Michael	Winckler	OL	Fremont, Neb.



Starters Returning - Offense: 10 | Defense: 7

OFFENSE



TJ Austin • QB • Jr.
6-1 • 220 • Angleton, Texas
2015: 49/97 (.505), 622 yards, 8 TD, 2 INT, 127.5 eff; Rushing: 357 yards, 3 TD.



Bryce Collins • RB • Sr.
5-10 • 200 • Boerne, Texas
2015: First Team All-GPAC; 193 carries, 946 yards, 9 TD, 1,291 all-purpose yards; 2,666 career rushing yards.



Seth Fitzke • TE • Sr.
6-5 • 250 • Seward, Neb.
2015: First Team All-GPAC; 16 catches, 136 yards, 2 TD.



Keddrick Fuselier • OL • Jr.
6-1 • 290 • Houston, Texas
2015: Honorable Mention All-GPAC; starter at right guard.



Jared Garcia • WR • Jr.
6-3 • 210 • Pearland, Texas
2015: First Team All-GPAC; 41 catches, 713 yards, 8 TD; career: 85 catches, 1,363 yards, 19 TD.



Riley Wiltfong • QB • Jr.
6-2 • 190 • Doniphan, Neb.
2015: 19/34 (.559), 276 yards, 2 TD, 131.7 eff, 76 yards rushing.

DEFENSE



Trey Barnes • DL • Sr.
6-2 • 250 • Seward, Neb.
2015: Second Team All-America; First Team All-GPAC; 75 tackles (20 for loss), 10 sacks, 11 QB hurries.



Le'Dontrae Gooden • S • Sr.
5-10 • 190 • Sacramento, Calif.
2015: Second Team All-GPAC; 59 tackles (6.0 for loss), 5 INT, 4 PBU.



Michael Hedlund • LB • Sr.
6-1 • 220 • O'Neill, Neb.
2015: Second Team All-GPAC; 105 tackles (4.5 for loss), 2.0 sacks, 1 INT, 4 PBU.



Ronald Jackson • DL • Sr.
5-10 • 310 • Houston, Texas
2015: Honorable Mention All-GPAC; 36 tackles (1.0 for loss), 1 PBU.



D'Mauria Martin • DB • Jr.
5-11 • 195 • Converse, Texas
2015: Honorable Mention All-GPAC; 26 tackles (2.5 for loss), 1 INT, 8 PBU.



Tarence Roby • DB • Jr.
6-3 • 205 • Rockford, Ill.
2015: First Team All-GPAC; 20 tackles (2.0 for loss), 7 PBU, FF, 2 FR.

KEY LOSSES: OL Ben Balduc (First Team All-GPAC); P Sandy Fisher (2014 Honorable Mention All-GPAC); QB Garrett Folchert; DL Clint Gardels (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); DL Michael Gill (2013/2014 Honorable Mention All-GPAC); TE Josh Slechta (2013 Honorable Mention All-GPAC); LB Clay Mauro (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); K Adam Meirose (2014 First Team All-GPAC); LB Brandon Namuth; LB Tait Sibbel (Second Team All-GPAC).



2015 HONOR ROLL

BEN BALDUC

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

TREY BARNES

- Second Team NAIA All-America
- First Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska Defensive Honorary Captain
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska
- GPAC Defensive POW (10/19)

CAMERON CHRISTIANSEN

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

BRYCE COLLINS

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

SETH FITZKE

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

GARRETT FOLCHERT

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

KEDDRICK FUSELIER

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

JARED GARCIA

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

CLINT GARDELS

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald NAIA All-Nebraska Honorable Mention
- GPAC Defensive POW (11/16)
- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

KINSER GERGEN

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

LE'DONTRAE GOODEN

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



MICHAEL GRAU

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

MICHAEL HEDLUND

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

RON JACKSON

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

BRETT JAMES

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

HALLICK LEHMANN

- CoSIDA Academic All-American
- CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

JERAD LEIFELD

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

BRANDON LUETCHENS

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

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D'MAURIA MARTIN

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

CLAY MAURO

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

ADAM MEIROSE

- CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

CHASE MURMAN

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

TARENCE ROBY

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

TAIT SIBBEL

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

ERIK SMALL

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC



GARCIA PUTS BEHIND INJURIES, FINDS STARDOM

By Jake Knabel, Director of Athletic Communications

You would have to cut my legs off to stop me from playing football. That's what Jared Garcia told his mother Tracey while sitting at the doctor's office following the third tear of his right ACL.

"Four-and-a-half games," Garcia repeated on several occasions in a sit-down interview. That's all his varsity career amounted to in his time at Dawson High School in his hometown of Pearland, Texas. Any time he experienced a bout of good fortune, the positivity was soon replaced by feelings of despair. In a September game during his senior year in 2012, Garcia returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown and then quickly found the end zone on Dawson's first offensive series.

A recruiting website had just featured the then 6-foot-2, 185-pounder that week in writing, "One player who will not be overlooked by opponents, and soon enough college recruiters, is wide receiver Jared Garcia." Having already been plagued by injuries, Garcia knew he needed to finish his senior season in good health. It just wasn't in the cards.

"I can't lie and say I didn't get down," Garcia said. "I think the second one was probably the hardest. I fought back really hard from the first one and I felt like I was good. In a matter of one play I was out. It was unexpected. I think I took that one the hardest. I never thought about quitting. I can't say that, but I did get down on myself."

The frustrations were understandable. At the time Garcia had recently talked to University of Texas co-offensive coordinator Major Applewhite, who seemed to have genuine interest. Of course college recruiters were drawn to Garcia's teammates in James White, who landed at Texas A&M, and another receiver who went to LSU. Those high-level teammates helped Garcia gain exposure. But when yet another injury bit, it was easy for college recruiters to ignore Garcia. Says Garcia, "That was a big detriment to my recruiting."

Now looking forward to his third season at Concordia, the soft-spoken Garcia has not missed a single game as a Bulldog. A big and physical presence who was timed at 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash in high school, Garcia made an immense impact immediately, breaking a school record with 11 touchdown catches as a freshman. In two years he's hauled in 85 passes for 1,363 yards and 19 touchdowns as one of the top receivers in the GPAC.

"Jared's a guy defenses are going to focus in on game plan-wise," said head coach Vance Winter. "They want to try to take him away right from the start. We see a lot of different coverage looks and things that we wouldn't normally see. There aren't too many corners that can match up with him one-on-one."

As a prep, Garcia always envisioned himself playing at the NCAA Division I level. He wanted to make a name for himself at the highest level. A 17-year-old Garcia didn't feel like a school like Concordia, roughly a 13-hour drive away from home and a member of the NAIA, fit his profile. So he accepted a walk-on offer from NCAA Division I FCS Stephen F. Austin. Still fighting back from injury, Garcia went almost unnoticed. After one semester he left.



It was time to give that school in Nebraska a shot. "The first thing I did was contact Coach (Corby) Osten," Garcia said. "They hopped on board immediately. There was no second guessing. 'Hey Coach are you guys still interested?' 'Yes, what are you doing?' They contacted me and let me know what they could find me for a scholarship. I accepted what they gave me and I honestly do not regret it at all."

Concordia coaches made sure to appoint quarterback Von Thomas as host when Garcia made a campus visit. The two became close friends and still joke about their first meeting. Garcia's Valentine's Day visit to Concordia prevented Thomas from taking his girlfriend on a date. "That was pretty funny and he doesn't let me live it down," Garcia said. "He was a great host. I built a relationship with him that is unbreakable. I still talk to him to this day. We just talk about living life."

Not surprisingly, Garcia quickly became Thomas' favorite target in 2014. In just Garcia's third career collegiate game, he caught three touchdown passes from Thomas in a home victory over Midland. "I actually threw him some of the worst balls on purpose just to see what his limit was," Thomas said. "Everything I threw bad to him he



caught. I'm still trying to figure out what footballs he can't catch."

The sure-handed Garcia has high aspirations. Says Garcia without flinching, "My big personal goal is to make it to the NFL." Garcia possesses measurables that are off the charts for NAIA football. In high school he was timed at 4.5 seconds in the 40-yard dash. He now has a 39-inch vertical to go along with his ideal size that dwarfs opposing GPAC defensive backs.

"From the day he showed up he impressed us physically," Winter said. "He does some great things route running. He's very good at one-on-one balls. He's an explosive leaper and he's also faster than we thought. He's very, very talented."

All Garcia needed to blossom was the right school and a better run of fortune health-wise. Even he admitted he didn't know exactly what he could contribute as a freshman. At that point he had spent more time watching football from the sidelines than actually playing the game.

"I didn't know what I was capable of," Garcia said. "I played four-and-a-half varsity games in high school. I wasn't recruited heavily. I just had a lot of doubts in my mind. When I came here I wasn't big headed. I didn't know what I could do. I had to prove myself to myself"

Consider that done.

CONCORDIA FOOTBALL: ALSO STARRING ...

TREY BARNES

6-2 | 250 | Sr. | Seward, NE
2015 NAIA 2nd Tm All-American

"It was apparent we had something special with Trey at that defensive end spot."

-Patrick Daberkow

BRYCE COLLINS

5-10 | 200 | Sr. | Boerne, TX
2x 1st Team All-GPAC

"Bryce's work ethic is one of the best I've been around. He just gets after it. We have to hold him back."

-Vance Winter

TARENCE ROBY

6-3 | 200 | Jr. | Rockford, IL
2015 1st Team All-GPAC

"Tarence can close ground as fast as anyone we've had. He plays with an edge, and an attitude representative of everyone on this unit."

-Patrick Daberkow





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

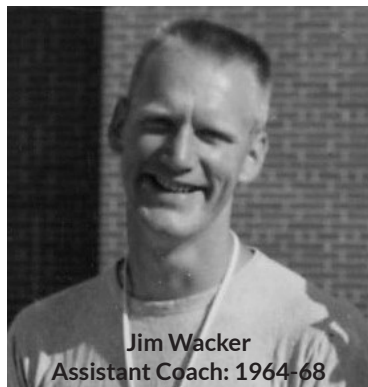
2,458 - Ross Wurdeman (1998-2001)

Touchdowns, Season

11 - Jared Garcia (2014)

Touchdowns, Career

24 - Ross Wurdeman (1998-2001)



Jim Wacker
Assistant Coach: 1964-68



Bernard Arkebauer scored 19 touchdowns for the 7-0 Concordia football team of 1931.

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)

34-41 -- Vance Winter (2009--)

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

27-17-1 -- Ralph Starenko (1959-63)

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

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



Concordia Athletic Hall of Fame members Vic Peter (left) and Gary Seevers (right).



2015 STATISTICS

RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Bryce Collins	10	193	946	4.9	9	75	94.6
TJ Austin	6	64	357	5.6	3	49	59.5
Demarques Saulberry	6	40	160	4	1	14	26.7
Qyalan Clay	7	23	101	4.4	0	25	14.4
Riley Wiltfong	2	15	76	5.1	0	40	38.0
Jordan Slough	4	9	35	3.9	0	8	8.8

PASSING	G	Effic	Att	Comp	Int	%	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
Garrett Folchert	9	127.1	162	87	6	53.7	1,087	12	75	120.8
TJ Austin	6	127.5	97	49	2	50.5	622	8	48	103.7
Riley Wiltfong	2	131.7	34	19	2	55.9	276	2	67	138

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Jared Garcia	10	41	713	17.4	8	67	71.3
Bryce Collins	10	31	286	9.2	1	75	28.6
Trae Owens	9	19	358	18.8	6	62	39.8
Brandon Lutchens	9	18	152	8.4	1	16	16.9
Seth Fitzke	10	16	136	8.5	2	20	13.6
Carey Harrison	5	8	152	19.0	2	40	30.4
Josh Slechta	4	7	110	15.7	1	24	27.5

FIELD GOALS	FGs	Long	PATs	Points
Adam Meirose	7/13	29	37/38	58

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Sandy Fisher	54	2,010	37.2	58	2	11	9	1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Aivery Scheffer	15	185	12.3	0	48
Bryce Collins	6	59	9.8	0	32

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Tarence Roby	13	282	21.7	0	53
Aivery Scheffer	5	142	28.4	0	66

DEFENSE	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Michael Hedlund	105	2	4.5	4	1
Clay Mauro	78	0	2	1	0
Trey Barnes	75	10	20	2	0
Matt Keener	67	0	3	5	1
Le'Dontrae Gooden	59	0	6	4	5
Tait Sibbel	53	0	12	5	1
Brandon Namuth	44	1	6.5	2	0
Ron Jackson	36	0	1	1	0
Clint Gardels	32	2.5	6	0	0
D'Mauria Martin	26	0	2.5	8	1
Nolan Schroeder	20	0.5	1	2	0
Tarence Roby	20	0	2	7	0
Zack Jackson	14	1	2	2	0
Cory Evans	13	0	0	7	0
Aivery Scheffer	10	0	0	1	0
Kerry Grigsby	9	3	3	0	0
Michael Gill	8	0	0	0	0
Chris Hendricks	6	0	0	1	0
Parker Johnson	5	0	0	0	0
Dylan Pierquin	5	0	1	0	0

TEAM STATISTICS	CNC	OPP
SCORING	294	187
--Points Per Game	29.4	18.7
FIRST DOWNS	177	145
--Rushing	76	61
--Passing	80	63
--Penalty	21	21
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	1672	1374
--Yards Gained Rushing	1889	1645
--Yards Lost Rushing	217	271
--Rushing Attempts	386	391
--Average Per Rush	4.3	3.5
--Average Per Game	167.2	137.4
--TDs Rushing	14	9
NET PASSING YARDAGE	2037	1429
--Att/Comp/Int	300 / 159 / 11	276 / 125 / 9
--Average Per Pass	6.8	5.2
--Average Per Catch	12.8	11.4
--Average Per Game	203.7	142.9
--TDs Passing	22	12
TOTAL NET OFFENSE	3709	2803
--Total Plays	686	667
--Average Per Play	5.4	4.2
--Average Per Game	370.9	280.3
KICK RETURNS: NO./YARDS	29-600	29-606
PUNTS RETURNS: NO./YARDS	25-280	19-207
INTS RETURNS: NO./YARDS	9-230	11-88
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	20.7	20.9
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.2	10.9
FUMBLES/LOST	15-8	17-10
PUNTS/AVG	59 / 36.6	74 / 39.9
PENALTIES/YARDS	78-726	69-691
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	33:20	26:40
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	49 / 139	50 / 163
4RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	7 / 16	9 / 21



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