



2018 Concordia Bulldogs **FOOTBALL**
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2018 SCHEDULE

Sept. 8 (Parents' Day) Buena Vista University 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 3-7



Sept. 15 *at University of Jamestown 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 2-9



Sept. 22 (Homecoming) *Midland University 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 6-4



Sept. 29 *at Dordt College 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 5-5



Oct. 6 *Dakota Wesleyan University 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 6-5



Oct. 13 *at Briar Cliff University 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 0-11



Oct. 20 (Military Appreciation) *Hastings College 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 5-6



Oct. 27 *at Morningside College 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 13-1



Nov. 3 (Senior Day) *Northwestern College 1 p.m.
2017 Record: 10-2



Nov. 10 *at Doane University 1 p.m.
2017 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: 350-390-26

All-Time GPAC Record: 74-91

Last Postseason Appearance: 2001

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

Number of Head Coaches: 10

Most Wins, Season: 10-2 (2001)

Undefeated Seasons: 3 (1931, 1944, 1945)

FOOTBALL STAFF

Head Coach: Patrick Daberkow (2nd season)

Alma Mater: Concordia University, Nebraska

Coaching Record: 6-4, 1 year

Office Phone: (402) 643-7217

ASSISTANT COACHES

Corby Osten - Defensive Coordinator

Wes Coomes - Special Teams Coordinator/Def. Backs

Reggie Corbin - Pass Game Coordinator/Quarterbacks

Ron Jackson (GA) - Defensive Line

Tyson Powers (GA) - Tight Ends/Fullbacks

Harold Pester - Defensive Line

Von Thomas - Running Backs

Courtney Meyer - Kickers/Punters/Long Snappers

Karl Miller - Defensive Backs

Chris Shipley - Linebackers

Sam Brauer - Wide Receivers

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Todd Berner

Equipment: Junior Lule

Athletic Trainer: Eric Lundberg

2017 RESULTS**6-4 Overall, 5-3 GPAC - 3rd**

9/2	(20) Kansas Wesleyan	L, 13-28
9/10	Ottawa (Kan.)	W, 24-6
9/16	*(24) Northwestern	L, 21-35
9/23	*(7) Doane	W, 29-18
9/30	*Hastings	L, 18-38
10/14	*Midland	W, 44-14
10/21	*Dordt	W, 24-17
10/28	*Dakota Wesleyan	W, 38-16
11/4	*Briar Cliff	W, 35-7
11/11	*(3) Morningside	L, 0-35

ALL-TIME CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

2001 (Courtney Meyer)	1944 (Herb Meyer)
1981 (Larry Oetting)	1931 (Walter Hellwege)
1970 (John Seevers)	1929 (Walter Hellwege)
1960 (Ralph Starenko)	
1955 (Ken Schroeder)	
1954 (Herb Meyer)	
1952 (Herb Meyer)	
1951 (Herb Meyer)	
1945 (Herb Meyer)	



Bulldog Stadium

2018 SEASON OUTLOOK



Concordia enters year two of Patrick Daberkow's tenure as head coach. The Bulldogs went 6-4 in 2017 with a campaign highlighted by a late four-game win streak and the homecoming victory over then seventh-ranked Doane. Daberkow will have a young team that said goodbye to stars such as receiver Jared Garcia and defensive backs D'Mauria Martin and Tarence Roby. The 2018 season will get started on Sept. 8 with a visit from NCAA Division III Buena Vista University.

Quarterback

The coaching staff will be looking for a difference maker here. The offense operated in a productive manner in weeks six through nine when Riley Wiltfong returned to health. The only experienced quarterback inside the program is Andrew Perea, who enters his senior year. Perea threw five touchdown passes last season while appearing in seven games. Perea was joined by Blake Culbert and Jake Kemp during the spring quarterback derby. No matter who emerges as the No. 1 guy, the development of quarterback depth will be a high priority. Daberkow says that all three of the aforementioned quarterbacks are adept at throwing the deep ball.

Running Back

Converted receiver Ryan Durdon turned this position from a major question mark this time a year ago into one of the team's biggest strengths last fall. The current junior from Decatur, Texas, enjoyed one of the best seasons ever by a Concordia running back, rushing for 1,247 yards and eight touchdowns while earning second team All-GPAC accolades. Concordia loses No. 2 back TJ Austin (323 rushing yards). Ideally, the Bulldogs will find a reliable backup to the lessen the burden on Durdon, who averaged 31.8 carries per game during the team's late four-game win streak. Sophomores Payton Kidder and Atanasio Simba

could be in line for opportunities after turning some heads during the spring. Daberkow feels good about his lead blockers with fullbacks Robert Ferguson and Daniel Langewisch back in the fold.

Receiver

There likely won't be one guy who can replace the production of Jared Garcia, who finished his Concordia career with 161 catches for 2,495 yards and 35 touchdowns over his four seasons. Two returners caught 15 or more passes: Lane Castaneda (23 catches, 233 yards, 3 TDs) and Vincent Beasley (15 catches, 250 yards, 2 TDs). Jackson Hall (25 catches, 318 yards, 3 TDs) decided not to return to Concordia for his junior year. It's yet to be determined as to whether someone such as Castaneda or Beasley is able to emerge as an elite playmaker. With the losses of Garcia and Hall, this position would appear to be one with room for an impact newcomer or two and/or the emergence of someone such as sophomore Art Anderson.

Tight End

The Bulldogs did not incorporate the tight ends into the passing game much in 2017, but senior Seth Fitzke was an important part of the running game. His contributions in that regard helped him pick up second team All-GPAC accolades despite only notching four receptions. Senior-to-be Stuart Kolpin was next in line after Fitzke on the 2017 depth chart. The program will miss Fitzke's physicality and toughness. The good news is that another Fitzke – Brady – has three years of eligibility remaining. The 6-foot-5 Brady Fitzke possesses exciting potential and an ability to line up as a slot receiver.

Offensive Line

The 2017 group emerged as one of the best offensive line units in re-

cent history for the program. Due to the graduation of Hallick Lehmann and Austin Reese, as well as some unexpected departures, this unit will be much less experienced than hoped. Senior guard Grady Koch is the only returning starter although Cole Baumgartner and Dalton Goodenberger have seen varsity action. Daberkow has been consistent in stating that an offense is only as good as its line.

Defensive Line

For the second year in a row, the Bulldogs are looking for a new anchor at nose guard after getting all-conference play the past two seasons from the likes of Ron Jackson and Erik Small. At the defensive end spots in Concordia's 3-4 alignment, starters Aaron Rudloff (34 tackles) and Parker Johnson (28 tackles, 4.5 tfl's) are back in the mix. In terms of pass rushers, the Bulldogs missed former All-American Trey Barnes' production last fall. Small and Zac Walter tied for the team lead with three sacks apiece last season. This group often got overshadowed in 2017 by the defense's high profile players in the linebacker and secondary units. Daberkow says that a surprise name could end up being one of this unit's top players.

Linebacker

It's rare for a freshman to make the type of immediate impact delivered last season by inside backer Lane Napier, a David City native. The tackling machine led all GPAC players in stops (97) during the regular season. He also added eight tackles in the backfield during a first team all-conference campaign. He's the headliner of a unit that includes experienced players in senior Kordell Glause (44 tackles, 4 tfl's) and juniors Derek Tachovsky (35 tackles) and Riley Bilstein (16 tackles). The aforementioned Walter can provide a push off the edge in passing situations. The departure from the starting group is Shane Scott.

Defensive Back

No area of the team has been hit harder by graduation than this one. First team all-GPAC stars D'Mauria Martin and Tarence Roby will no longer terrorize opposing quarterbacks. Concordia figures to be youthful at corner, where Darius McVay and Davonte Mouton will have an opportunity to step in. McVay emerged as one of the budding stars of spring camp. Both he and Mouton will be sophomores after sitting behind last season's talented senior group. Safety Caden Jameson could also push for a starting role in his senior season. He recorded 13 tackles and in interception in the season finale versus Morningside.



Lane Napier



Ryan Durdon

Specialists

The stinger here is losing the game-breaking return abilities of Roby, who piled up 1,041 all-purpose yards as one of the top return men in the NAIA. Durdon also returned seven kicks. Help will be needed in this area. Daberkow and his staff will also be looking for an answer at kicker, a spot held down by senior Brendan Cremin in 2017. That position battle could wind up being won by an incoming recruit. On the other hand, Concordia has a handle on the punting position with sophomore-to-be Brady Fitzke back after he averaged 42.7 yards per punt in his first season as a Bulldog. Fitzke will battle Payton Stevens for the job.

Thoughts from Coach Daberkow

We'll do all sorts of things with our guys offensively. Brady Fitzke will line up at tight end but we'll also split him out at Z receiver and we'll line him up at fullback. He's not as big and strong as (older brother) Seth, but he's probably more versatile from a receiving standpoint ... We're going to be a ground-and-pound offense. We have to throw the ball better than we did last year. We're going to run but I think we have the ability to throw more. We need to be a little more unpredictable on first and 10. Last year it was power left or power right. It worked for us in the back half of the season but we have to figure out different ways to distribute the ball ... The strength of our defensive unit is our linebacker core. Lane's (Napier) strength lies in his competitive nature. He and Kordell (Glause) just don't accept defeat. They're fierce competitors. Lane has a knack for the ball. He just loves to compete. He's a downhill football player. The sky's the limit for him. He's going to be a special player for us ... The amount of playing time on Saturdays that unit (defensive backs) has had has been limited. We don't know what we have yet. We'll know a lot more in a month ... Our punt return is a question mark ... I think we'll be able to distribute it more where Durdon won't have to carry the load as much as he did last year. He'll still be our primary guy. He's going to get a lot of touches ... It's a wide open race (at quarterback). Andrew Perea has had some experience. Jake Kemp has a great arm. All three of our quarterbacks (in for the spring) can throw the deep ball really well. That's what we want to see. It really is wide open.

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Concordia University

Head Coach, 2017 - present

Defensive Coordinator, 2010-16

Assistant Coach, 2007-09

EDUCATION

Concordia University

Bachelor's in Education, 2007

Master's in Education, 2010

HOMETOWN

Madison, Nebraska

FAMILY

Wife: Emly

Children: Kinley, Brynn & Roman

QUOTABLE

"At Concordia University Football, we're building men through accountability, toughness and authenticity. Everything we're trying to build in our football program centers around one of those three areas. Whether something good or bad is happening, I think it can be funneled into being accountable, being tough or being trustworthy."

QUICK HITTERS

- Coordinated the 2013 and 2015 defenses to top five national finishes in terms of total defense
- Coached All-Americans Darnell Woods (2013), Trey Barnes (2015/2016) and Tarence Roby (2017)
- Served as a team captain on the 2006 Concordia football team
- 2003 Team Defensive Newcomer of the Year



HEAD COACH PATRICK DABERKOW



SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

"Hopefully our guys will see that they have kids watching them. We want them to be good ambassadors in the community. When they have kids waving to them out at the grocery store, they're running into kids from those classrooms. It's fun to see those relationships blossom. We're hoping to get those guys a different experience and get them outside their comfort zone."

We hope to do more impactful community service projects down the road. We've helped people move around town. We get quite a few phone calls from the community to help out with certain things. Any time it works and we have guys available, we love to do it."

--Patrick Daberkow



CORBY OSTEN • Defensive Coordinator

Hometown: Columbus, Nebraska

Alma Mater: Concordia University, Nebraska

Years at Concordia: 10

- Osten was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2017 after previously serving as special teams coach and defensive line coach. He continues to work with the defensive line.
- Osten oversaw successful special teams units that 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 (two-time All-American), Dylan Heithoff (1st team all-GPAC) and Kyle Rakow (2nd team all-GPAC). Corner Tarence Roby became the program's latest All-American in 2017.
- Before returning to Concordia, Osten served as defensive coordinator at Lutheran South Academy in Houston, Texas, from 2004 to 2007. He also held the same role at Lincoln Lutheran High School in 2008.



WES COOMES • Special Teams/Recruiting Coordinator

Hometown: Phillipsburg, Kansas

Alma Mater: Ottawa University

Years at Concordia: 3

- Coomes was elevated to a full-time coaching role in 2017 after two seasons as a graduate assistant coach on previous head coach Vance Winter's staff. In his new role, Coomes also serves as recruiting coordinator, defensive backs coach and head junior varsity coach.
- Graduated from Ottawa with a degree in sports administration. Coomes twice earned all-conference recognition while leading the Braves to two NAIA playoff appearances.
- In two seasons at Ottawa, Coomes recorded 134 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, nine pass breakups, three sacks and two interceptions.
- Coached defensive back units the last three years that ranked third, 21st and 28th, respectively, in pass defense. Coomes has worked with all-conference defensive backs Le'Dontrae Gooden, D'Mauria Martin and Tarence Roby (2017 All-American).



REGGIE CORBIN • Pass Game Coordinator

Hometown: Beaumont, Texas

Alma Mater: Concordia University, Nebraska

Years at Concordia: 7

- Officially announced as a full-time assistant coach (pass game coordinator) on July 5. Corbin has spent the previous seven seasons on the Concordia staff, serving as a position coach for quarterbacks, running backs and receivers at various times.
- Prior to returning to his alma mater, Corbin served as defensive coordinator at Raymond Central High School in 2010. It was his second stint at Raymond Central having also coached on the staff from 2005-08. In 2009 he assisted at Maui High School.
- During his time as a student-athlete at Concordia, Corbin played football from 2002-05 and basketball for the 2004-05 squad that advanced all the way to the NAIA Division II national championship game. Corbin also played for the Lincoln Haymakers during the 2013 season. He graduated from Concordia with a bachelor of arts degree in exercise science with a coaching endorsement. He earned a masters in public health from Concordia and a masters in coaching education from Ohio University.



Name		Yr.	Pos.	Hometown	Previous School
Jackson	Abramo	Jr.	QB	Omaha, Neb.	Burke HS
Arthur	Anderson	So.	WR	St. Louis, Mo.	Wagner HS
Jayzen	Armstrong	Fr.	WR	Casa Grande, Ariz.	Union HS
Wendell	Banks	Fr.	OL	San Antonio, Texas	Wagner HS
Morgan	Barker	Fr.	FB	Eastland, Texas	Eastland HS
Cole	Baumgartner	So.	OL	San Antonio, Texas	Smithson Valley HS
Vincent	Beasley	Sr.	WR	Manvel, Texas	Manvel HS
Taylor	Beck	Jr.	DB	Central City, Neb.	Central City HS
Cayden	Beran	Fr.	WR	Hutto, Texas	Hutto HS
Riley	Bilstein	Jr.	LB	Atkinson, Neb.	West Holt HS
Jack	Blumer	Fr.	QB	Marysville, Kan.	Marysville HS
Michael	Brewer	Sr.	OL	Tuscon, Ariz.	Sahuaro HS / Shasta CC
Ross	Briggs	So.	DL	Seward, Neb.	Seward HS
Jayden	Brosius	Fr.	DL	North Platte, Neb.	St Pats HS
Jarett	Brown	Fr.	DB	West Columbia, Texas	Columbia HS
Shayne	Campbell	Fr.	LB	O'Neill, Neb.	Oneill HS
Daniel	Cantu	So.	K	Alleyton, Texas	Rice HS
Kayle	Carlson	Fr.	LB	Malcolm, Neb.	Malcolm HS
Marcus	Carr	Jr.	FB	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Lutheran Christian Acad
Lane	Castaneda	So.	WR	San Antonio, Texas	Madison HS
Adam	Christiansen	Sr.	LS	Palmer, Alaska	Palmer HS
Zachary	Christiansen	So.	OL	Hastings, Neb.	Adams Central
Easton	Clark	Fr.	LB	North Platte, Neb.	North Platte HS
Chase	Comman	So.	DL	Cypress, Texas	Cy Ranch HS
Caydren	Cox	So.	LB	Beloit, Kan.	Beloit HS
Blake	Culbert	So.	QB	Garden Grove, Calif.	Rancho Alamitos HS
Drew	Cunningham	Fr.	DB	Glen Elder, Kan.	Downs HS
Tyree	Daniels	Transfer	WR	Hutto, Texas	Colby CC
Trevor	Dey	So.	WR	Gresham, Neb.	Centennial HS
Cade	Digiovanni	So.	OL	North Platte, Neb.	North Platte HS
Ryan	Durdon	Jr.	RB	Decatur, Texas	Decatur HS
Lukas	Ericson	Jr.	QB	Osceola, Neb.	Osceola HS
Robert	Ferguson	Jr.	FB	Shenandoah, Texas	St Pius HS
Olajuwon	Ferguson	Transfer	DB	Santa Rosa, Calif.	Santa Rosa JC
Jacob	Filbrun	Transfer	DL	Brookville, Ohio	Sinclair CC
Brady	Fitzke	So.	TE	Seward, Neb.	UNK
Jacob	Flores	So.	WR	Sun Valley, Calif.	John H Francis Poly HS
Isaiah	Foster	Fr.	WR	San Antonio, Texas	Warren HS
Riley	Freeland	So.	RB	Montrose, Colo.	Montrose HS
Tucker	Gartner	So.	DL	Giltner, Neb.	Giltner HS
Rogelio	Garza	So.	OL	Mission, Texas	Mission HS
Kaleb	Geiger	Sr.	DL	Sedalia, Colo.	Castleview HS
Kordell	Glause	Sr.	LB	Palmer, Neb.	Palmer HS
Connor	Goode	Jr.	DL	Norfolk, Neb.	Norfolk HS
Dalton	Goodenberger	Sr.	OL	McCook, Neb.	McCook HS
Detrick	Green	Fr.	LB	Minneapolis, Kan.	Minneapolis HS
Leonardo	Guevara	Transfer	FB	Covina, Calif.	San Jose State
Kordell	Hamer	Jr.	WR	Central City, Neb.	Central City HS
Chase	Hammons	So.	DL	Columbus, Neb.	Columbus HS
Elisha	Hartmann	Transfer	LB	Seward, Neb.	Southeast CC
John-Robert	Hicks	Sr.	OL	Ewa Beach, Hawaii	Lutheran High of Hawaii
Cody	Hofrock	Jr.	OL	Sidney, Neb.	Sidney HS
Keegan	Hornung	So.	OL	Chandler, Ariz.	Williams Field HS
Devon	Jackson	Sr.	LB	Calgary, AB	Bishop Grandin, Canada
Joshua	Jackson	Jr.	DL	Lincoln, Neb.	North Star HS
Exavier	Jackson	Fr.	WR	De Soto, Kan.	Desoto HS
Caden	Jameson	Sr.	DB	Thedford, Neb.	Sandhills Thedford HS
Tate	Janssen	Jr.	K	Columbus, Neb.	Lakeview HS
Kyle	Johnson	So.	WR	Stafford, Texas	Dulles HS
Parker	Johnson	Sr.	DL	Lincoln, Neb.	York HS
Johnny	Johnson	Transfer	DB	Buena Park, Calif.	Indiana State
Albert	Journet	Fr.	LB	Breux Bridge, La.	Cecilia HS
Brock	Joyner	Fr.	OL	Friendswood, Texas	Clear Lake HS
Matthew	Kamm	Fr.	WR	Bethlehem, Ga.	Bethany Christian Acade
Edward	Kemp	Fr.	DB	Atwater, Calif.	Atwater HS
Jake	Kemp	Transfer	QB	Decatur, Texas	Bellhaven University
Payton	Kidder	So.	RB	Holdrege, Neb.	Holdrege HS
Grady	Koch	Sr.	OL	Donniphon, Neb.	Doniphon Trumbull HS
Korrell	Koehlmoos	Fr.	WR	Pilger, Neb.	Lutheran High NE
Stuart	Kolpin	Sr.	TE	Overland Park, Kan.	Blue Valley NW HS
Bailey	Kraemer	Jr.	DB	Norfolk, Neb.	Nebraska Lutheran HS



ROSTER



Name		Yr.	Pos.	Hometown	Previous School
Logan	Kriezel	Fr.	TE	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Lutheran
Wyatt	Kube	Fr.	LB	Fairmont, Minn.	Martin Luther HS
Luke	Lang	Fr.	QB	Brentwood, Calif.	Heritage HS
Daniel	Langewisch	Sr.	FB	Lakewood, Colo.	Faith Christian HS
Juan	Leon-Castillo	Fr.	FB	Columbus, Neb.	Columbus HS
Jorre	Luther	Fr.	K	York, Neb.	York HS
Derek	Luzum	Sr.	DL	Milligan, Neb.	Exeter-Miligan HS
De'Trevion	Macon	Fr.	DB	Marshall, Texas	Marshall HS
Lincoln	McKenzie	Fr.	DB	Coral Springs, Fla.	Tara Vella JP HS
Darius	McVay	So.	DB	Concord, Calif.	Ygnacio Valley HS
Zachary	Miller	Jr.	DL	North Platte, Neb.	North Platte HS
Avery	Millsaps	Fr.	OL	Loganville, Ga.	Bethany Christian Academy
Peyton	Mitchell	So.	WR	Waverly, Kan.	Waverly HS
Tuleli	Monjeza	So.	WR	Tomball, Texas	Spring HS
Gerald	Morris	Fr.	DL	Arlington, Texas	Arlington HS
Da'Vonte	Mouton	So.	DB	Crosby, Texas	Sterling HS
Lane	Napier	So.	LB	Bruno, Neb.	Aquinas HS
Gary	Nieuwkoop	Jr.	DL	Chowchilla, Calif.	Chowchilla HS
Jorge	Ochoa	So.	LB	Beaumont, Texas	West Brook HS
Dylan	Olmsted	Jr.	DL	York, Neb.	York HS
Dylan	Paap	So.	LB	Dunbar, Neb.	Lourdes Catholic HS
David	Paczkowski	Fr.	K	Wamego, Kan.	Wamego HS
Andrew	Perea	Sr.	QB	Pico Rivera, Calif.	El Rancho HS
Jeremy	Perencevic	Transfer	OL	Brainerd, Minn.	Brainerd CC
Enrique	Perez	Fr.	WR	San Antonio, Texas	John Jay HS
Lorgens	Petit-Frere	Fr.	DB	Orlando, Fla.	Orangewood Christian HS
Matthew	Petracek	Jr.	DB	Wilber, Neb.	Wilber Clatonia HS
Jacob	Pralle	Jr.	OL	Rochester, Minn.	Mayo HS
Matthew	Preuss	So.	LB	Placentia, Calif.	Orange Lutheran HS
Dylan	Rahder	Fr.	FB	York, Neb.	York HS
Benjamin	Rakoski	So.	OL	Bethalto, Ill.	Alton HS
Jesus	Rascon	Sr.	DL	Tuscon, Ariz.	Mountain View HS
Bennett	Reisler	Fr.	LB	Bonduel, Wis.	NEW Lutheran HS
Will	Riley	Transfer	RB	Miami, Okla.	
Grant	Ritter	Transfer	OL	Schertz, Texas	Concordia University-Readmit
Johnny	Robinson	Fr.	OL	Houston, Texas	Eisenhower HS
Kougar	Rodriguez	Fr.	LB	Midland, Texas	Robert E Lee HS
Aaron	Rudloff	Jr.	DL	Norfolk, Neb.	Battle Creek HS
Juan	Ruvalcaba	Fr.	DL	El Paso, Texas	Franklin HS
Trenton	Sanders	Fr.	OL	Lakewood, Colo.	Lakewood HS
Nicholas	Sandoval	So.	LB	Chula Vista, Calif.	Del Ray Center HS
Nicolas	Santistevan	Fr.	DB	Albuquerque, N.M.	St Pius X HS
Nicholas	Schaedel	Fr.	WR	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Lutheran
Garrett	Schardt	Fr.	TE	Davenport, Neb.	BDS HS
Michael	Schomer	Fr.	LB	Grand Island, Neb.	GINW HS
Tanner	Schwaninger	Jr.	LB	Palmyra, Neb.	Lincoln Christian
Blake	Sears	Fr.	WR	Crete, Neb.	Crete HS
Alan	Sharp	Jr.	K	Plattsmouth, Neb.	Plattsmouth HS
Evrett	Shaw	Sr.	OL	Centennial, Colo.	Eagle Crest HS
Eddie	Silas	Fr.	DL	Marshall, Texas	Marshall HS
Atanasio	Simba	So.	RB	Houston, Texas	Lutheran North
Se'Lah	Smith	Fr.	WR	Marshall, Texas	Marshall HS
Martin	Solano	Fr.	LB	Riverside, Calif.	Norte Vista HS
Logan	Smna	Fr.	LB	Culver, Kan.	Tescott HS
Payton	Stevens	So.	LB	Polk, Neb.	High Plains HS
Blake	Stewart	So.	DB	Ault, Colo.	Highland HS
Chevy	Stout	So.	FB	Grand Island, Neb.	GINW HS
Roiei	Swift	Jr.	RB	Spring Hill, Kan.	Spring Hill HS
Derek	Tachovsky	Jr.	LB	Wilber, Neb.	Wilber Clatonia HS
Kaiston	Terry	Fr.	QB	Lubbock, Texas	Ropes HS
Evan	Thibodeaux	Fr.	DL	Beaumont, Texas	Cathedral Christian HS
Stirling	Tonniges	So.	LB	Ericson, Neb.	Ord HS
Brandon	Vega	Fr.	OL	Emporia, Kan.	Hayden Catholic
Zachary	Walker	Jr.	FB	Dacono, Colo.	Broomfield HS
Donnovyn	Waller	Fr.	OL	Houston, Texas	Alief Hastings HS
Zachary	Walter	Jr.	LB	Lincoln, Kan.	Lincoln HS
Mathew	Waters-Brown	Transfer	TE	Moreno Valley, Calif.	Mt San Antonio JC
Lamont	Weddle	Jr.	LB	Aurora, Colo.	Rangeview HS
Daniel	Wehling	Fr.	OL	Liberal, Kan.	Liberal HS
Jonah	Weyand	Fr.	RB	Crete, Neb.	Crete HS
Carson	Woodman	Jr.	DL	Kenesaw, Neb.	Kenesaw HS
Maneil	Zamoun	Fr.	FB	La Mesa, Calif.	Helix HS

Starters Returning - Offense: 4 | Defense: 6

 	<p>Vince Beasley • WR • Sr. 6-1 • 185 • Manvel, Texas 2017: 15 catches, 250 yards, 16.7 avg, 2 TD; career: 23 catches, 316 yards, 2 TDs.</p>	 	<p>Kordell Glause • LB • Sr. 6-0 • 200 • Palmer, Neb. 2017: Honorable Mention All-GPAC; 44 tackles, 4 tfl's, 2 sacks, int.</p>
 	<p>Lane Castaneda • WR • So. 6-2 • 177 • San Antonio, Texas 2017: 23 catches, 233 yards, 10.1 avg, 3 TD.</p>	 	<p>Caden Jameson • DB • Sr. 5-11 • 185 • Thedford, Neb. 2017: 39 tackles, 1.5 tfl's, 4 pbu's, int.</p>
 	<p>Ryan Durdon • RB • Jr. 6-0 • 200 • Decatur, Texas 2017: Second Team All-GPAC; 227 rushes, 1,247 yards, 5.5 avg, 8 TD; 15 catches, 82 yards.</p>	 	<p>Parker Johnson • LB • Sr. 6-3 • 220 • York, Neb. 2017: 28 tackles, 4.5 tfl's.</p>
 	<p>Robert Ferguson • FB • Jr. 5-11 • 225 • Cold Spring, Texas 2017: 10 rushes, 50 yards.</p>	 	<p>Lane Napier • LB • So. 5-10 • 200 • Doniphan, Neb. 2017: First Team All-GPAC; 97 tackles, 8 tfl's, 2 pbu's, sack, forced fumble.</p>
 	<p>Brady Fitzke • TE/P • So. 6-5 • 215 • Seward, Neb. 2017: OWH All-Nebraska; 22 punts for 939 yards (42.7 avg), 6 inside 20.</p>	 	<p>Aaron Rudloff • DE • Jr. 6-1 • 210 • Battle Creek, Neb. 2017: 34 tackles, tfl, 0.5 sacks, pbu, fumble recovery.</p>
 	<p>Grady Koch • OL • Sr. 6-4 • 270 • Doniphan, Neb. 2017: Honorable Mention All-GPAC; starter at guard.</p>	 	<p>Zac Walter • LB • Jr. 6-2 • 205 • Lincoln, Kan. 2017: 26 tackles, 7.5 tfl's, 3 sacks.</p>

KEY LOSSES: TE Seth Fitzke (Second Team All-GPAC); DB Sebastian Garces (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); WR Jared Garcia (Second Team All-GPAC); DB Nate Gilmore (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); OL Hallick Lehmann (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); DB D'Mauria Martin (First Team All-GPAC); OL Austin Reese (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); DB Tarence Roby (First Team All-GPAC); OL Matt Romero (First Team All-GPAC); LB Shane Scott (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); DL Erik Small (Second Team All-GPAC).

2017 HONOR ROLL

MATT CHILMAN

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

ADAM CHRISTIANSEN

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

RYAN DURDON

- Second Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska
- GPAC Offensive Player of the Week (10/16)

BRADY FITZKE

- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska

SETH FITZKE

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

SEBASTIAN GARCES

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

JARED GARCIA

- Second Team All-GPAC

NATE GILMORE

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC

KORDELL GLAUSE

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

PARKER HASENKAMP

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

CADEN JAMESON

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

GRADY KOCH

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

DANIEL LANGEWISCH

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

HALLICK LEHMANN

- Honorable Mention All-GPAC
- Honorable Mention Omaha World-



Tarence Roby

Herald All-Nebraska

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

D'MAURIA MARTIN

- First Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska
- NAIA National Defensive Player of the Week (10/16)
- GPAC Defensive Player of the Week (10/16)

LANE NAPIER

- First Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska
- GPAC Defensive Player of the Week (10/30)

AUSTIN REESE

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

TARENCE ROBY

- NAIA First Team All-America (Associated Press)

- NAIA Second Team All-America (AFCA)
- First Team All-GPAC (DB) / Second Team All-GPAC (KR)
- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska
- Cliff Harris Award Nominee (top small college defensive player)
- GPAC Defensive Player of the Week (9/11)

MATT ROMERO

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

SHANE SCOTT

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

ERIK SMALL

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

JUSTUS THOMPSON

- Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athlete

LINEBACKER CORE EXPECTED TO ANCHOR DEFENSE



By Jake Knabel, Director of Athletic Communications

The Concordia University football program returned to the practice fields this past spring while experiencing life after D'Mauria Martin and Tarence Roby, four-year cornerstones in the defensive backfield. With a decidedly youthful secondary group, the spotlight now shifts to a budding linebacker core that welcomes back three starters.

Head coach Patrick Daberkow and defensive coordinator Corby Osten will be counting upon the likes of Kordell Glause, Lane Napier and Derek Tachovsky as leaders and as productive players on the field. Those three all started extensively last season, but others such as Riley Bilstein and Zac Walter will also vie for plenty of snaps.

Said Daberkow, "We feel like that's our deepest group. They're going to play an integral role in the success that we have on defense next year. Everything's going to center around them and their abilities in game planning and scheming. We'll lean very heavy on that linebacker core."

The senior of the group will be Glause, who has started for the past two seasons as an outside backer in the program's 3-4 scheme. The Palmer, Neb., native says it has been noticeable how much more physically prepared the unit has become during another offseason of workouts with strength and conditioning coach Todd Berner. Glause also talks about how the game comes easier from the mental side as he has honed his knowledge of Concordia's schemes and opposing offensive attacks.

There's a learning curve for most linebackers making the adjustment to the college game. Considering the wealth of key sophomores, and even some freshmen, that made up last year's linebackers, it was natural for people to put a big question mark by this unit a year ago.

Said Glause, "The game is just a lot faster (in college). You have to pick up on things. It's not where you can just use your God given

talents. You have to be prepared. Physically, I've put on 30 pounds since I've gotten out of high school. I figured out right away that I needed to get a lot stronger. Coach Berner has done a lot of stuff with speed and explosiveness. Mentally, as the years have gone on, things kind of slow down."

In terms of honors, the most heralded of Concordia linebackers is Napier, still a freshman who chose the Bulldogs out of nearby Aquinas High School in David City. He led all GPAC players during the regular season with 97 tackles and garnered first team All-GPAC honors as an inside backer. Glause mans a less glorious role on the outside that often requires him to eat up blockers, but he still registered four tackles for loss as a junior. Tachovsky made 35 stops.

There appear to be more than four capable starters in the bunch. The excess of riches at this spot should ease the blow that comes from the departures of Martin and Roby.

"Now that most of our DB's graduated from last year we got put into the leadership role," Tachovsky said. "Our DB's are young so we're going to have to step it up. Last year the DB's stepped it up when we were all young. The front seven had so many sophomores. Now it's our turn. We're the older ones now. The DB's need time to learn and grow."

Naturally, most players coming out of high school are not finished products. Not many are as prepared as Napier, who began 2017 getting reps in the offensive backfield in addition to duties at linebacker. It became apparent that Napier was most valuable on the defensive side of the ball. He collected 56 tackles over the final four games of the season and is in a rare position this spring. He's already a proven commodity despite not having completed a full year of college.

"I knew I could help the team out in some way," Napier said. "They started me out at running back and that wasn't feeling right so they moved me to linebacker and everything started clicking. I had great guys to push me all the time. I think my knowledge of football helped me too. Just getting out there and playing was most helpful."

In the case of Glause, he suffered an injury early in his career and his physical development was pushed back. He tried to use that time to soak up the college game. Glause mentions mentors such as Michael Hedlund, Matt Keener and Tait Sibbel that provided an example of how to be successful.

Someday younger players will bring up upperclassmen like Glause and Napier as teammates who showed them the way. They are the new household names on the defensive side this spring. A higher profile isn't likely to change them. They're focused on things like run fits and fulfilling individual responsibilities for the greater good of the program.

Together, they make each other better.

Said Napier, "We know how each other plays. I played next to Kordell most of the time last year and you kind of get a feel for what he's going to do and you don't have to worry so much. You just go play and you know the other guys are going to do the same."

ALL-TIME ALL-AMERICANS

2017 – Tarence Roby, defensive back (first team – Associated Press; second team – AFCA)

2016 – Trey Barnes, defensive line (first team)

2015 – Trey Barnes, defensive line (second team)

2013 – Darnell Woods, safety (first team)

2012 – Derek Blessing, punt returner (first team – Beyond Sports Network)

2012 – Kenny Zoeller, kicker (first team)

2007 – JaMaine Lewis, running back (second team – Victory Sports Network)

2007 – Jeff Neujahr, kick/punt returner (honorable mention – Victory Sports Network)

2006 – Jeff Neujahr, kick/punt returner (honorable mention – Victory Sports Network)

2004 – Matthew Egger, punter

2002 – Sean Stewart, safety (second team)

2001 – Erik DeHaven, linebacker

2001 – Sean Stewart, safety (honorable mention)

2001 – Ross Wurdeman, tight end (first team)

2000 – Drew Ekart, defensive back (honorable mention)

2000 – Sean Stewart, safety (honorable mention)

2000 – Ross Wurdeman, tight end (first team)

1996 – Ed McLaughlin, offensive line (honorable mention)

1995 – Mike Hoernemann, linebacker (honorable mention)

1994 – Travis Soukup, tight end/punter (first team)

1984 – Kahlil King, safety (first team)

1984 – Cleve Wester, running back

1982 – Gary Pomerence, defensive line (first team)

1981 – Gary Pomerence, defensive line (second team)

1965 – Dennis Oetting, lineman (honorable mention)

1964 – Bob Oetting, lineman

1961 – Larry Oetting, lineman

1959 – John Suhr, quarterback/safety/punter

1956 – Gary Seevers, running back

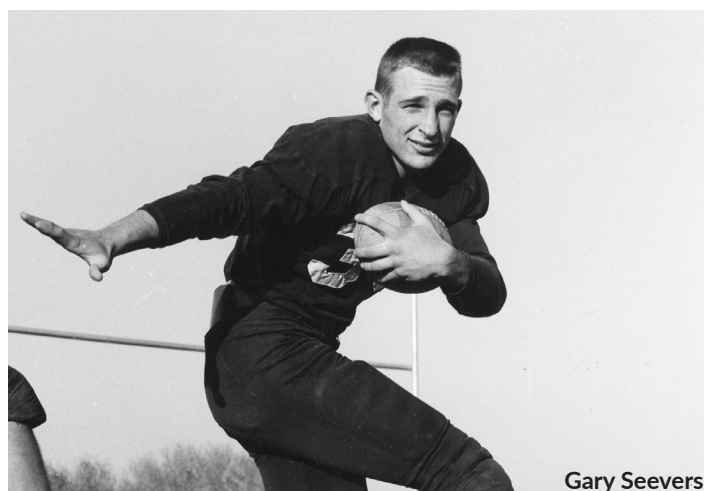
1955 – Gary Seevers, running back



Darnell Woods



Cleve Wester



Gary Seevers

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

RUSHING

Yards, Season

1,265 - JaMaine Lewis (2007)

Touchdowns, Season

13 - Cleve Wester (1984)

PASSING

Yards, Season

2,150 - Jarrod Pimentel (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)

Touchdowns, Season

11 - Jared Garcia (2014)

Touchdowns, Career

35 - Jared Garcia (2014-17)

INDIVIDUAL TOP 5 LISTS

RUSHING

Yards, Career

3,731 - Cleve Wester (1982-85)
3,547 - Bryce Collins (2013-16)
3,257 - Gary Seevers (1953-56)
2,959 - Alex Alvarez (1999-03)
2,731 - JaMaine Lewis (2004-07)

PASSING

Yards, Career

6,435 - Jarrod Pimentel (1998-01)
5,662 - Von Thomas (2011-14)
5,519 - Rod Giesselmann (1967-70)
4,158 - Kurt Earl (2001-04)
3,109 - Phil Seevers (1985-88)

RECEIVING

Yards, Career

2,495 - Jared Garcia (2014-17)
2,458 - Ross Wurdeman (1998-01)
1,974 - Eric Pralle (1987-91)
1,880 - Travis Soukup (1991-94)
1,692 - Jim Young (1964-67)

OTHER RECORDS

Interceptions, Career

20 - Sean Stewart (1999-02)

Tackles, Career (GPAC era)

290 - Sean Stewart (1999-02)

Total TDs, Career

45 - Cleve Wester (1982-85)

WINNINGEST SEASONS

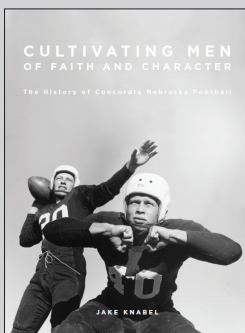
2001 -- 10-2, .833 (Courtney Meyer)
1981 -- 9-1, .900 (Larry Oetting)
1944 -- 8-0, 1.000 (Herb Meyer)
1954 -- 8-1, .889 (Herb Meyer)
1970 -- 8-1, .889 (John Seevers)
1931 -- 7-0, 1.000 (Walter Hellwege)
1960 -- 7-1, .875 (Ralph Starenko)
1953 -- 7-1-1, .833 (Herb Meyer)
1954 -- 7-1-1, .833 (Herb Meyer)
1949 -- 7-1-1, .833 (Herb Meyer)
2016 -- 7-3, .700 (Vance Winter)
1983 -- 7-3, .700 (Larry Oetting)
1982 -- 7-3, .700 (Larry Oetting)
1979 -- 7-3, .700 (Larry Oetting)
1972 -- 7-2, .778 (John Seevers)
1962 -- 7-2, .778 (Ralph Starenko)
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)
41-44 -- Vance Winter (2009-16)
40-32-9 -- Walter Hellwege (1925-40)
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)
6-4 -- Patrick Daberkow (2017--)

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Sean Stewart, All-American Defensive Back



2017 STATISTICS

RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Ryan Durdon	10	227	1,247	5.5	8	77	124.7
TJ Austin	7	80	323	4.0	4	25	46.1
Riley Wiltfong	8	58	218	3.8	1	45	27.2
Sir-Zavius Broussard	6	10	65	3.2	0	15	10.8
Robert Ferguson	8	10	50	5	0	15	6.2

PASSING	G	Effic	Att	Comp	Int	%	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
Riley Wiltfong	8	134.8	142	78	7	54.9	1078	13	48	134.8
Andrew Perea	7	104.6	119	62	4	52.1	643	5	37	91.9

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Kiyoshi Brey	10	28	393	14.0	4	30	39.3
Jackson Hall	10	25	318	12.7	3	48	31.8
Lane Castaneda	7	23	233	10.1	3	23	33.3
Jared Garcia	5	21	307	14.6	6	42	61.4
Vincent Beasley	9	15	250	16.7	2	34	27.8
Ryan Durdon	10	15	82	5.5	0	18	8.2
Seth Fitzke	10	4	37	9.2	0	18	3.7
Robert Ferguson	8	3	28	9.3	0	16	3.5

FIELD GOALS	FGs	Long	PATs	Points
Brendan Cremin	6/12	43	28/29	46

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
Brady Fitzke	22	939	42.7	73	2	5	6	0
Brendan Cremin	14	483	34.5	75	0	0	5	0
Payton Stevens	12	437	36.4	50	2	2	4	1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Tarence Roby	16	166	10.4	0	40

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Tarence Roby	25	718	28.7	0	64
Ryan Durdon	7	99	14.1	0	22

DEFENSE	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	FF	FR
Lane Napier	97	1	8	2	0	1	0
D'Mauria Martin	52	0	6	8	5	1	0
Nate Gilmore	46	0	1	7	1	1	0
Kordell Glause	44	2	4	0	1	0	0
Erik Small	41	3	6.5	0	0	0	1
Sebastian Garces	40	1	3	9	0	0	0
Caden Jameson	39	0	1.5	4	1	0	0
Shane Scott	35	2	7	2	0	0	0
Derek Tachovsky	35	0.5	2.5	0	0	0	1
Aaron Rudloff	34	0.5	1	1	0	0	1
Tarence Roby	31	0	0	7	4	1	0
Parker Johnson	28	0	4.5	0	0	0	0
Zac Walter	26	3	7.5	0	0	0	0
Kevin Small	20	0.5	2.5	0	0	1	0
Parker Hasenkamp	18	0	0	0	0	0	0
Riley Bilstein	16	1.5	2.5	1	0	0	1
Gary Nieuwkoop	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Caydren Cox	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Terrell Pearson	6	0	0	0	0	0	0

TEAM STATISTICS	CNC	OPP
SCORING	246	214
--Points Per Game	24.6	21.4
FIRST DOWNS	193	189
--Rushing	97	85
--Passing	79	83
--Penalty	17	21
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	1994	1589
--Yards Gained Rushing	2245	1783
--Yards Lost Rushing	251	194
--Rushing Attempts	459	406
--Average Per Rush	4.3	3.9
--Average Per Game	199.4	158.9
--TDs Rushing	14	10
NET PASSING YARDAGE	1721	1828
--Att/Comp/Int	267 / 142 / 13	301 / 144 / 12
--Average Per Pass	6.4	6.6
--Average Per Catch	12.1	13.7
--Average Per Game	172.1	197.8
--TDs Passing	18	15
TOTAL NET OFFENSE	3715	3567
--Total Plays	726	707
--Average Per Play	5.1	5.0
--Average Per Game	371.5	356.7
KICK RETURNS: NO./YARDS	36 / 869	30 / 467
PUNTS RETURNS: NO./YARDS	18 / 188	18 / 154
INTS RETURNS: NO./YARDS	12 / 343	13 / 144
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	24.1	15.6
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.4	8.6
FUMBLES/LOST	28.6	11.1
PUNTS/AVG	50 / 37.2	56 / 36.2
PENALTIES/YARDS	69 / 646	62 / 554
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	30:47	29:13
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	69 / 163 (42%)	66 / 161 (41%)
4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS	11 / 23 (48%)	12 / 24 (50%)



D'Mauria Martin

