



2020 CONCORDIA BULLDOGS



2020 SCHEDULE

Sept. 12 _____ *at Doane University _____ 6 p.m.
2019 Record: 4-7



Sept. 19 (Fan Recognition) _____ *Hastings College _____ 6 p.m.
2019 Record: 2-8



Sept. 26 _____ *at Briar Cliff University _____ 1 p.m.
2019 Record: 5-6



Oct. 3 (Homecoming) _____ *University of Jamestown _____ 1 p.m.
2019 Record: 2-9



Oct. 10 _____ *at Dakota Wesleyan University _____ 1 p.m.
2019 Record: 3-8



Oct. 17 _____ *at Northwestern College _____ 1 p.m.
2019 Record: 9-2



Oct. 24 _____ *Dordt College _____ 1 p.m.
2019 Record: 7-4



Nov. 7 (Senior Day) _____ *Morningside College _____ 1 p.m.
2019 Record: 14-0



Nov. 14 _____ *at Midland University _____ 1 p.m.
2019 Record: 7-4





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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: 356-404-26
All-Time GPAC Record: 79-104
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 (4th season)
Alma Mater: Concordia University, Nebraska
Coaching Record: 12-18, 3 years
Office Phone: (402) 643-7217

ASSISTANT COACHES

Corby Osten - Defensive Coordinator
Reggie Corbin - Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
Wes Coomes - Special Teams Coordinator/Def. Backs
D'Mauria Martin (GA) - Defensive Assistant
Grady Koch (GA) - Offensive Line
Von Thomas - Running Backs
Courtney Meyer - Kickers/Punters/Long Snappers
Ron Jackson - Defensive Tackles
Riley Wiltfong - Quarterbacks
Justin Hoffman - Defensive Line
Karl Miller - Defensive Backs
Chris Shipley - Linebackers
Trent Olds - Fullbacks/Tight Ends
Riley Freeland - Student Coach

Strength and Conditioning Coach: Todd Berner
Equipment: Tyree Cox
Athletic Trainer: Eric Lundberg

2019 RESULTS

3-7 Overall, 3-6 GPAC - 7th

9/7	Doane	L, 10-17
9/14	Buena Vista	L, 24-27
9/21	Hastings	W, 44-0
9/28	Briar Cliff	W, 16-14
10/5	Jamestown	L, 10-13 (4 OT)
10/12	Dakota Wesleyan	W, 24-17
10/19	(6) Northwestern	L, 14-20
10/26	Dordt	L, 0-35
11/2	Midland	L, 7-27
11/9	(1) Morningside	L, 7-52

ALL-TIME CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

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





2020 SEASON OUTLOOK



The hope is for this to be the season in which things come together for a Concordia University Football program that turned over a large portion of its roster in years two and three of Patrick Daberkow's tenure as head coach (now in year four) of his alma mater. The Bulldogs were plagued last fall by an inability to run the football (1.8 yards per rush) and dropped four games by one-score margins, including a four-overtime slog in the mud at Jamestown. The program is not all that far removed from a solid three-year stretch from 2015 through 2017 during which it went a combined 19-11 and posted one NAIA top 20 finish.

The margin between a three-win season (as Concordia experienced in 2018 and 2019) and a seven-win campaign or better can be razor thin. One thing is for certain - the Bulldogs have to be more productive on offense. They improved only modestly in 2019 while averaging 15.6 points per game compared to 15.4 the previous season. The Bulldogs still find ways to stay in most games with their typically rugged and physical defense. All-American linebacker Lane Napier returns to finish off a career that will put him among the all-time great defensive players in program history.

Offense

Starting with the positives, Concordia boasts one of the deepest and most talented groups of receivers it has had in quite some time. Now a junior, receiver Cayden Beran broke out last season while catching 49 passes for 701 yards. Four different Bulldog receivers recorded at least one 100-yard outing last season for a passing attack that was explosive at times. Beran is joined at the position by the likes of veteran pass catchers in seniors Art Anderson and Lane Castaneda and junior Korrell Koehlmoos (37 receptions for 490

yards). Daberkow also believes strongly in the next young receivers in line.

The winner of the quarterback derby will certainly have a nice set of weapons at his disposal. Last season's primary signal caller Jake Kemp has landed at Fort Hays State University as a graduate assistant coach. In other words, the position is up for grabs once again. Sophomore Wyatt Ehlers is the frontrunner from an experience standpoint. He possesses the ability to hurt the opposition with his arm and legs and owns a winning pedigree as a former state championship quarterback at Centennial High School. Quarterbacks Blake Culbert and Luke Lang have also been in the program for multiple years.

The running back spot is now a question mark with former all-conference back Ryan Durdon having moved on. Even Durdon struggled to find room to roam last season. The running game hasn't clicked since 2017 when Concordia employed a more veteran offensive line. Improvement will be expected from a unit that returns three starters in guard Cole Baumgartner, tackle Gavin Mull and center Johnny Robinson. Keegan Hornung, a redshirt last season, also has starting experience up front. They may end up blocking for the likes of backs Jonah Weyand and Devin Zeigler. Says Daberkow, "The run game has to improve. That's non-negotiable."

At tight end, Garrett Schardt has reeled in 15 receptions for 254 yards in his two collegiate seasons. Loaded with potential, Brady Fitzke says he's as healthy as he's been in some time. Daberkow also believes York High School product Wyatt Cast has a bright future.

Should the Bulldogs find a steadying influence at quarterback, it



may begin to form the identity it has sought over the past couple seasons. Concordia had to abandon the run at times in 2019 and averaged only 4.1 yards per play as an offense. If the Bulldogs can creep that number up above 5.0 this fall they will have a chance to improve their win total significantly. Offensive Coordinator Reggie Corbin will be tasked with finding ways to get the ball into the hands of the team's playmaking receivers.

Defense

Behind its relentless linebacker crew, the Concordia defense made significant strides in slashing its yards per play allowed from 6.1 in 2018 to 4.6 in 2019. In their 3-4 alignment, the Bulldogs almost always have a competitive defensive unit. Over the past decade, Concordia has been, on average, a top 25 team nationally in terms of scoring defense. Defensive Coordinator Corby Osten will have to replace three of four starting linebackers and all-conference defensive end Aaron Rudloff, but he will expect there to be no drop off.

At inside linebacker, Napier has been one of the most productive players in the nation over the past few years. The three-time first team All-GPAC performer has racked up 347 tackles, including 31 for loss, in his career as a Bulldog. He will have some new faces alongside him with 2019 seniors Riley Bilstein, Derek Tachovsky and Zac Walter having departed. Fall camp will likely determine who gets the nod next to Napier. Caydren Cox, Shayne Campbell and Payton Kidder will have chances to step in while Lincoln Lutheran alum Logan Kreizel makes the switch to linebacker from tight end.

The starting safety duo of sophomore AJ Jenkins and senior Peyton Mitchell is back in the fold while Concordia will have to replace corners OJ Ferguson and Johnny Johnson. Mitchell picked off five passes and broke up eight more as a 6-foot-1 ball-hawk last season. Jenkins collected three picks of his own as a freshman starter. Collectively, the backfield did a solid job last season in limiting opposing passers to a 52.7 completion percentage and a touchdown-to-interception ratio of 15-to-14. More help is on the way. Daberkow says that he's "really excited about the incoming talent" at defensive back.

The graduation of Rudloff will certainly be felt up front. He generated nine sacks in a strong senior season. Despite that loss, there



Art Anderson

are plenty of rotational players who return, such as nose guards Gerald Morris and Gary Nieuwkoop and defensive ends Chase Hammons and Payton Stevens. Outside of Rudloff, many of the team's sacks in 2019 were generated by its linebackers (13 sacks between the starters). More than anything else, the defensive line will be counted upon to hold up against the run. Daberkow has been especially impressed with the offseason work of Morris.

Just like in the past, expect this side of the ball to give the Bulldogs a shot in every game (despite having only five returning starters). Last season Concordia held three opponents below 200 total yards and not a single foe broke 500 yards of offense. Last season's squad also enjoyed a large advantage in ball security with eight fumbles (seven lost) compared to 21 fumbles (13 lost) by the opposition.

Specialists

Concordia returns its kicker-punter duo in sophomore Jordan Spilinek and senior Lane Castaneda. Spilinek went 8-for-18 on field goals, but he showed the potential for growth. He converted 17-of-18 extra point tries. Daberkow says Spilinek will be pushed in camp. Castaneda has become a solid punter. He pinned the opposition inside its own 20 on 16 of his 64 punts last season. The Bulldogs did not show a lot of explosiveness in its return game in 2019, but it was solid in coverage (opponent averages of 21.0 yards on kickoff returns and 6.5 yards on punt returns).

Final Analysis

How far the offense progresses will likely go a long ways towards deciding whether the record trends positively after back-to-back 3-7 seasons. Says Daberkow, "The standard has been set for our defense. That unit has embraced what it is called to do. We expect the offense to rise to that standard." With the nonconference road trip to Mayville State canceled, Concordia will open up the campaign against rival Doane for the second-straight year. Had the Bulldogs been on the right side of a close game with Doane in 2019, the season may have turned out differently. Concordia wasn't far off from being 6-0 (but instead was 3-3 with three tight defeats). The opener will set the tone for the Bulldogs as they embark upon a nine-game, GPAC exclusive regular season. One thing is for certain, things will look different in the COVID-19 era of college football.



Wyatt Ehlers



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 & Blake

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), Tarence Roby (2017) and Lane Napier (2018/2019).
- Served as a team captain on the 2006 Concordia football team.
- 2003 Team Defensive Newcomer of the Year.
- In seven years as Defensive Coordinator, Daberkow coached 29 first or second team All-GPAC defensive selections.

HEAD COACH PATRICK DABERKOW



Patrick Daberkow, Spring 2020:

“Last season’s results – it is what is. I’m done with that. I’m just focused on the future. The narrative of our program is to focus on the future. We’ve been super young the last two years. Last year we lost a bunch of close games. We learned a lot from it. We have to move forward. I don’t know who our quarterback is going to be. I don’t know who our left guard is going to be. It would be fun to figure that stuff out, but you just have to stay positive and that’s what we’re doing.”

PAST HEAD COACHES



Walter Hellwege
1925-1940



Herb Meyer
1941-1954



Ken Schroeder
1955-1958



Ralph Starenko
1959-1963



Ron Harms
1964-1969



John SeEVERS
1970-1976



Larry Oetting
1977-1989



Courtney Meyer
1990-2008



Vance Winter
2009-2016



COACHING STAFF



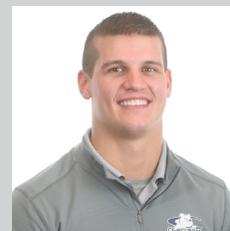
Patrick Daberkow
Head Coach



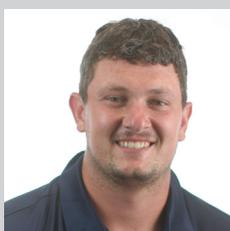
Corby Osten
Defensive Coordinator



Reggie Corbin
Offensive Coordinator



Wes Coomes
Special Teams/Def Backs



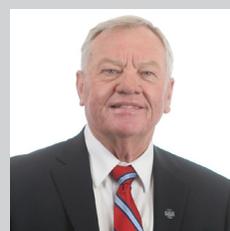
Grady Koch
Graduate Assistant



Von Thomas
Receivers



D'Mauria Martin
Defensive Assistant



Courtney Meyer
Kickers/Punters/LS's



Riley Wiltfong
Quarterbacks



Ron Jackson
Defensive Tackles



Strength and Conditioning Coach Todd Berner



Not pictured:
Riley Freeland, Student Coach
Justin Hoffman, Defensive Line
Karl Miller, Defensive Backs
Trent Olds, Fullbacks/Tight Ends
Chris Shipley, Linebackers





2020

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Previous School	
1	Arthur	Anderson	WR	Sr.	6-1	176	San Antonio, Texas	Wagner HS
1	Daniel	Cantu	K	Sr.	5-10	184	Eagle Lake, Texas	Rice HS
2	Cayden	Cox	LB	Sr.	6-1	200	Beloit, Kan.	Beloit HS
3	Cayden	Beran	WR	Jr.	6-3	180	Hutto, Texas	Hutto HS
4	Blake	Culbert	QB	Sr.	6-4	215	Garden Grove, Calif.	Rancho Alamitos HS
5	Korrell	Koehlmoos	WR	Jr.	6-2	178	Pilger, Neb.	Lutheran High Northeast
6	Blake	Sears	DB	Jr.	5-11	170	Crete, Neb.	Crete HS
7	Wyatt	Ehlers	QB	So.	5-10	200	Waco, Neb.	Centennial HS
7	Peyton	Mitchell	DB	Sr.	6-3	203	Waverly, Kan.	Waverly HS
8	Jorge	Ochoa	LB	Sr.	5-11	219	Beaumont, Texas	West Brook HS
8	Cade	Peterson	QB	So.	6-3	183	Glendale, Ariz.	Raymond S. Ellis HS
9	Zac	Dowgiallo	QB	So.	6-0	176	Viera, Fla.	Viera HS
9	Jacob	Flores	WR	Sr.	5-9	169	Sun Valley, Calif.	John H. Francis Poly
10	Jourdin	Smith	DB	So.	5-9	146	La Mirada, Calif.	John Glenn HS
11	Lane	Castaneda	WR	Sr.	6-3	190	San Antonio, Texas	James Madison HS
11	Jorre	Luther	K	Jr.	5-8	167	York, Neb.	York HS
13	Carsen	Arline	DB	So.	5-10	190	Nederland, Texas	Nederland HS
13	Jayzen	Armstrong	DB	Jr.	5-8	155	Casa Grande, Ariz.	Vista Grande HS
14	Kayle	Carlson	LB	Jr.	5-10	194	Malcolm, Neb.	Malcolm Public Schools
14	Luke	Lang	QB	So.	6-3	238	Brentwood, Calif.	Heritage HS
15	Garrett	Schardt	TE	Jr.	6-3	199	Davenport, Neb.	Bruning-Davenport-Shickley HS
16	Easton	Clark	LB	Jr.	5-11	180	North Platte, Neb.	Hershey Public School
16	Matthew	Holmes	QB	So.	6-4	208	San Diego, Calif.	Mt. Carmel HS / Mesa CC
17	Trevor	Dey	WR	Sr.	6-3	204	Gresham, Neb.	Centennial HS
18	Blake	Stewart	DB	Sr.	5-7	184	Ault, Colo.	Highland HS
18	Kaiston	Terry	WR	Jr.	6-0	177	Lubbock, Texas	Ropes HS
19	Nate	Moore	DB	So.	6-0	194	Atwater, Calif.	Atwater HS
20	AJ	Jenkins	LB	So.	6-1	182	Wilcox, Neb.	Wilcox-Hildreth HS
20	Martin	Solano	RB	Jr.	6-0	200	Riverside, Calif.	Norte Vista HS
21	Nick	Sandoval	LB	Sr.	5-11	187	Chula Vista, Calif.	Del Rey Center HS
22	Shayne	Campbell	LB	Jr.	6-1	200	O'Neill, Neb.	O'Neill HS
23	Lane	Napier	LB	So.	6-0	217	David City, Neb.	Aquinas HS
25	Hiroshi	Brey	DB	So.	5-10	165	Winchester, Calif.	Chaparral HS
25	Jonah	Weyand	RB	So.	5-11	203	Crete, Neb.	Crete HS
26	Devin	Zeigler	RB	So.	5-7	158	Houston, Texas	Cy-Fair HS
27	Davonte	Mouton	TE	Sr.	6-1	227	Crosby, Texas	Ross S. Sterling, HS
28	Matt	Kamm	DB	Jr.	5-9	155	Bethlehem, Texas	Bethlehem Christian Academy
30	Hunter	Cole	RB	So.	6-1	199	Decatur, Texas	Decatur HS
30	Stirling	Tonniges	LB	Sr.	6-0	220	Ord, Neb.	Ord HS
31	Arculious	Heard III	RB	So.	5-11	220	Maryland Heights, Mo.	Lutheran HS of St. Charles
33	Logan	Sma	DB	Jr.	5-8	173	Culver, Kan.	Tescott HS
38	Zach	Walker	FB	Sr.	6-1	268	Dacono, Colo.	Broomfield HS
39	Lukas	Coe	RB	Jr.	6-1	192	Omaha, Neb.	Concordia HS / Iowa Western CC
39	Chevy	Slout	FB	Sr.	5-11	214	Grand Island, Neb.	North West HS
40	Payton	Kidder	FB	Sr.	6-2	224	Holdrege, Neb.	Holdrege HS
40	Wyatt	Kube	DL	Jr.	5-9	203	Fairmont, Minn.	Martin Luther HS
41	Devin	Hines	LB	So.	5-10	194	Ault, Colo.	Highland HS
43	Wyatt	Cast	TE	So.	6-5	182	York, Neb.	York HS
43	Dylan	Rahder	FB	Jr.	5-10	260	York, Neb.	York HS
45	Juan R.	Leon	FB	Jr.	5-9	220	Columbus, Neb.	Columbus HS
49	Brady	Fitzke	TE/P	Sr.	6-7	220	Seward, Neb.	Seward HS / U. of Nebraska Kearney
50	Leonardo	Guevara	FB	Jr.	5-10	227	Glendora, Calif.	Glendora HS / San Jose State
50	Gary	Nieuwkoop	DL	Sr.	6-3	230	Chowchilla, Calif.	Chowchilla HS
51	Matt	Preuss	LB	Sr.	5-10	202	Placentia, Calif.	Lutheran HS
52	Brandon	Vega	OL	Jr.	5-11	242	Emporia, Kan.	Emporia HS
54	Cole	Baumgartner	OL	Sr.	6-2	279	San Antonio, Texas	Smithson Valley HS
55	Kougar	Rodriguez	LB	Jr.	5-10	215	Midland, Texas	Robert E. Lee HS
56	Keon	Waters	LB	So.	5-11	200	Arlington, Texas	Arlington HS
57	Jayden	Brosius	DL	Jr.	6-1	226	North Platte, Neb.	St. Patrick's HS
57	Lyle	Whitney	LB	So.	5-11	185	Newcastle, Wyo.	Newcastle HS
58	Jordan	Spilnek	K	So.	5-10	164	Doniphan, Neb.	Doniphan-Trumbull HS
60	Johnny	Robinson III	OL	Jr.	5-10	279	Houston, Texas	Eisenhower HS
62	Brent	Houchin-Hart	DL	So.	6-1	253	Topeka, Kan.	Seaman HS
62	Christian	Schlepp	OL	So.	6-1	246	Manhattan, Kan.	Manhattan HS
63	Keegan	Hornung	OL	Sr.	6-0	282	Chandler, Ariz.	Williamsfield HS
66	Gavin	Mull	OL	So.	6-3	255	Roanoke, Texas	Byron Nelson HS
68	Wendell	Banks	OL	Jr.	5-11	265	San Antonio, Texas	Wagner HS
71	Toby	Hager	OL	So.	6-2	248	Buena Park, Calif.	Sunny Hills HS
73	Eric	Kieper Jr.	DL	So.	6-1	243	Lacombe, La.	Lakeshore HS
75	Zackariah	Aleo	DL	Sr.	6-0	220	Lake Arrowhead, Calif.	Rim of the World HS / Riverside City



Korrell Koehlmoos





ROSTER



Johnny Robinson



No.	Name		Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	Previous School
76	Tucker	Gartner	DL	Sr.	6-0	260	Giltner, Neb.	Giltner HS
76	Nick	Sazama	OL	So.	6-4	319	Norfolk, Neb.	Norfolk HS
80	Carson	Core	WR	So.	5-10	157	Seward, Neb.	Seward HS
81	Erik	Cumley	WR	So.	5-11	184	Strasburg, Colo.	Lutheran HS
82	Cole	Schaedel	WR	Jr.	6-1	174	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Lutheran HS
83	Logan	Kreizel	WR	Jr.	6-4	211	Lincoln, Neb.	Lincoln Lutheran HS
86	Jaylin	Whitelaw	WR	So.	5-7	164	Kansas City, Mo.	University Academy
89	Gideon	Schauer	TE	So.	6-4	198	Union, Ill.	Faith Lutheran HS
93	Chase	Hammons	DL	Sr.	6-2	232	Columbus, Neb.	Columbus HS
94	Payton	Stevens	DL	Sr.	6-6	220	Polk, Neb.	High Plains HS
95	Gerald	Morris	DL	Jr.	6-1	260	Arlington, Texas	Arlington HS
98	Benjamin	Rakoski	DL	Sr.	6-2	344	Alton, Ill.	Alton HS
99	Kalvin	Page	DL	Sr.	5-11	237	Omaha, Neb.	Omaha Northwest HS
	Daniel	Warneke	So.	Fr.	6-0	175	Hastings, Neb.	Heartland Lutheran HS
	Elijah	Ahrens	OLB	Fr.			Sidney, Neb.	Sidney HS
	James	Araya	K	Fr.	5-9	140	The Woodlands, Texas	The John Cooper School
	Justus	Bader	QB	Fr.			St. Paul, Neb.	Heartland Lutheran HS
	Kamren	Baker	DB	Jr.	5-11	180	San Antonio, Texas	Samuel Clemens HS / Blinn CC
	Fisher	Bass	RB	Fr.			Hideaway, Texas	Brook Hill HS
	JT	Baughman	DB	Fr.	5-10	170	Eaton, Colo.	Roosevelt HS
	Christopher	Blount	OL	Fr.			St. Louis, Mo.	Ritenour HS
	Anthony	Boose	OLB	Fr.			Manvel, Texas	Manvel HS
	Justin	Brown	DB	Fr.	5-11	238	Tyler, Texas	Robert E. Lee HS
	Lou	Carnazzo	RB	Fr.	5-9	190	Gretna, Neb.	Gretna HS
	Liam	Carr	DB	Fr.	5-9	160	Broken Arrow, Okla.	Immanuel Lutheran Christian
	Jayden	Champion	DB	Fr.			Fort Worth, Texas	South Hills HS
	Isiaha	Conner	ATH	Fr.	6-2	185	Las Vegas, Nev.	Centennial HS / Trinity Valley CC
	Christian	Cruz	DB	Fr.	6-1	205	Turlock, Calif.	Turlock HS
	Javriel	Dillard	DL	Fr.			Aubrey, Texas	Little Elm HS
	Michael	Doiel	DB	Fr.	6-2	180	Manhattan, Kan.	Manhattan HS
	Jarryd	Doucet	OL	Fr.	6-3	235	Beaumont, Texas	West Brook HS
	Tyler	Duncan	OLB	Fr.			Kansas City, Mo.	Park Hill HS
	Christian	Dyhrkopp	ILB	Fr.			Columbus, Neb.	Columbus HS
	Mason	Edwards	RB	Fr.			Wichita, Kan.	Maize South HS
	Gabe	Ellis	ILB	Fr.	5-11	205	Kingsdown, Kan.	Bucklin HS
	Taygen	Fletcher	RB	Fr.	5-9	160	Holton, Kan.	Holton HS
	Braden	Hackmer	OL	Fr.			Hungerford, Texas	Boling HS
	Alex	Helfrich	OL	Fr.	6-0	290	Omaha, Neb.	Omaha Concordia HS
	Nathan	Hofrock	TE	Fr.	5-10	185	Sidney, Neb.	Sidney HS
	Stephen	Hughes II	DL	Fr.	6-1	245	Denver, Colo.	Columbine HS
	Xavier	Jackson	DL	Fr.			Riverside, Calif.	Park Hill HS
	Jaxson	Kant	OLB	Fr.			Norfolk, Neb.	Lutheran High Northeast
	Jordan	Kavulak	DL	Fr.			Bee, Neb.	Seward HS
	Gabriel	Knisely	DB	Fr.			Goehner, Neb.	Seward HS
	James	Luehr	OL	Fr.	6-0	270	Erie, Colo.	Prospect Ridge HS
	Myles	Lyons	DB	Fr.			Fort Worth, Texas	South Hills HS
	Caleb	Matlock	DB	Fr.	5-10	175	Omaha, Neb.	Omaha Concordia HS
	Karsten	McCarter	DB	Fr.	5-10	165	Elm Creek, Neb.	Elm Creek Public Schools
	Colton	Munoz	DL	Fr.	5-10	220	Kilgore, Texas	Pine Tree HS
	Ben	Myers	QB	Fr.	6-3	205	Seward, Neb.	Seward HS
	Derric	Overbey	OL	Fr.			Colorado Springs, Colo.	Sand Creek HS
	Travis	Parsons	OL	Fr.			Round Rock, Texas	Concordia Lutheran HS
	Brandon	Patterson	OL	Fr.			Surprise, Ariz.	Barry Goldwater HS
	Kaden	Peters	OL	Fr.	6-3	270	Wood River, Neb.	Wood River HS
	Angus	Poulsen	OL	Fr.	6-3	250	Broomfield, Colo.	Broomfield HS
	Elliott	Reed	CB	Fr.	5-9	167	Plano, Texas	Plano East Senior HS
	Trevor	Reeves	WR	Fr.			Seward, Neb.	Seward HS
	Cameron	Roulston	OL	Fr.	6-1	290	Corpus Christi, Texas	London ISD
	Daylan	Russell	TE	Fr.	6-3	195	Alma, Neb.	Alma HS
	Joshua	Sagehorn	S	Fr.			Seward, Neb.	Seward HS
	Zak	Salinas	ILB	Fr.	5-10	213	Pearland, Texas	Pearland HS
	Jack	Sanchez	CB	Fr.			Laredo, Texas	United HS
	Luke	Sanchez	S	Fr.	6-0	205	Friendswood, Texas	Friendswood HS
	Joseph	Seeger	Fr.				Atkinson, Neb.	West Holt HS
	Dominic	Sis	S	Fr.	5-10	165	Benkelman, Neb.	Dundy County HS
	Brady	Soukup	OL	Fr.	5-10	240	Blair, Neb.	Blair HS
	Carson	Stauffer	DL	Fr.	6-2	215	Milford, Neb.	Milford HS
	Tyler	Walford	OL	Fr.			Lincoln, Kan.	Ellsworth HS
	Isaac	Wilson	DB	Fr.			St. Louis, Mo.	Lutheran HS South
	Dawson	Yunker	OL	Fr.	6-1	245	Celina, Texas	Celina HS



KEY RETURNERS BREAKDOWN

Starters Returning - Offense: 7 | Defense: 5



#1 Art Anderson • WR • Sr.
6-1 • 176 • San Antonio, Texas
2019: 25 catches, 268 yards, 10.7 avg, TD.
Career: 68 catches, 613 yards, 9.0 avg, 3 TD.



#11 Lane Castaneda • WR/P • Sr.
6-3 • 190 • San Antonio, Texas
2019: Honorable Mention All-GPAC; 64 punts, 38.4 avg, 16 I-20; 20 catches, 264 yards, 13.2 avg, 3 TD.
Career: 49 catches, 554 yards, 11.3 avg, 6 TD; 38.9 punting average.



#54 Cole Baumgartner • OL • Sr.
6-2 • 279 • San Antonio, Texas
2019: Starter at offensive guard.
Career: Also has experience starting at offensive tackle.



#93 Chase Hammons • DL • Sr.
6-2 • 232 • Columbus, Nebraska
2019: 20 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 2 sacks.
Career: 38 tackles, 3 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks.



#3 Cayden Beran • WR • Jr.
6-3 • 180 • Hutto, Texas
2019: Second Team All-GPAC; 49 catches, 701 yards, 14.3 avg, 2 TD, played in all 10 games.
Career: 2019 marked first season as a key contributor.



#20 AJ Jenkins • S • So.
6-1 • 182 • Wilcox, Nebraska
2019: 49 tackles, 3 INT, 2 pass breakups, 2 forced fumbles, 2 pass breakups, 1.5 tackles for loss.



#5 Korrell Koehlmoos • WR • Jr.
6-2 • 178 • Pilger, Nebraska
2019: 37 catches, 490 yards, 13.2 avg, 3 TD, played in all 10 games.
Career: 66 catches, 866 yards, 13.1 avg, 5 TD.



#7 Peyton Mitchell • S • Sr.
6-3 • 203 • Waverly, Kansas
2019: Second Team All-GPAC; 28 tackles, 8 pass breakups, 5 interceptions, fumble recovery.
Career: 34 tackles, 9 pass breakups, 5 interceptions.



#66 Gavin Mull • OL • So.
6-3 • 255 • Roanoke, Texas
2019: Earned a starting role at offensive tackle.



#23 Lane Napier • LB • Jr.
6-0 • 227 • David City, Nebraska
2019: Honorable Mention All-America; First Team All-GPAC; 108 tackles, 10.5 tackles for loss, 4.5 sacks, three forced fumbles, interception, fumble recovery.
Career: 347 tackles, 31 tackles for loss, 9.5 sacks; two-time All-American; four-time 1st Tm All-GPAC.



#60 Johnny Robinson III • OL • Jr.
5-10 • 279 • Houston, Texas
2019: Started at center.
Career: Two-year starting center.



#94 Payton Stevens • DL • Sr.
6-6 • 220 • Polk, Nebraska
2019: 22 tackles, 3 sacks, 3 tackles for loss, forced fumble.
Career: 29 tackles, 4.5 tackles for loss, 4 sacks.

OTHER KEY RETURNERS: TE Brady Fitzke, SR; QB Wyatt Ehlers, SO; OL Keegan Hornung, SR; TE Logan Kreizel, JR; DL Gerald Morris, JR; DL Gary Nieuwkoop, SR; TE Garrett Schardt, JR; K Jordan Spilinek, SO; RB Jonah Weyand, JR.

KEY LOSSES: LB Riley Bilstein (Honorable Mention All-GPAC); RB Ryan Durdon (two-time All-GPAC); DL Kaleb Geiger; DB Johnny Johnson; DL Aaron Rudloff (Second Team All-GPAC); LB Derek Tachovsky (Second Team All-GPAC); LB Zac Walter (Honorable Mention All-GPAC).



2019 HONOR ROLL

CAYDEN BERAN

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

RILEY BILSTEIN

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

SHAYNE CAMPBELL

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

KAYLE CARLSON

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

LANE CASTANEDA

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

BLAKE CULBERT

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

TREVOR DEY

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

RYAN DURDON

- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska
- Honorable Mention

TUCKER GARTNER

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

KALEB GEIGER

- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska
- Honorable Mention

KORDELL HAMER

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

MATTHEW HOLMES

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete



Peyton Mitchell

KORRELL KOEHLMOOS

- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska
- Honorable Mention

PEYTON MITCHELL

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

LANE NAPIER

- AFCA Honorable Mention All-America
- First Team All-GPAC
- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska

AARON RUDLOFF

- Second Team All-GPAC
- CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska

COLE SCHAEDEL

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

TANNER SCHWANINGER

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

JORDAN SPILINEK

- Omaha World-Herald All-Nebraska

LOGAN SRNA

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

DEREK TACHOVSKY

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

KAISTON TERRY

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete

ZAC WALTER

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

JONAH WEYAND

- NAIA Scholar-Athlete



CONCORDIA'S TACKLING MACHINE



When asked about what he most looked forward to this summer, senior linebacker Lane Napier replied simply, “the weight room.” The lack of access to on-campus facilities during the ongoing health pandemic served as an obstacle, but don’t expect it to affect the All-American’s on-field performance this fall. There is one more chapter left in the career of one of the program’s all-time great defensive players.

He enters 2020 as one of the favorites for the GPAC Defensive Player of the Year award, an honor former Bulldog safety Darnell Woods garnered in 2013. But Napier would trade the accolades for team success. He and his teammates want to put behind back-to-back 3-7 seasons.

Says Napier, “It’s been a goal my whole time here to try to win the GPAC or even try to make the playoffs. That would be a really big step for the culture of the team with other kids coming in and seeing that. We’ve had a couple hard seasons the last two years. We were close on a lot of things, but just weren’t close enough. I think everyone realizes that and that’s why you see all the work we’re putting in this offseason even without being able to use the weight room.”

In the downtime that came due to COVID-19, Napier often went fishing on small lakes in the Seward area while maintaining his fitness with in-home workouts designed by strength coach Todd Berner. On a small boat, sitting under the summer sun waiting for fish to bite, Napier did not care to ponder his 347 career tackles or three first team All-GPAC awards.

He missed being around the guys. Like other college football programs, Concordia did not have the chance to conduct its regular set of spring practices. “One of the big things is just missing the guys,” Napier said. “I saw Gerald Morris tweeted something about not knowing you’re going to miss 5 a.m. running or morning workouts. That really hit me because you do miss them. You miss being with the team.”

A native of David City, Napier is the anchor of the 2020 defense and the most high-profile player currently in the program. He has the right demeanor to handle it. He’s not flashy. He is soft spoken. He prefers to let his actions do the talking. He wants the Bulldogs to be a squad that will “physically beat up other teams.”

Concordia defenses have done just that at times in recent years while employing the “best linebacker in the country.”

SEASON-BY-SEASON

2020

- Preseason All-American (Street & Smith’s)
- NAIA Preseason Starting Lineup (College Football America)

2019

- 108 tackles, 10.5 tfl’s, 4.5 sacks, 3 forced fumbles, interception, fumble recovery

- Honors: HM All-America (AFCA); First Team All-GPAC; OWH All-Nebraska Defensive Honorary Captain

2018

- 142 tackles (led NAIA), 12.5 tfl’s, 4 sacks, 3 pass breakups, forced fumble, blocked kick

- Honors: First Team All-America (AP); Honorable Mention All-America (AFCA); First Team All-GPAC; OWH All-Nebraska Defensive Honorary Captain

2017

- 97 tackles, 8 tfl’s, 2 pass breakups, sack, forced fumble, blocked kick

- Honors: First Team All-GPAC; OWH All-Nebraska

Coach Patrick Daberkow:

“I think Lane Napier is the best linebacker in the country. You can make a statistical case and then you put the film on and it’s case closed. I really believe he’s that type of player. We’ve had GPAC Defensive Players of the Year before here. I think that recognition will come eventually for him.”



ALL-TIME ALL-AMERICANS

- 2019 - Lane Napier, linebacker (honorable mention - AFCA)
- 2018 - Lane Napier, linebacker (first team - Associated Press; honorable mention - AFCA)
- 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



JaMaine Lewis



Derek Blessing



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)
- 2,011 - Clarence Woods (1984-88)
- 1,974 - Eric Pralle (1987-91)
- 1,880 - Travis Soukup (1991-94)

OTHER RECORDS

Interceptions, Career

20 - Sean Stewart (1999-02)

Tackles, Career (GPAC era)

347 - Lane Napier (2017--)

Total TDs, Career

45 - Cleve Wester (1982-85)

WINNINGEST SEASONS

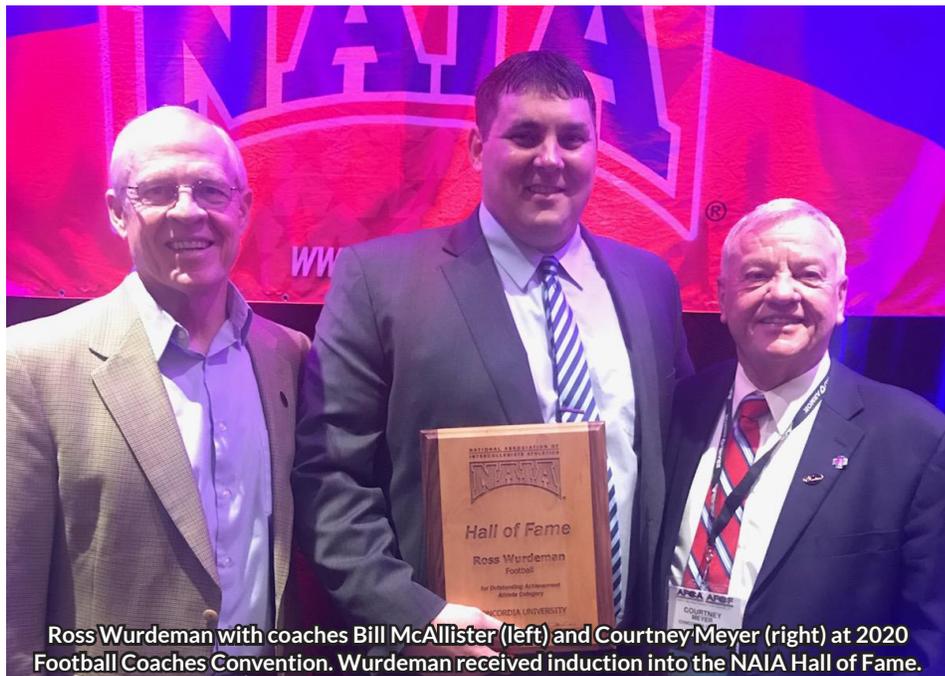
- 2001 -- 10-2, .833 (Courtney Meyer)
- 1981 -- 9-1, .900 (Larry Oetting)
- 1944 -- 8-0, 1.000 (Herb Meyer)
- 1954 -- 8-1, .889 (Herb Meyer)
- 1970 -- 8-1, .889 (John Seevers)
- 1931 -- 7-0, 1.000 (Walter Hellwege)
- 1960 -- 7-1, .875 (Ralph Starenko)
- 1953 -- 7-1-1, .833 (Herb Meyer)
- 1954 -- 7-1-1, .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)
- 12-18 -- Patrick Daberkow (2017--)
- 11-21 -- Ken Schroeder (1955-58)



Jared Garcia



Ross Wurdeman with coaches Bill McAllister (left) and Courtney Meyer (right) at 2020 Football Coaches Convention. Wurdeman received induction into the NAIA Hall of Fame.



2019 STATISTICS

RUSHING	G	Att	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Ryan Durdon	8	158	457	2.9	4	31	57.1
Jonah Weyand	10	57	118	2.1	1	15	11.8
Cori Pumpfrey	2	17	63	3.7	1	8	31.5
Wyatt Ehlers	7	32	58	1.8	0	14	8.3
Devin Zeigler	6	23	48	2.1	0	9	8.0

PASSING	G	Effic	Att	Comp	Int	%	Yds	TD	Long	Avg/G
Jake Kemp	9	114.3	265	149	12	56.2	1802	8	55	200.2
Wyatt Ehlers	7	106.5	43	22	3	51.2	276	2	45	39.4
Andrew Perea	1	65.9	16	7	1	43.8	66	0	23	66

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
Cayden Beran	10	49	701	14.3	2	38	70.1
Korrell Koehlmoos	10	37	490	13.2	3	55	49.0
Art Anderson	10	25	268	10.7	1	45	26.8
Lane Castaneda	10	20	264	13.2	3	53	26.4
Ryan Durdon	8	18	146	8.1	1	21	18.2
Garrett Schardt	10	11	134	12.2	0	20	13.4
Jonah Weyand	10	6	38	6.3	0	17	3.8
Brady Fitzke	5	3	47	15.7	0	18	9.4

FIELD GOALS	FGs	Long	PATs	Points
Jordan Spillinek	8/18	36	17/18	41
Alan Sharp	0/0	--	1/1	1

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Bikd
Lane Castaneda	64	2,456	38.4	60	1	8	16	1

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Carson Core	9	22	2.4	0	12

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Korrell Koehlmoos	12	254	21.2	0	44
Jonah Weyand	6	127	21.2	0	34

DEFENSE	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	FF	FR
Lane Napier	108	4.5	10.5	1	1	3	1
Derek Tachovsky	88	2	9.5	4	2	1	2
Riley Bilstein	69	3.5	11	4	0	0	1
Zac Walter	58	3	12.5	4	2	0	1
AJ Jenkins	49	0	1.5	2	3	2	1
Aaron Rudloff	41	9	10	0	0	1	0
Johnny Johnson	39	0	2	8	0	1	2
Kaleb Geiger	29	1.5	4	0	0	1	0
Peyton Mitchell	28	0	0	8	5	0	1
Payton Stevens	22	3	3	0	0	1	0
Chase Hammons	20	2	2.5	0	0	0	0
OJ Ferguson	19	0	1	3	1	2	0
Gary Nieuwkoop	18	1.5	3.5	0	0	0	0
Nick Sandoval	14	0	0	1	0	0	0
Gerald Morris	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jayzen Amrstrong	13	0	0	2	0	0	0
Matt Petracek	11	0	0	4	0	0	0
Horace Gordan	9	0	0.5	0	0	0	1
Shayne Campbell	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Logan Kreizel	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tanner Schwaninger	5	0	0	0	0	0	0

TEAM STATISTICS	CNC	OPP
SCORING	156	222
--Points Per Game	15.6	22.2
FIRST DOWNS	160	174
--Rushing	47	67
--Passing	102	92
--Penalty	11	15
NET RUSHING YARDAGE	658	1143
--Yards Gained Rushing	1011	1451
--Yards Lost Rushing	353	308
--Rushing Attempts	358	404
--Average Per Rush	1.8	2.8
--Average Per Game	65.8	114.3
--TDs Rushing	8	13
NET PASSING YARDAGE	2144	2201
--Att/Comp/Int	324 / 178 / 16	327 / 172 / 14
--Average Per Pass	6.6	6.7
--Average Per Catch	12	12.8
--Average Per Game	214.4	220.1
--TDs Passing	10	15
TOTAL NET OFFENSE	2802	3344
--Total Plays	682	731
--Average Per Play	4.1	4.6
--Average Per Game	280.2	334.2
KICK RETURNS: NO./YARDS	32 / 570	21 / 442
PUNTS RETURNS: NO./YARDS	15 / 41	33 / 216
INTS RETURNS: NO./YARDS	14 / 161	16 / 156
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.8	21.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	2.7	6.5
FUMBLES/LOST	8 / 7	21 / 13
PUNTS/AVG	68 / 37.7	60 / 34.7
PENALTIES/YARDS	52 / 540	53 / 496
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	28:10	31:50
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	38 / 151 (25%)	46 / 155 (30%)
4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS	8 / 20 (40%)	11 / 27 (41%)



Ryan Durdon



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