

CONCORDIA BULLDOGS VOLLEYBALL



2019 NAIA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ROSTER

Ben Boldt



Head Coach

Angie Boldt



Assistant Coach

Rachel Losch



Assistant Coach

#3 Tristin Mason



JR • DS

#4 Tara Callahan



JR • S

#6 Kaci Hohenthanner



SR • S

#8 Emmie Noyd



SR • MB

#9 Kaylie Dengel



SR • DS

#10 Camryn Opfer



FR • OH

#12 Marissa Hoerman



JR • L

#13 Arleigh Costello



SO • RS

#17 Kalee Wiltfong



FR • MB

#18 Kayla Ernstmeyer



SO • MB

#21 Erica Heinzerling



SO • OH

#22 Erin Johnson



SO • DS

#23 Maggie Durbin



JR • OH

#27 Kara Stark



JR • OH

#29 Raymi Marquardt



SR • DS

#30 Hannah Beethe



SO • OH



2019 SEASON RESULTS/STATISTICS

# Player	SP	MP	ATTACK			Pct	SET	SERVE		PASS	DEF	BLOCK		GEN	
			K	E	TA			A	SA			SE	RE		DIG
3 Tristin Mason	70	20	0	2	2	-1.000	2	18	27	0	43	0	0	0	0
4 Tara Callahan	106	29	81	24	199	.286	1135	2	2	0	198	4	49	10	12
6 Kaci Hohenthauer	102	28	0	1	2	-0.500	46	22	20	0	31	0	0	0	1
7 Tatum Kuti	2	2	0	1	1	-1.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Emmie Noyd	105	29	346	79	820	.326	0	0	0	0	24	32	83	11	0
9 Kaylie Dengel	106	29	4	4	14	.000	7	24	32	17	251	0	0	0	1
10 Camryn Opfer	105	29	280	121	750	.212	12	7	23	21	272	4	35	6	0
12 Marissa Hoerman	106	29	1	1	9	.000	61	32	37	20	398	0	1	0	1
13 Arleigh Costello	106	29	191	91	491	.204	10	0	0	2	32	8	43	6	0
17 Kalee Wiltfong	106	29	240	88	537	.283	3	0	0	1	12	7	73	8	0
21 Erica Heinzerling	22	12	36	22	120	.117	0	1	0	0	8	0	6	1	0
22 Erin Johnson	105	29	2	2	7	.000	26	34	31	13	249	0	1	0	1
23 Maggie Durbin	2	2	0	0	3	.000	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	0
27 Kara Stark	93	25	249	137	703	.159	2	0	0	0	29	7	30	6	2
29 Raymi Marquardt	106	29	0	1	1	-1.000	5	29	41	0	40	0	0	0	0
30 Hannah Beethe	5	4	2	3	12	-0.083	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
31 Ally Glaser	3	3	2	2	8	.000	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
TM TEAM										25					
TOTALS	106	29	1434	579	3679	.232	1310	169	213	100	1591	62	323	49	18

RECORD: Overall Record Conference Home Away Neutral
 (23-6) (11-5) (11-2) (7-4) (5-0)

2019 Schedule/Results 23-6 Overall, 11-5 GPAC (3rd)

Date	Opponent	H/A	Score	W/L
8/21/2019	York (Neb.)	H	3-0	W
8/23/2019	Baker (Kan.)	N	3-0	W
8/24/2019	Wayland Baptist (Texas)	N	3-0	W
8/24/2019	Corban (Ore.)	N	3-0	W
8/30/2019	Waldorf (Iowa)	H	3-0	W
8/31/2019	Mayville State (N.D.)	H	3-1	W
8/31/2019	Benedictine (Kan.)	H	3-0	W
9/4/2019	Hastings (Neb.) *	H	3-1	W
9/6/2019	Graceland (Iowa)	N	3-0	W
9/7/2019	Haskell (Kan.)	N	3-0	W
9/7/2019	Baker (Kan.)	A	3-0	W
9/11/2019	St. Mary (Neb.) *	A	3-1	W
9/14/2019	Midland (Neb.) *	H	2-3	L
9/17/2019	Morningside (Iowa) *	A	1-3	L
9/21/2019	Peru State (Neb.)	A	3-0	W
9/25/2019	Doane (Neb.) *	A	3-0	W
9/28/2019	St. Mary (Neb.) *	H	3-0	W
10/2/2019	Hastings (Neb.) *	A	1-3	L
10/5/2019	Midland (Neb.) *	A	3-1	W
10/9/2019	Doane (Neb.) *	H	3-1	W
10/11/2019	Morningside (Iowa) *	H	3-1	W
10/19/2019	Dordt (Iowa) *	H	3-1	W
10/25/2019	Briar Cliff (Iowa) *	A	3-2	W
10/26/2019	Mount Marty (S.D.) *	A	3-0	W
10/31/2019	Jamestown (N.D.) *	H	2-3	L
11/3/2019	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) *	H	3-1	W
11/6/2019	Northwestern (Iowa) *	A	0-3	L
11/9/2019	#Doane (Neb.)	H	3-1	W
11/13/2019	#Jamestown (N.D.)	A	2-3	L

*Conference match
 #GPAC Tournament match





POSTSEASON ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School	
3	Tristin Mason	DS	5-6	Jr.	Hampton, Neb./Hampton HS	
4	Tara Callahan	S	6-1	Jr.	Brady, Neb./Brady HS	*First Team All-GPAC
6	Kaci Hohenthauer	S	5-7	Sr.	Council Bluffs, Iowa/Iowa Western CC	
8	Emmie Noyd	MB	6-2	Sr.	Shelby, Neb./Shelby-Rising City HS	*First Team All-GPAC
9	Kaylie Dengel	DS	5-8	Sr.	Bellevue, Neb./Bellevue East HS	
10	Camryn Opfer	OH	6-0	Fr.	Seward, Neb./Seward HS	*GPAC Freshman of the Year/Second Team
12	Marissa Hoerman	DS	5-7	Jr.	Evergreen, Colo./Evergreen HS	*Honorable Mention All-GPAC
13	Arleigh Costello	RS	5-11	So.	Gothenburg, Neb./Gothenburg HS	
17	Kalee Wiltfong	OH	5-10	Fr.	Doniphan, Neb./Doniphan-Trumbull HS	
18	Kayla Ernstmeyer	MB	5-9	So.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran HS	
21	Erica Heinzerling	OH	5-11	So.	Ankeny, Iowa/Ankeny Centennial HS	
22	Erin Johnson	DS	5-5	So.	Daykin, Neb./Meridian HS	
23	Maggie Durbin	OH	5-10	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West HS	
27	Kara Stark	OH	6-2	Jr.	Frisco, Texas/Prince of Peace HS	*Honorable Mention All-GPAC
29	Raymi Marquardt	DS	5-5	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran HS	
30	Hannah Beethe	OH	5-8	So.	Exeter, Neb./Exeter-Milligan HS	

NOTES

- Concordia is making its second all-time appearance in the NAIA Volleyball National Championship and first-ever trip to the final site of the national tournament. The 2015 squad qualified for the opening round of the event and fell at home in straight sets to Olivet Nazarene University (Ill.). The '15 Bulldogs went 26-9 overall and advanced to the GPAC tournament championship match while being led by previous head coach Scott Mattera. The 2019 squad has a chance to become the first in school history to win a national tournament match.
- The program has rebounded quickly from a 9-19 record in 2017. Coaches Ben and Angie Boldt arrived following the '17 campaign and helped Concordia improve to 15-12 in 2018. Both Boldts graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where they served as student support staff for head coach John Cook. Ben and Angie possess experience at many levels of collegiate volleyball having also spent time together as assistants at places such as the University of Alabama, the University of Arkansas and the University of Iowa.
- Prior to the start of this season, the Bulldogs had not cracked the NAIA top 25 since the 2016 preseason poll. This season, Concordia first landed in the top 25 on Oct. 23 when it appeared at No. 17. The Bulldogs then moved up to 16th on Nov. 6, climbed to No. 15 on Nov. 13 and then remained in that position in the final regular-season poll released on Nov. 18. During the GPAC era (2000-present), the program's highest ever rating was 12th in 2000 when Concordia shared the conference regular-season title.
- The Bulldogs are 4-4 against teams that qualified for the national tournament. That mark includes wins over College of Saint Mary (twice), Corban University (Ore.) and Morningside. The losses came against Jamestown (twice), Morningside and Northwestern. Concordia also defeated two squads that just missed out on at-large berths: Dordt and Midland.
- Camryn Opfer became the first player in program history to earn GPAC Freshman of the Year accolades. The Seward High School product has produced 280 kills, 272 digs and 39 blocks while playing in 105 sets this season. While a prep, Opfer collected all-state recognition four times and led the Bluejays to a combined 105 wins and a state tournament appearance. Opfer originally committed to play volleyball at NCAA Division II Washburn University before choosing to stay at home.
- Junior setter Tara Callahan has made effective use of five main attacking options throughout this season. Five of her teammates have at least 190 kills: Emmie Noyd (346), Camryn Opfer (280), Kara Stark (249), Kalee Wiltfong (240) and Arleigh Costello (191). Callahan ranks 10th nationally with an average of 10.71 assists per set. As a team, the Bulldogs sport NAIA national rankings of 15th in hitting percentage (.232) and 16th in kills per set (13.53).
- After national qualifiers were announced on Nov. 18, Coach Ben Boldt talked to his team about not being satisfied with just being at the national tournament. Said Boldt, "There have been a couple of results this year, against Jamestown and Northwestern, that have shown us that we can compete at the highest level with teams across the nation. We truly believe that we've earned our way there. We're not in a position where we're just satisfied to get there. We want to compete to win the thing. That's one of our goals. They have that edge behind them and I'm excited to see what we can do when we get out on the court." Said senior Emmie Noyd, "It's a dream come true, honestly. I think any college athlete wants to get to nationals. For it to be my senior season and to end it that way is a great experience."



NOYD EMBRACES 'BE THE WOMAN' MENTALITY IN SENIOR SEASON TO REMEMBER

'Be the woman' is a phrase Concordia head volleyball coach Ben Boldt tells his team often. Clearly senior middle blocker Emmie Noyd has taken those words to heart. When the Bulldogs really have to have a point, they know they can count on Noyd's powerful right arm.

The takeoff of the Shelby, Neb., native stands as a major reason why Concordia is ranked 15th in the NAIA and headed to the final site of the NAIA Volleyball National Championship. Just two years ago, Noyd was a sophomore on a team that stumbled to a 9-19 overall record.

Says Noyd, "I was actually thinking of this when we were going into the conference semifinals last week. If you would have told me two years ago that we would be in this position my senior year I wouldn't have believed you. It really just took hard work and focus. We had to put the work in during spring seasons and stuff like that. I really think the work ethic changed and the atmosphere that all of us have helped create really changed."

Setter Tara Callahan has spread the ball between five main attacking options, but Noyd is No. 1 on that list. The Shelby-Rising City High School product is enjoying the best season of her life with career high statistical numbers across the board. Her 346 kills are far away the most she's had in a season and she's hitting a robust .326 while playing in the NAIA's best and deepest volleyball league.

The progression of Noyd's game – and her importance to this team – can be seen in her attack attempts from year-to-year, which have gone from per set averages of 3.64 to 5.06 to 6.82 to 7.81, respectively, over her career. An increased reliance upon Noyd has helped the Bulldogs rank in the top 20 nationally in both hitting percentage (.232) and kills per set (13.53).

"I really think this season why I've had success is because one of our top focuses going into each match is to set the middles early and often," Noyd said. "It's a focus of our offense all around to have middles be up and ready for the majority of the attacks. I give kudos to Tara Callahan. She's a top caliber setter and I wouldn't want anyone else in the nation. Having that mentality for our middles to be set early and often has changed the game for me."

Noyd has seen a lot in her career. She arrived at Concordia in the fall of 2016. At the time, there seemed to be momentum with the program coming off its first-ever appearance in the national tournament. Noyd played a key role immediately, but things did not go as planned from a team perspective. Then came a coaching change right in the middle of Noyd's career.

For some veteran players, such a transition can be difficult. There's a feeling of again having to prove one's self and having to show the new coaching staff that you belong. As one of the most respected players in the program, Noyd could have impacted her teammates either positively or negatively. Two years later, the jury has reached a conclusion and her influence has been a driving force in



leading the program back to prominence.

Said Noyd prior to the start of this season, "Having the Boldts is like the best-case scenario that I could have ever imagined. They have built my love for the game and that will carry on even when I'm done playing on the competitive court."

It would be hard to find anyone who would appreciate those words more than Ben and Angie Boldt. Said Ben back in August, "She has really embraced our coaching staff. She is going to be somebody that we lean on obviously ... When we lose a couple points in a row she's going to look you in the eye and say, 'Get me the ball!' That's the type of person we want to have out there."

Even this preseason, Noyd uttered the words "GPAC championship" in discussing what she felt was possible for the 2019 team. Outside of the locker room, almost no one would have anticipated the Bulldogs putting together this type of season. Concordia was picked eighth in the GPAC preseason poll. So why did Noyd and her teammates suddenly believe?

Individually, they took on the idea of being the woman. Tangible results came in the form of an early season win over then 19th-ranked Corban University (Ore.), a key road triumph over then eighth-ranked Midland and generally consistent play and level-headedness. Those are traits that also describe Noyd.

Now the trick is to take what got them to this point and carry it into the national tournament. Ben Boldt thinks his team is capable of raising its game even higher. It twice came up just short in five-set losses to eighth-ranked Jamestown and competed closely with No. 2 Northwestern.

"All the hard work we've put in is all paying off," Noyd said. "That I get to be part of it is so amazing and I'm so grateful that it's my senior season."

The wait is on until Noyd and the Bulldogs take the grand stage at the Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa, for the start of national tournament pool play on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Says Noyd, "I think it'll be exciting. There may be some jitters. Our team has done it time and time again. We just go out and fight and are mentally tough. We have the 'be the woman' mentality."



2019 NAIA VOLLEYBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



POOL C



INDIANA WESLEYAN vs SAINT MARY

DEC. 3, 6:30 P.M.



CONCORDIA (NEB.) vs MONTANA TECH

DEC. 3, 8:30 P.M.



INDIANA WESLEYAN vs MONTANA TECH

DEC. 4, 6:00 P.M.




CONCORDIA (NEB.) vs SAINT MARY

DEC. 4, 8:00 P.M.



INDIANA WESLEYAN vs CONCORDIA (NEB.)

DEC. 5, 6:00 P.M.



SAINT MARY vs MONTANA TECH

DEC. 5, 8:00 P.M.

BRACKET PLAY

The top two teams from each pool earn a spot in the 16-team single-elimination bracket. Bracket play begins on Friday, Dec. 6 with first and quarterfinal rounds. The semifinal and championship matches are held on Saturday, Dec. 7. The bracket play schedule can be viewed at <https://www.naia.org/sports/wvball/2019-20/championships>.

LIVE COVERAGE

Fans of the Bulldogs can listen to all national tournament matches live on 104.9 Max Country. The NAIA will stream all matches at <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/naia/>. Single-day passes can be purchased for \$9.95, while a pool play pass is \$24.95 (Dec. 3-5) and a championship package is available at \$39.95. The Tyson Events Center in Sioux City, Iowa, serves as the venue for the entire national championship event.

Pool A	Pool B	Pool C
Park (Mo.)	Northwestern (Iowa)	Indiana Wesleyan
Oklahoma City	Corban (Ore.)	Concordia (Neb.)
Providence (Mont.)	Lawrence Tech (Mich.)	Montana Tech
Morningside (Iowa)	Martin Methodist (Tenn.)	Saint Mary (Kan.)
Pool D	Pool E	Pool F
Missouri Baptist	Southern Oregon	Viterbo (Wis.)
Grand View (Iowa)	Central Methodist (Mo.)	Marian (Ind.)
Saint Mary (Neb.)	Bellevue (Neb.)	Embry-Riddle (Ariz.)
Texas Wesleyan	IU Kokomo (Ind.)	Ottawa (Kan.)
Pool G	Pool H	
Eastern Oregon	Jamestown (N.D.)	
Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	Columbia (Mo.)	
Reinhardt (Ga.)	Westmont (Calif.)	
Madonna (Mich.)	Xavier (La.)	



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