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CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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2018-19 Schedule/Results 30-3 Overall, 19-3 GPAC (T-1st)

Date	Opponent	H/A	Score	W/L
10/26/2018	Indiana Wesleyan	N	81-68	W
10/27/2018	Viterbo (Wis.)	A	93-43	W
11/2/2018	Peru State (Neb.)	H	100-55	W
11/3/2018	St. Francis (Ind.)	H	84-55	W
11/6/2018	Midland (Neb.) *	A	83-65	W
11/10/2018	Briar Cliff (Iowa) *	A	99-71	W
11/14/2018	Hastings (Neb.) *	H	82-68	W
11/17/2018	Jamestown (N.D.) *	H	87-59	W
11/20/2018	St. Mary (Neb.) *	A	88-55	W
11/28/2018	Morningside (Iowa) *	H	75-84	L
12/5/2018	Doane (Neb.) *	A	93-53	W
12/8/2018	Mount Marty (S.D.) *	H	99-68	W
12/15/2018	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) *	A	82-68	W
12/27/2018	Arizona Christian	A	105-63	W
12/28/2018	Southeastern (Fla.)	N	59-51	W
1/2/2019	Dordt (Iowa) *	A	92-97(2OT)	L
1/5/2019	Northwestern (Iowa) *	H	93-85	W
1/9/2019	Hastings (Neb.) *	A	102-85	W
1/12/2019	Briar Cliff (Iowa) *	H	87-58	W
1/16/2019	Midland (Neb.) *	H	84-74	W
1/19/2019	Jamestown (N.D.) *	A	98-67	W
1/23/2019	Doane (Neb.) *	H	106-47	W
1/25/2019	Concordia (Wis.)	N	102-74	W
1/26/2019	Concordia (Mich.)	A	82-56	W
1/30/2019	Dordt (Iowa) *	H	90-88	W
2/2/2019	Northwestern (Iowa) *	A	75-81	L
2/6/2019	Morningside (Iowa) *	A	69-53	W
2/9/2019	Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.) *	H	79-66	W
2/13/2019	St. Mary (Neb.) *	H	95-51	W
2/16/2019	Mount Marty (S.D.) *	A	66-55	W
2/20/2019	#Briar Cliff (Iowa)	H	80-55	W
2/23/2019	#Hastings	H	89-66	W
2/26/2019	#Dakota Wesleyan	H	75-63	W

*Conference game
#GPAC Tournament game

Coaching Staff



Head Coach
Drew Olson



Assistant Coach
Tae'lor Purdy-Korell



Grad Asst. Coach
Taylor Jacobsen



Student Assistant
Jadyn High

Concordia Starting Lineup



G • 4 • Riley Sibbel
5-9 • Jr. • O'Neill, Neb.

PTS	STL	FG%	3-PT%
5.2	2.6	35.4	27.8

- 2018-19 Honorable Mention All-GPAC.
- Ranks 15th nationally in steals per game.
- Notched career high 14 points in win at Morningside on 2/6/19.
- Has started 31 of 33 games this season.



G • 5 • Taylor Cockerill
5-9 • So. • Waverly, Neb.

PTS	REB	FG%	FT%
15.8	3.9	40.0	78.9

- 2018-19 First Team All-GPAC.
- Piled up a career high 40 points in the season opening win at Indiana Wesleyan (second highest single-game total in program history).
- Named CIT All-Tournament.



F • 30 • Quinn Wragge
6-0 • Sr. • Crofton, Neb.

PTS	REB	FG%	FT%
13.0	5.4	61.8	80.3

- 2018-19 Second Team All-GPAC; named First Team All-GPAC three times.
- Owns current career point total of 1,729 (needs 8 more to reach 5th place on program's all-time list).
- Career: 806 rebounds, 244 steals.



F • 42 • Philly Lammers
5-11 • Jr. • Omaha, Neb.

PTS	REB	FG%	FT%
14.6	6.3	58.1	76.1

- 2018-19 GPAC Player of the Year; named First Team All-GPAC in each of her first three seasons.
- 2017-18 NAIA First Team All-American.
- Career: 1,495 points, 785 rebounds, 255 steals, 141 blocks in 108 games.



G • 55 • Grace Barry
5-7 • Jr. • Lincoln, Neb.

PTS	AST	STL	FG%
11.1	5.8	3.7	46.4

- 2018-19 Second Team All-GPAC.
- First season at Concordia after transferring from NCAA Division II U. of Neb.-Kearney.
- Sports national ranks of second in steals and third in assists.

Student Manager: Sara Saucedo

Quick Facts

Concordia University, Nebraska

Location.....Seward
Enrollment.....2,300
Nickname.....Bulldogs
School Colors.....Navy and White
Home Arena.....Walz Arena
Capacity.....2,000
President.....Brian Friedrich
Director of Athletics.....Devin Smith
Athletic Trainer.....Randy Baack
Conference.....Great Plains Athletic Conf.
Radio.....104.9 Max Country (KTMX-FM)

2018-19 Overall Record.....30-3
2018-19 GPAC Record.....19-3 (T-1st)
NAIA Tournament Appearances.....18
NAIA Tournament Record.....29-17
NAIA Fab Fours.....6
2018-19 Statistical Leaders
Points.....Taylor Cockerill (15.8)
Rebounds.....Philly Lammers (6.3)
Assists.....Grace Barry (5.82)
Steals.....Grace Barry (3.70)
Blocks.....Philly Lammers (1.33)



Pronunciation Guide

#5 Taylor Cockerill – cock-er-uhl
 #10 Delani Fahey – FAY
 #14 Elle Luehr – lew-ER
 #21 Mackenzie Koepke – kep-KEY
 #30 Quinn Wragge – rogg-EE
 #31 Colby Duvel – dewv-uhl
 #34 Taryn Schuette – shoot-EE
 #35 Elsie Aslesen – oz-lease-un

Concordia WBB NAIA All-Americans

2018: Philly Lammers
 Quinn Wragge
 2017: Philly Lammers
 2015: Bailey Morris (Player of the Year)
 Tracy Peitz
 2014: Bailey Morris
 Tracy Peitz
 2013: Kristen Conahan
 2012: Amber Kistler
 Kristen Conahan
 2009: Whitney Stichka
 2008: Whitney Stichka
 2005: Kari Saving
 2003: Elizabeth Rhoden
 Sarah Harrison
 1998: Stephanie Schilke
 1997: Rachel Witzel
 1994: Tricia Kindle Pinneo
 1993: Trish Kindle
 1992: Lynda Beck
 1987: Shelly Poppe
 *Does not include honorable mentions

Olson Coaching Record

*Reached NAIA Tournament
 2006-07 19-13, 10-8 GPAC
 2007-08 *26-7, 13-6 GPAC
 2008-09 *26-9, 14-4 GPAC
 2009-10 *21-11, 11-7 GPAC
 2010-11 15-17, 6-12 GPAC
 2011-12 *34-3, 18-2 GPAC
 2012-13 *25-6, 16-4 GPAC
 2013-14 *25-7, 16-4 GPAC
 2014-15 *35-3, 18-2 GPAC
 2015-16 *22-9, 14-8 GPAC
 2016-17 *34-3, 19-1 GPAC
 2017-18 *36-2, 19-1 GPAC
 2018-19 *30-3, 19-3 GPAC
 TOTAL: 348-96 overall; 193-62 GPAC

- 2017-18 WBCA NAIA National Coach of the Year
- 2014-15 Coach of the Year (Omaha World-Herald / Lincoln Journal Star)
- Three-time GPAC Coach of the Year
- Three-time WBCA Region II Coach of the Year
- Winningest coach in school history
- Ten GPAC titles (five regular season/five tournaments)

2018-19 Concordia Women's Basketball Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown/Previous School
4	Riley Sibbel	G	5'9	Jr.	O'Neill, Neb./St. Mary's
5	Taylor Cockerill	G	5'9	So.	Waverly, Neb./Waverly
10	Delani Fahey	G	5'10	Fr.	Ord, Neb./Ord
11	Claire Cornell	G	5'8	Fr.	Elm Creek, Neb./Elm Creek
12	MacKenzie Helman	G	5'7	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb./Pius X
14	Elle Luehr	F	5'9	Fr.	Wood River, Neb./Wood River HS
21	Mackenzie Koepke	G	6'1	Fr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln Lutheran
24	Jayda Lyon	G	5'7	Fr.	Colorado Springs, Colo./Liberty HS
25	Rylee Pauli	F	5'10	Fr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard South
30	Quinn Wragge	F	6'0	Sr.	Crofton, Neb./Crofton
31	Colby Duvel	F	5'9	Jr.	Max, Neb./Platteview
34	Taryn Schuette	F	5'10	Jr.	Sabetha, Kan./Sabetha
35	Elsie Aslesen	F	6'1	Fr.	Elk Point, S.D./Elk-Point Jefferson
42	Philly Lammers	F	5'11	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./Millard West
55	Grace Barry	G	5'7	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb./Lincoln East/UN-Kearney

HEAD COACH DREW OLSON



Faith-filled Christian, humble, invested, intelligent, intense, fun, purposeful. There are many words that describe Drew Olson and each of them distinguishes another layer of the amazing son, father, friend, coach and human being he is.

President Brian Friedrich

Coach Olson has had an incredible impact on my life, probably more than he even realizes. As a player, he set goals for me that I would've never set for myself and then gave me everything I needed to reach them.

Bailey Morris '15 (2015 National Player of the Year; Two-time GPAC Player of the Year)

His will to win always made me want to improve and to put in the extra time in the gym to be the best I could be for my team. No matter your role on the team, he expects 100 percent from you and to put the team first.

Kristen (Conahan) Vogt '14 (Two-time All-American)

His former players look back on their careers so fondly because of the success he helped us achieve and the fun we had playing for him. He has created a family mentality around the basketball program, which is why so many alumni are proud to call themselves Bulldogs today.

Whitney (Stichka) Daberkow '09 (Two-time All-American)



2018-19 SEASON STATISTICS

CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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RECORD:	OVERALL	HOME	AWAY	NEUTRAL
ALL GAMES	30-3	15-1	13-2	2-0
CONFERENCE	19-3	10-1	9-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	11-0	5-0	4-0	2-0

##	Player	gp-gs	min	avg	Total		3-Point		F-Throw		Rebounds				pf	dq	a	to	blk	stl	pts	avg
					fg-fga	fg%	3fg-fga	3fg%	ft-fa	ft%	off	def	tot	avg								
04	Sibbel, Riley	33-31	678	20.5	67-189	.354	30-108	.278	9-19	.474	32	34	66	2.0	46	0	48	25	7	86	173	5.2
05	Cockerill, Taylor	33-31	861	26.1	160-400	.400	70-196	.357	131-166	.789	50	80	130	3.9	61	0	65	54	0	69	521	15.8
10	Fahey, Delani	26-0	230	8.8	36-90	.400	30-70	.429	6-7	.857	10	14	24	0.9	22	0	17	18	0	12	108	4.2
11	Cornell, Claire	19-0	124	6.5	27-67	.403	1-10	.100	15-21	.714	12	12	24	1.3	25	1	12	23	1	10	70	3.7
12	Helman, MacKenzie	31-2	438	14.1	36-167	.216	26-129	.202	6-12	.500	22	26	48	1.5	58	1	80	57	1	43	104	3.4
14	Luehr, Elle	6-0	32	5.3	3-11	.273	0-0	.000	1-3	.333	5	6	11	1.8	9	0	0	1	3	1	7	1.2
21	Koepke, Mackenzie	33-0	483	14.6	80-209	.383	55-170	.324	7-10	.700	26	71	97	2.9	67	0	29	28	28	50	222	6.7
24	Lyon, Jayda	7-0	35	5.0	4-15	.267	2-4	.500	3-6	.500	2	2	4	0.6	8	1	2	5	0	4	13	1.9
25	Pauli, Rylee	27-0	226	8.4	15-29	.517	0-0	.000	12-22	.545	27	31	58	2.1	27	0	15	9	2	24	42	1.6
30	Wragge, Quinn	33-33	843	25.5	140-279	.502	23-61	.377	46-62	.742	54	113	167	5.1	43	0	42	53	11	62	349	10.6
31	Duvel, Colby	30-0	461	15.4	59-130	.454	2-12	.167	41-70	.586	50	72	122	4.1	71	2	16	29	12	41	161	5.4
32	Mason, Gabby	6-0	40	6.7	4-12	.333	1-6	.167	2-8	.250	0	3	3	0.5	5	0	3	3	0	2	11	1.8
32	Luehr, Samantha	4-0	17	4.3	1-4	.250	1-4	.250	0-0	.000	1	0	1	0.3	1	0	0	3	0	2	3	0.8
34	Schuetz, Taryn	30-0	333	11.1	43-119	.361	20-69	.290	12-17	.706	18	41	59	2.0	41	2	19	39	2	21	118	3.9
35	Aslesen, Elsie	31-2	334	10.8	40-108	.370	14-42	.333	31-41	.756	30	66	96	3.1	47	1	8	35	15	30	125	4.0
42	Lammers, Philly	33-33	700	21.2	197-339	.581	1-8	.125	86-113	.761	93	116	209	6.3	99	8	42	83	44	84	481	14.6
55	Barry, Grace	33-33	815	24.7	157-338	.464	13-53	.245	39-49	.796	45	47	92	2.8	75	1	192	78	5	122	366	11.1
90	Schumacher, Chloe	1-0	2	2.0	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0-0	.000	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Team											65	85	150		1		29					
Total.....		33	6652		1069-2506	.427	289-942	.307	447-626	.714	542	819	1361	41.2	706	17	590	572	131	674	2874	87.1
Opponents.....		33	6623		742-1863	.398	175-619	.283	488-702	.695	377	947	1324	40.1	575	-	456	1009	86	296	2147	65.1





THE PROGRAM'S GREATEST TEAMS

2017-18



- Head Coach: Drew Olson
- Record: 36-2
- GPAC Regular Season / Postseason Champions
- NAIA Division II National Runner Up

2014-15



- Head Coach: Drew Olson
- Record: 35-3
- GPAC Postseason Champions
- NAIA Division II National Runner Up

2004-05



- Head Coach: Todd Voss
- Record: 31-5
- GPAC Postseason Champions
- NAIA Division II National Semifinalist

2016-17



- Head Coach: Drew Olson
- Record: 34-3
- GPAC Regular Season / Postseason Champions
- NAIA Division II National Semifinalist

2011-12



- Head Coach: Drew Olson
- Record: 34-3
- GPAC Regular Season / Postseason Champions
- NAIA Division II National Semifinalist

2002-03



- Head Coach: Todd Voss
- Record: 36-2
- GPAC Regular Season Champions
- NAIA Division II National Semifinalist



NAIA TOURNAMENT HISTORY

CONCORDIA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

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Appearances: 18 | Record: 29-17 | Fab Fours: 6
 1992, 1997, 1998, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2009,
 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019



2018

1ST RD: W, 75-52 vs. Stillman (Ala.)
 2ND RD: W, 71-50 vs. Taylor (Ind.)
 QUARTERFINALS: W, 79-61 vs. Jamestown (N.D.)
 SEMIFINALS: W, 84-77 vs. Northwestern (Iowa)
 CHAMPIONSHIP: L, 59-82 vs. Dakota Wesleyan (S.D.)

2017

1ST RD: W, 101-66 vs. Bryan (Tenn.)
 2ND RD: W, 75-56 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)
 QUARTERFINALS: W, 74-59 vs. Jamestown (N.D.)
 SEMIFINALS: L, 83-91 vs. Saint Xavier (Ill.)

2016

1ST RD: L, 82-85 vs. Goshen (Ind.)

2015

1ST RD: W, 76-35 vs. Bryan (Tenn.)
 2ND RD: W, 92-82 vs. College of Saint Mary (Neb.)
 QUARTERFINALS: W, 76-59 vs. Jamestown (N.D.)
 SEMIFINALS: W, 72-62 vs. Briar Cliff (Iowa)
 CHAMPIONSHIP: L, 57-59 vs. Morningside (Iowa)

2014

1ST RD: L, 86-91 vs. Olivet Nazarene (Ill.)

2013

1ST RD: L, 60-66 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)

2012

1ST RD: W, 78-54 vs. Sterling (Kan.)
 2ND RD: W, 69-48 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)
 QUARTERFINALS: W, 80-68 vs. Grand View (Iowa)
 SEMIFINALS: L, 70-74 vs. College of the Ozarks (Mo.)

2010

1ST RD: L, 42-57 vs. Indiana Wesleyan

2009

1ST RD: W, 72-53 vs. Taylor (Ind.)

2ND RD: W, 74-73 vs. Cornerstone (Mich.)

QUARTERFINALS: L, 65-69 vs. Hastings (Neb.)

2008

1ST RD: W, 84-64 vs. Union (Ky.)
 2ND RD: W, 82-72 vs. Davenport (Mich.)
 QUARTERFINALS: L, 53-78 vs. College of the Ozarks (Mo.)

2005

1ST RD: W, 70-28 vs. Western Baptist (Ore.)
 2ND RD: W, 65-51 vs. Cardinal Stritch (Wis.)
 QUARTERFINALS: W, 66-42 vs. Sterling (Kan.)
 SEMIFINALS: L, 73-86 vs. Cedarville (Ohio)

2004

1ST RD: W, 70-57 vs. MidAmerica Nazarene (Kan.)
 2ND RD: W, 63-53 vs. Tennessee Wesleyan
 QUARTERFINALS: L, 69-77 Cedarville (Ohio)

2003

1ST RD: W, 62-59 vs. Madonna (Mich.)
 2ND RD: W, 88-44 vs. William Jewell (Mo.)
 QUARTERFINALS: W, 57-55 vs. Mary (N.D.)
 SEMIFINALS: L, 60-66 vs. Hastings (Neb.)

2002

1ST RD: W, 71-55 vs. Southern Oregon
 2ND RD: L, 65-67 vs. Briar Cliff (Iowa)

1998

1ST RD: L, 85-92 vs. Spring Arbor (Mich.)

1997

1ST RD: W, 83-78 vs. Taylor (Ind.)
 2ND RD: W, 82-71 vs. Shawnee State (Ohio)
 QUARTERFINALS: L, 71-76 vs. Black Hills State (S.D.)

1992

1ST RD: L, 78-94 vs. St. Joseph's (Maine)



SCORING (1,000-point scorers)

1. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	2,054
2. Sarah Harrison (2001-05)	1,800
3. Kari Saving (2001-05)	1,773
4. Whitney Stichka (2004-09)	1,765
5. Stephanie Schilke (1994-98)	1,736
6. Quinn Wragge (2015--)	1,729
7. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	1,720
8. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	1,656
9. Shelly Poppe (1986-90)	1,630
10. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	1,559
11. Philly Lammers (2016--)	1,495
12. Melissa Tinkham (2005-09)	1,452
13. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	1,426
14. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	1,337
15. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	1,323
16. Hayle Kobza (1997-01)	1,302
17. Katie Rich (2009-13)	1,293
18. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	1,277
19. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	1,244
20. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	1,207
21. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	1,159
22. Keyna Kobza (2001-05)	1,110
23. Jane Dartman (1983-87)	1,061
24. Rachel Witzel (1993-97)	1,050
25. Becky Mueller (2013-16)	1,048
26. Tammy Blome (1991-94)	1,032
27. Brenleigh Daum (2014-18)	1,014
28. Amy Streuter (1999-03)	1,013

*Dani Hoppes: 1,107 career points with Concordia/Midland

Points, Single Game

1. Bailey Morris (2/15/2014)	45
2. Taylor Cockerill (10/26/2018)	40
3. Amber Kistler (2/8/2012)	37
4. Joe Bartels/Morris/Whitney Stichka	35

REBOUNDS

1. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	1,250
2. Stephanie Schilke (1994-98)	1,204
3. Marsha Nelson (1982-86)	956
4. Sarah Harrison (2001-05)	945
5. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	912
6. Shelly Poppe (1985-88)	911
7. Quinn Wragge (2015--)	806
8. Philly Lammers (2016--)	785
9. Beth Lorentzen (1983-87)	694
10. Kristin Miller (2007-11)	684
11. Kayla Luehmann (2001-05)	662
12. Katie Rich (2009-13)	653
13. Jenni Lovegrove (2004-08)	649
14. Hayle Kobza (1997-01)	645
15. Tammy Blome (1991-94)	640
16. Michelle Metzger (1988-92)	634
17. Kari Saving (2001-05)	629
18. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	594
19. Dena Poppe (1992-96)	592
20. Michelle Samek (1996-00)	566

ASSISTS

1. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	672
2. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	577
3. Amy Weisbrook (1995-99)	511
4. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	502
5. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	492
6. Penny Jacobsen (1982-86)	426
7. Kari Saving (2001-05)	391
8. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	365
9. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	344
10. Shelby Quinn (2013-17)	338
11. Amy Streuter (1999-03)	337
12. Dani Adams (1999-03)	331
13. Whitney Stichka (2004-09)	323
14. Carmen Weiser (1987-91)	311
15. Becky Mooney (1998-03)	289
16. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	285
17. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	281
17. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	281
19. Carly Wolfram (2002-06)	277
20. Jonie Ficken (1999-03)	259

STEALS

1. Penny Jacobsen (1982-86)	409
2. Bailey Morris (2011-15)	394
3. Andrea Janssen (1986-90)	378
4. Amy Scheil (1985-89)	350
6. Tracy Peitz (2011-15)	306
5. Kristen Conahan (2010-14)	291
7. Katie Rich (2009-13)	265
8. Philly Lammers (2016--)	255
9. Kari Saving (2001-05)	250
10. Quinn Wragge (2015--)	244
10. Mary Janovich (2014-18)	244
10. Teresa Noffke (1985-89)	244
13. Allison Nyland (1993-97)	231
14. Melissa Tinkham (2005-09)	230
14. Elizabeth Rhoden (2000-04)	230
16. Trish Kindle (1990-94)	214
17. Amy Weisbrook (1995-99)	211
18. Lynda Beck (1988-92)	209
19. Traci Leggett (1989-92)	192
20. Becky Mooney (1998-03)	188

Bailey Morris





GPAC Standings

School	GPAC	%	Overall	%
Concordia	19-3	.864	30-3	.909
Northwestern	19-3	.864	26-4	.867
Dakota Wesleyan	18-4	.818	28-5	.848
Dordt	13-9	.591	20-11	.645
Hastings	13-9	.591	19-12	.613
Morningside	11-11	.500	19-12	.613
Midland	10-12	.455	15-14	.517
Briar Cliff	9-13	.409	15-16	.484
Mount Marty	8-14	.364	15-14	.517
Jamestown	8-14	.364	14-16	.467
Doane	3-19	.136	6-23	.207
Saint Mary	1-21	.045	2-27	.069

GPAC All-Conference

FIRST TEAM

F - Sarah Carr, Jr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Kynedi Cheeseman, Jr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Taylor Cockerill, So.	Concordia
F - Kassidy De Jong, Sr.	Northwestern
C - Maddie Egr, Sr.	Midland
G - Shandra Farmer, Jr.	Hastings
F - Erika Feenstra, So.	Dordt
C - Darbi Gustafson, Sr.	Northwestern
C - Philly Lammers, Jr.	Concordia
G - Sierra Mitchell, So.	Morningside

SECOND TEAM

G - Grace Barry, Jr.	Concordia
F - Haley Birks, Sr.	Northwestern
F - Rachel Evavold, Jr.	Dordt
F - Haylee Heits, So.	Doane
F - Sydney Hupp, Jr.	Morningside
G - Rylie Osthus, Sr.	Dakota Wesleyan
G - Annie Rhinesmith, Jr.	Dordt
G - Taylor Wagner, Sr.	Briar Cliff
F - Mackenzie Willicot, Jr.	Hastings
F - Quinn Wragge, Sr.	Concordia

Player of the Year: Philly Lammers, Concordia
Defensive Player of the Year: Rylie Osthus, DWU
Freshman of the Year: Noelle Josephson, Jamestown
Coach of the Year: Bill Harmsen, Dordt

GPAC Tournament Results

Quarterfinals - Feb. 20

- (1) Concordia def. (8) Briar Cliff, 80-55
- (5) Hastings def. (4) Dordt, 66-63
- (3) Dakota Wesleyan def. (6) Morningside, 88-75
- (2) Northwestern def. (7) Midland, 60-36

Semifinals - Feb. 23

- (1) Concordia def. (5) Hastings, 89-66
- (3) Dakota Wesleyan def. (2) Northwestern, 75-66

Championship - Feb. 26

- (1) Concordia def. (3) Dakota Wesleyan, 75-63

2018-19 GPAC at a Glance

Individual Leaders

Scoring

1. Erika Feenstra (DOR)	20.6
2. Kynedi Cheeseman (DWU)	18.5
3. Kassidy De Jong (NWC)	17.9
4. Sarah Carr (DWU)	17.8
5. Sierra Mitchell (MOR)	16.5

Rebounding

1. Kassidy De Jong (NWC)	8.0
2. Maddie Egr (MID)	7.8
3. Darbi Gustafson (NWC)	7.7
4. Erika Feenstra (DOR)	7.5
5. Sammy Kasowski (MMC)	7.1

Assists

1. Grace Barry (CUNE)	5.82
2. Rylie Osthus (DWU)	5.27
3. Annie Rhinesmith (DOR)	4.65
4. Emma Stoebr (UJJ)	3.80
5. Taylor Wagner (BCU)	3.77

Steals

1. Grace Barry (CUNE)	3.70
2. Riley Sibbel (CUNE)	2.61
3. Philly Lammers (CUNE)	2.55
4. Emma Grenfell (HAS)	2.45
5. Jordyn Moser (MOR)	2.29

Field Goal Percentage

1. Erika Feenstra (DOR)	58.7
2. Philly Lammers (CUNE)	58.1
3. Sydney Hupp (MOR)	55.1
4. Darbi Gustafson (NWC)	52.8
5. Sarah Carr (DWU)	49.9

Free Throw Percentage

1. Sarah Carr (DWU)	89.0
2. Kynedi Cheeseman (DWU)	87.6
3. Haley Birks (NWC)	86.2
4. Rachel Evavold (DOR)	80.0
5. Taylor Cockerill (CUNE)	78.9

3-Point Percentage

1. Sammy Blum (NWC)	46.0
2. Kynedi Cheeseman (DWU)	42.0
3. Sidney Blackburn (DOA)	38.1
4. Karlee McKinney (MMC)	37.7
5. Breana Schuiteman (NWC)	36.6

Team Leaders

Scoring Offense

1. Concordia	87.1
2. Northwestern	84.2
3. Dordt	80.6
4. Dakota Wesleyan	79.5
5. Morningside	77.5

Scoring Defense

1. Dakota Wesleyan	62.9
2. Northwestern	63.0
3. Concordia	65.1
4. Jamestown	66.9
5. Midland	68.3

Field Goal Percentage Offense

1. Northwestern	48.3
2. Dakota Wesleyan	46.3
3. Dordt	43.5
4. Concordia	42.7
4. Morningside	42.6

Field Goal Percentage Defense

1. Dordt	37.3
2. Briar Cliff	38.4
3. Mount Marty	38.5
4. Jamestown	38.6
5. Northwestern	38.7

Turnover Margin

1. Concordia	+13.2
2. Dakota Wesleyan	+4.6
3. Hastings	+3.3
4. Morningside	+3.0
5. Midland	+1.7

Rebound Margin

1. Northwestern	+11.2
2. Dordt	+10.5
3. Dakota Wesleyan	+4.6
4. Midland	+1.7
5. Doane	+1.3

3-Point Field Goals Per Game

1. Morningside	9.2
2. Concordia	8.8
3. Jamestown	8.5
4. Mount Marty	8.3
5. Northwestern	7.8





#4 RILEY SIBBEL



5-9 • Junior • Guard
O'Neill, Neb.
St. Mary's HS
Biology

High School

Prepped at St. Mary's High School (Neb.) for head coach Traci Berg ... lettered for four years and started for three at the varsity level ... served as team captain for two years ... named second team Class D all-state as both a junior and senior ... selected to the Class D2 state all-tournament first team in 2016 ... garnered honorable mention all-state laurels as a freshman ... collected first team all-conference recognition twice ... tabbed first team all-area as a senior and second team all-area as a junior by the Holt County Independent ... led St. Mary's to Class D1 state championship in 2015 and to state runner-up finishes in 2013 and 2016 ... garnered academic all-state honors ... member of National Honor Roll and Alpha Honor Roll.

Personal

Born in O'Neill, Neb., on June 14, 1997 ... daughter of Jim and Carol Sibbel ... has two older brothers, Zach and Tait ... Tait played football at Concordia from 2012-2016.

SIBBEL STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	10	6.7	1.6	0.7	0.5	0.6	31.3	10.0	83.3
17-18	24	7.9	2.1	1.1	0.9	1.0	40.4	20.0	50.0
18-19	33	20.7	5.2	2.0	1.5	2.6	35.4	27.8	47.4
Career	67		3.6	1.5	1.1	1.7	36.2	25.4	54.3

#5 | TAYLOR COCKERILL



5-9 • Sophomore • Guard
Waverly, Neb.
Waverly HS
Biology

High School

Prepped at Waverly High School for head coach John Cockerill ... lettered and started all four years ... served as team captain for three years ... named second team Class B all-state by the Lincoln Journal Star and first team all-state by Huskerland Prep ... earned all-conference accolades ... started all four years in volleyball ... competed in track and field for four years, making it to state each year ... member of high distinction honor roll and National Honor Society ... garnered NCPA academic all-state honors in basketball ... selected to play in Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game.

Personal

Born in Lincoln, Neb., on January 30, 1999 ... daughter of John and Nicole Cockerill ... has two younger siblings: Treyton and Tessa.

COCKERILL STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
17-18	37	19.2	9.0	3.9	2.3	1.4	43.9	38.0	75.0
18-19	33	26.2	15.8	3.9	2.0	2.1	40.0	35.7	78.9
Career	70		12.2	3.9	2.2	1.7	41.4	36.3	77.1

#10 | DELANI FAHEY



5-10 • Freshman • Guard
Ord, Neb.
Ord HS
Undecided

High School

Prepped at Ord High School for head coach Dexter Goodner and lettered and started all four years. Delani served as team captain for two years and was named first team all-state by the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha World-Herald, first team all-conference and first team All-Heartland as a senior. Delani was tabbed first team all-conference a total of three times, All-Heartland three times and all-state three times (twice honorable mention). She helped the Chanticleers to a fourth place state tournament finish in 2017 and a state tournament appearance in 2016. Delani played four years of volleyball and garnered first team all-conference and honorable mention all-state recognition. Delani also competed in track and field for two years and was a member of National Honor Society. She collected academic all-state honors.

Personal

Born in Salina, Kan. on August 4, 1999. She is the daughter of Mike and Angie Fahey and has two older siblings: Taylor and Alex. Delani enjoys reading, sleeping, listening to music and watching movies.

FAHEY STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	26	8.8	4.2	0.9	0.7	0.5	40.0	42.9	85.7

#11 | CLAIRE CORNELL



5-8 • Freshman • Guard
Elm Creek, Neb.
Elm Creek HS
Exercise Science / Public Health
& Fitness

High School

Prepped at Elm Creek Public Schools for head coach Mike Ford ... lettered and started all four years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for four years ... named Kearney Hub all-territory basketball player of the year in 2016-17 ... chosen as a first team all-conference basketball player all four years ... broke five school basketball records ... in track and field, earned the title of Nebraska all class long jump champion three-straight years (2016, 2017, 2018) ... won back-to-back state titles (2017, 2018) in the 300 low hurdles and set the school record in the event ... set the long jump state record in 2017 ... helped the 4x100 meter relay break the school record ... led Elm Creek to two conference titles and a district championship ... also competed in volleyball for three years and cross country for one ... earned academic all-state in the sports of basketball, track and field, volleyball and cross country, in addition to academic all-state recognition in speech ... member of the National Honor Society ... appeared on the honor roll all four years.

Personal

Born in Kearney, Neb., on July 16, 1999 ... daughter of Rodney and Joyce Cornell ... has an older sister Jerilyn ... enjoys working out, being outside and listening to and playing music.

CORNELL STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	19	6.5	3.7	1.3	0.6	0.5	40.3	10.0	71.4



#12 | MACKENZIE HELMAN



5-7 • Junior • Guard
Lincoln, Neb.
Pius HS
Exercise Science

High School

Prepped at Lincoln Pius X High School for head coach Bill Rice ... lettered and started for three years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named honorable mention all-state by both the Lincoln Journal Star and Omaha-World Herald in both 2015 and 2016 ... started at point guard for the 2015 Lincoln Pius X state champion team and for the 2014 state runner-up squad ... competed in softball for four years and both soccer and track and field for two ... helped the Thunderbolts softball team to a 2012 state title ... earned honorable mention all-state in softball three times ... owns school records for doubles in a single season and career ... member of green honor roll as a junior and senior.

Personal

Born in Lincoln, Neb., on December 12, 1997 ... daughter of Tim and Annette Helman ... has two older brothers, Michael and Evan.

HELMAN STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	16	5.9	2.1	0.3	1.1	0.3	45.8	43.8	100
17-18	38	18.8	4.7	2.2	2.8	1.7	35.3	35.7	46.2
18-19	31	14.1	3.4	1.5	2.6	1.4	21.6	20.2	50.0
Career	85		3.7	1.6	2.4	1.3	29.7	28.8	52.4

#14 | ELLE LUEHR



5-9 • Freshman • Forward
Wood River, Neb.
Wood River HS
Exercise Science

High School

Elle played for Coach Smith and Coach Mayfield at Wood River Rural High School. She was a four year letter, three year starter for the Eagles. She was voted captain two of those years. She was also awarded Offensive Player of the year in her sophomore season, and voted MVP her senior season. She also competed in track all four years of high school. She was award Louplatte conference first team, and was a two time district champion and state medalist for the shot put. She also holds the second all-time shot put record for Wood River Rural High School.

Personal

Elle was born in Grand Island, Nebraska to Dean and Rebecca Luehr. She has four brothers and sisters: Madeline Smith, Sam Luehr, Gideon Luehr and Joshua Luehr. She enjoys watching movies, riding four wheelers, working with children and hanging out with family.

LUEHR STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	6	5.3	1.2	1.8	0.0	0.2	27.3	33.3	33.3

#21 | MACKENZIE KOEPKE



6-1 • Freshman • Guard
Lincoln, Neb.
Lincoln Lutheran HS
Behavioral Science / Psychology

High School

Mackenzie played for Coach Rich Olson at Lincoln Lutheran High School and lettered all four years while being a starter for the Warriors. She was voted captain her senior year and holds the record for career 3s made. Awards include All-Conference Honorable Mention as a freshman, All-Conference 1st Team and All-State Honorable Mention her sophomore, junior and senior years. In addition to being awarded All-City Honorable Mention by the Lincoln Journal Star her senior year, she was chosen to play in both the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Midlands All-Star Basketball Game and the 2018 Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game. Mackenzie also lettered in track all four years at Lincoln Lutheran where she holds the school record for high jump at 5'5". She was state champion in class C high jump her junior year and earned All-City Track and Field honors her junior and senior years.

Personal

Mackenzie was born in Lincoln, Neb., to William and Lori Koepke. She has a younger brother named Ben and enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, hiking, fishing and volunteering with youth sports.

KOEPKE STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	33	14.6	6.7	2.9	0.8	1.5	38.3	32.4	70.0

#24 | JAYDA LYON



5-7 • Freshman • Guard
Colorado Springs, Colo.
Liberty HS
Marketing (Graphic Design minor)

High School

Prepped at Liberty High School (Colo.) for head coach Monty Taylor. Jayda lettered all four years and started for one. She earned honorable mention all-state and first team all-conference accolades and led the Lancers to an 18-7 record as a senior. Jayda garnered academic letters all four years.

Personal

Born in Omaha, Neb. on May 8, 2000. Jayda is the daughter of Victor and Jennifer Lyon, and has an older sister, Darian and younger brother Mason. She enjoys painting, reading and hanging out with friends and family.

LYON STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	7	5.0	1.9	0.6	0.3	0.6	26.7	50.0	50.0



#25 | RYLEE PAULI



5-10 • Freshman • Forward
Omaha, Neb.
Millard South HS
Behavioral Science

High School

Prepped at Millard South High School for head coach Bryce Meyers. She started for two years and lettered all four years at the varsity level. Rylee served as team captain for two years and led the team in rebounding. She helped Millard South to three state tournament appearances, including two advancements to the state championship game. Rylee played softball for two years.

Personal

Born in Omaha, Neb. on April 25, 2000. She is the daughter of Ken and Tina Pauli and has two siblings, Garran and Kelsey.

PAULI STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	27	8.4	1.6	2.1	0.6	0.9	51.7	--	54.5

#30 | QUINN WRAGGE



6-0 • Senior • Forward
Crofton, Neb.
Crofton HS
Secondary Education

High School

Prepped at Crofton High School for head coach Aaron Losing...lettered four years and started three years while serving as a team captain for two years...helped the Warriors to two undefeated seasons and one one-loss season and three class C-2 State Championships...also competed in track four years, one year at Filmore Central and three years at Crofton...at Crofton, helped team to two state titles...was a member of the National Honor Society...received Academic All-State honors in cross country, basketball and track two years each.

Personal

Born in Lincoln, Neb., on March 15, 1997...daughter of Mark and Annette Wragge...has a younger brother, Grant and a younger sister, Ella.

WRAGGE STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
15-16	32	27.1	14.8	6.6	1.4	1.8	58.5	30.8	70.9
16-17	37	22.8	11.5	6.3	1.6	1.9	56.8	25.0	73.9
17-18	37	25.1	13.0	5.3	1.9	1.4	60.1	50.0	79.0
18-19	33	25.4	10.6	5.1	1.3	1.9	50.2	37.7	74.2
Career	139		12.4	5.8	1.6	1.8	56.7	37.9	74.2

#31 | COLBY DUVEL



5-9 • Junior • Forward
Max, Neb.
Platteview HS
Biology / Chemistry

High School

Prepped at Platteview High School for head coaches Ron Coughlin, Justin Dannelly and Nathan Behlke ... lettered and started all four years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named honorable mention all-state all four years ... named first team all-conference all four years and captain of the all-conference team as a senior ... selected to play in the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game ... garnered the NCA Most Valuable Teammate award ... owns the school record for most points in a single game ... helped the Trojans to a four-year record of 86-17, two conference championships, two district titles and two state tournament appearances ... helped volleyball and track squads to a conference title apiece ... member of honor roll ... named to Principal's Honor List ... academic all-state.

Personal

Born in Wray, Colo., on October 19, 1997 ... daughter of Mardell and Stacy Duvel ... has an older sibling Cade ... enjoys going to church, volunteering for youth organizations and family time.

DUVEL STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	36	11.9	2.9	3.4	0.6	0.6	40.4	14.3	63.6
17-18	38	17.7	5.9	6.0	0.6	1.3	50.0	33.3	65.6
18-19	30	15.3	5.4	4.1	0.5	1.4	45.4	16.7	58.6
Career	104		4.7	4.5	0.6	1.1	46.1	17.2	62.7

#34 TARYN SCHUETTE



5-11 • Junior • Guard
Sabetha, Kan.
Sabetha HS
Exercise Science

High School

Prepped at Sabetha High School (Kan.) for head coach Alex McAfee ... lettered and started for three years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named all-conference three times, including first team honors as a junior ... garnered honorable mention all-state Kansas Class 3A as a junior and senior ... selected to the Highland All-Star game following senior season ... helped the Bluejays to Big 7 League titles all four years and finishes of fourth (2015) and second (2016) at the state tournament ... competed in cross country, track and field and swimming for four years each ... raced to all-conference honors four times and all-state recognition once in cross country ... qualified for state three out of four years ... helped swim team to four-straight Sunflower League championships ... member of National Honor Society and honor roll (all four years).

Personal

Born in Sabetha, Kan., on July 27, 1998 ... daughter of Shane and Christa Schuette ... has two younger twin sisters, Kinley and Morgan ... enjoys hanging out with friends, going to movies and shopping.

SCHUETTE STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	APG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
17-18	19	5.5	1.8	1.7	0.1	0.5	32.5	22.2	63.6
18-19	30	9.3	3.7	1.4	0.6	0.6	37.7	31.7	73.3
Career	49		3.0	1.5	0.4	0.6	36.3	30.4	69.2



#35 ELSIE ASLESEN



6-1 • Freshman • Forward
Elk Point, S.D.
Elk-Point Jefferson HS
Biology

High School

Prepped at Elk Point-Jefferson High School (S.D.) for head coach Gary Nebelsick, Elsie lettered all four years and started for three. She served as team captain for two years and earned second team all-conference honors twice and honorable mention all-conference accolades once. Elsie was tabbed second team all-region twice and honorable mention all-region once. She ended career with all-time school rankings of first in blocked shots, second in rebounds, ninth in scoring and 13th in steals. Elsie helped the Huskies to a state runner-up finish and conference and regional championships as a freshman and a state playoff appearance as a sophomore. She competed in track for two years and volleyball for one and was part of 4x400 meter relay that placed fourth at the state meet. She was a participant at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

Personal

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, on February 7, 2000, she is the daughter of Travis and Janna Aslesen. Elsie has two younger siblings: Sam and Abby and enjoys listening to music, spending time with family and friends, playing with her dogs and being outdoors.

ASLESEN STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	BPG	SPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	31	10.8	4.0	3.1	0.5	1.0	37.0	33.3	75.6

#42 PHILLY LAMMERS



5-11 • Junior • Forward
Omaha, Neb.
Millard West HS
Biology / Physics

High School

Prepped at Omaha Millard West High School for head coach Marc Kruger ... lettered and started all four years at the varsity level ... served as team captain for one year ... named a USA Today second team all-state choice ... earned Class A second team all-state and 'all class' third team all-state recognition ... garnered first team all-metro accolades ... selected to play in the 15th annual Buffalo Wild Wings High School All-Star Game and the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star Game ... placed on the state Class A and all class all-tournament teams ... broke Millard West record for field goal percentage (.537) ... averaged 11.9 points and 8.2 rebounds as a senior ... helped the Wildcats to a 23-6 record and state runner-up finish as a senior.

Personal

Born in Bloomfield, Neb., on February 1, 1997 ... daughter of Merlin and Pat Lammers ... enjoys traveling, hiking and reading.

LAMMERS STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	SPG	BPG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
16-17	37	20.0	13.2	7.0	2.2	1.2	56.0	0.0	78.5
17-18	38	23.3	13.8	8.3	2.4	1.3	51.4	18.2	73.8
18-19	33	21.1	14.6	6.3	2.5	1.3	58.1	12.5	76.1
Career	108		13.8	7.3	2.4	1.3	54.9	16.3	76.1

CAREER HIGHS

Elsie Aslesen

Points: 11 (1/9/19) | Rebounds: 9 (11/20/18) | Steals: 4 (12/5/18) | Blocks: 3 (11/2/18)

Grace Barry

Points: 19 (twice) | Rebounds: 9 (1/30/19) | Assists: 13 (12/8/18) | Steals: 8 (11/10/18)

Taylor Cockerill

Points: 40 (10/26/18) | Rebounds: 9 (2/3/18) | Assists: 5 (twice) | Steals: 6 (1/30/19)

Claire Cornell

Points: 14 (1/23/19) | Rebounds: 5 (2/13/19) | Assists: 3 (1/23/19) | Steals: 2 (twice)

Colby Duvel

Points: 14 (12/27/18) | Rebounds: 13 (twice) | Steals: 4 (4x) | Assists: 4 (1/11/17)

Delani Fahey

Points: 14 (12/5/18) | Rebounds: 4 (2/13/19) | Assists: 4 (11/2/18) | 3-pt FGs: 4 (3x)

MacKenzie Helman

Points: 13 (twice) | Assists: 9 (1/12/19) | Rebounds: 6 (twice) | Steals: 4 (1/13/18)

Mackenzie Koepke

Points: 14 (twice) | Rebounds: 8 (11/2/18) | Steals: 5 (1/16/19) | Blocks: 3 (twice)

Philly Lammers

Points: 31 (11/10/17) | Rebounds: 17 (3/10/18) | Steals: 8 (3/9/18) | Blocks: 6 (12/15/18)

Elle Luehr

Points: 3 (1/23/19) | Rebounds: 5 (1/23/19) | Blocks: 2 (1/23/19)

Jayda Lyon

Points: 5 (2/13/19) | Steals: 3 (2/13/19) | Assists: 2 (1/23/19)

Rylee Pauli

Points: 7 (1/23/19) | Rebounds: 8 (2/13/19) | Steals: 4 (10/27/18)

Taryn Schuette

Points: 17 (11/2/18) | Rebounds: 5 (12/28/17) | Steals: 2 (5x) | 3-pt FGs: 3 (twice)

Riley Sibbel

Points: 14 (2/6/19) | Steals: 8 (12/8/18) | Rebounds: 7 (1/25/19) | Assists: 4 (1/12/19)

Quinn Wragge

Points: 29 (2/6/16) | Rebounds: 18 (2/17/16) | Steals: 8 (12/7/16) | Blocks: 4 (twice)

#55 GRACE BARRY



5-7 • Junior • Guard
Lincoln, Neb.
Univ. of Nebraska-Kearney/
Lincoln East HS
Secondary Education

Previous School

Grace played for The University of Nebraska-Kearney for the last two years.

High School

Grace played for Coach Dennis Prichard at Lincoln East High School. She was a three year letter, two year starter for the Spartans. She was also voted captain for one year. She was named the Lincoln Journal Star Super State First Team. She was selected to play in the Nebraska Coaches Association All-Star game. She holds the school record for singles season assists at 205, career assists at 417, singles season steals at 125 and career steals at 258. In her senior season she let her team to a conference title and Class A State Championship. She also played soccer in high school for all four years and softball for two years.

Personal

Grace was born in Lincoln, Nebraska to Tammy and Doug Barry. She has one older brother named Andrew. She enjoys hanging out with friends, exploring the outdoors and going on spontaneous adventures.

BARRY STATS

	G	MPG	PPG	RPG	SPG	APG	FG%	3PT%	FT%
18-19	33	24.7	11.1	2.8	3.7	5.8	46.4	24.5	79.6



'AMAZING GRACE' PERFECT FIT AS SELFLESS POINT GUARD



By Jake Knabel, Director of Athletic Communications

Honorary captain of the Omaha World-Herald's All-Nebraska team. Super-State selection by the Lincoln Journal Star. Point guard of the 2016 Class A state championship girls' basketball team. Those are some of the many accolades that followed Lincoln East High School graduate Grace Barry to the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

There's a reason why young girls held up signs displaying the words "Amazing Grace" as Barry made her run through the 2016 state tournament. It was one of the best memories of her life to date, but not because of the limelight that suddenly illuminated her game.

"It was a truly incredible experience," Barry said. "You talk about it throughout your childhood and say, 'I want to win a state championship someday.' When you finally reach that goal, yes, it's awesome but the reason it's awesome is because of all the work and the relationships that were built. We achieved something great because of what we put in it. I was able to do it with a great group of girls and have a lot of fun playing basketball."

In the midst of her first season as a catalyst for head coach Drew Olson's 2018-19 squad, Barry appears to be having plenty of fun as Concordia's new point guard. The Bulldogs have let Barry loose to do the things she did as a prep. She ended her high school career as Lincoln East's all-time leader in assists and steals. She's also made herself comfortable near the top of the national leaderboards in both assists and steals.

Fittingly, a Barry pass led to the game-winning basket in the state title game her senior year. Even at that time, she was described by the Lincoln Journal Star as someone with a "flair" to her game. Lincoln East coach Dennis Prichard commented that Barry "sees the floor better than any player I've ever had." Olson was similarly impressed.

"I loved her in high school with the type of player she was and her fierce competitiveness," Olson said. "What she did in the state finals was really, really impressive. We were very interested at that time. We had talked, but ultimately she was going to Kearney. Right about national tournament time (March 2018) their season was done and I was told she would be interested in coming here. I was immediately like, 'Yes, we would definitely be interested.' She's a phenomenal



player.”

Barry spent her first two collegiate seasons as a Loper. She came off the bench and played in 54 of a possible 56 games at the NCAA Division II level. She may have been in line for more playing time as a junior, but she wanted something different or a “better fit” as she put it. Whatever reservations Barry may have had about playing at Concordia out of high school have vanished.

With Barry leading the way, Lincoln East closed the deal and won it all. She will certainly do everything she can to make the same happen for the Bulldogs, who have been excruciatingly close in recent seasons. Her work in the summer, which included time spent getting to know her teammates, has paid dividends.

“It hasn’t been too difficult honestly,” Barry said of the transition. “I came into such a great program already and everyone was so welcoming. I lived here this summer, which was super helpful. Coach and I were able to do workouts and Taylor Cockerill, Philly Lammers and Quinn Wragge were able to do workouts with me. Taylor and I spent the entire summer playing one-on-one and working out together. It’s been a great experience because everyone is so welcoming and nice.”

With All-Americans Lammers and Wragge returning, Concordia already figured to have one of the top frontcourts in the nation. The arrival of Barry has elevated the backcourt to elite status. The biggest question mark this 2018-19 squad faced was how it would replace guards Dani Hoppes and Mary Janovich, particularly defensively.

Barry is a different type of player, but exactly what this year’s team needed. A stellar offensive player, Barry has been better than advertised defensively and is a major reason why the Bulldogs and their pesky zone press force an average of more than 30 turnovers per game.

“It’s awesome. I absolutely love playing super intense defense,” Barry said. “I love the offensive end and I love passing and scoring, but when you can get steals and layups all day – that is the most fun kind of basketball. I hadn’t played full-court pressure since high school. It’s been a little bit of an adjustment, but when you’re able to bring that fire with your teammates and camaraderie around defensive intensity, it’s just so much fun. That’s probably my favorite part about our team.”

In turn, Barry is quickly becoming a fan favorite. She’s the closest thing the program has had to a Bailey Morris since Morris graduated in 2015. Barry’s teammates must be on their toes at all times, especially in transition. It’s not just for show when she drops a no-look or behind-the-back dime, it’s part of her game.



When the time is right, Barry can get her own buckets. However, she proved in a 99-68 win over Mount Marty how thoroughly she can dominate a game without scoring. She had only six points on 3-for-5 shooting, but dished out a career high 13 assists and swiped seven steals.

Said Olson, “She controls the game now because of what she does defensively. That’s a credit to her and her work ethic this summer. She had to change her game a little bit defensively. She’s really worked hard at it and her hands are phenomenal. She’s always been great offensively, but she’s really added to the other parts of her game.”

Though basketball was not necessarily a favored pastime within her family, Barry began hooping at an early age. Her competitiveness was fueled initially by one-on-one driveway battles with her older brother Andrew.

Also a four-year soccer player at Lincoln East, Amazing Grace is still that same competitor, but with a much more advanced game. She may be the missing ingredient in the program’s continued quest for the ultimate prize, but her contributions will eventually leave an impression beyond basketball. Just listen to the way she gushes about her new surroundings.

Says Barry, “I absolutely love Concordia because of the welcoming nature of all the people, including the staff outside of basketball. Specifically in basketball, they brought me in like I was part of the family. When I talk to my parents, I tell them that this is my second family. They care about basketball and who you are as a person. The combination of those two is how you become the best basketball team you can be.”



